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## Newsletter 2- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Staffing updates:

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jones on the birth of Benjamin Thomas Jones. Benjamin was born on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 weighing 7lbs 5 ounces. Both Mrs Jones and Benjamin are well.

We wish Mrs Jones a wonderful maternity leave and hope that they will both be making an appearance in a virtual celebration assembly soon!



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Hadley to our Gayton team. Mrs Hadley has been employed as a teaching assistant and will primarily be based in Year 1 in the morning periods and then will be working across the school in the afternoon periods focusing on delivering interventions across the school with a primary focus on early reading and phonics.

### School Census Day- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021- Can you help?

On two days every school year, we have a school census where we complete data about the numbers of children in school and whether they are having a school meal or are eligible for an income based Free School Meal (FSM). Our funding is then paid to us from this information.



The money that the school is given in April each year to pay for the free meal, that all Infant School children get under the 'Universal Infant School Meals' scheme, is based on the average of how many children have a school meal on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

We therefore need as many children as possible in F2, Y1 and Y2 to have a school dinner on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The kitchen will be putting together a special Italian menu and we will send this out to parents by the end of this week.

**Please try to help us get the funding we need. For every child that eats a school meal on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021. If your child always has a packed lunch, and you are worried that, if they have a school meal on 7<sup>th</sup> October, they won't like it or eat it, please feel free to send in sandwiches and they can have these if they don't like the school dinner.**

**This only applies to children in F2, Year 1 and Year 2.**

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## Harvest donations:



Many thanks to all our families who have already sent Harvest Donations into school. This year, we are collecting donations for the following 3 places: Wirral Food Bank, Charles Thompson's Mission and the Ark in Birkenhead. All our donations will be split between these places.

Below is a list of the things that the Food Bank are in particular need of this year. If you are able to donate something non-perishable, we would really appreciate your support.

**Items can be sent into school with your child up until the end of the day on Thursday 30th September 2021.** Alternatively you can drop donations off at the school office. Thank you so much for your support with this as it is very much appreciated.



### HARVEST LIST 2021

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| * Tinned Potatoes   | * Packet / Cup a Soup |
| * Tinned Fruit      | * Shampoo             |
| * Sugar             | * Toothbrushes        |
| * Fruit Squash      | * Jam                 |
| * Coffee (small)    | * Rice Pudding        |
| * Tinned Tuna       | * Instant Mash        |
| * Custard           | * Biscuits            |
| * Washing up Liquid | * Rice Pudding        |
| *Size 6 Nappies     | * Toothpaste          |

*We have plenty of BEANS, PASTA, TEA & SOUP thank you.*

MANY THANKS

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## Reminder: Paralympian visit to school:



### About

Date: Fri 1 Oct, 2021

Time: 09.00

Location: Gayton Road



### Visiting athlete

Name: Stuart Robinson

Sport: GB Wheelchair Rugby Player

Bio:

GB Wheelchair Rugby Player Stuart Robinson was a commander for the RAF Regiment Force Protection from 1999 until 2013. It was in 2013 that Stuart was injured in Afghanistan and has since turned to wheelchair rugby, competing in the first Invictus Games in 2014.



### Raised so far!

Thanks for your support! The money raised will help to support greater physical activity and wellbeing for the children.

Reminder- **On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**, we will have top athlete, Stuart Robinson, visiting school. Stuart will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with each class as well as a whole school assembly to encourage children to pursue their passion in life.

A percentage of the money raised from this event goes to Sports for Schools to help support and promote athletes and school will also be able to purchase sport equipment which can be used in our PE lessons as well as at break times and lunchtimes. We really think our children will benefit so much from meeting Stuart and taking part in this wonderful fun event.

Many thanks to all the parents who have either sent the paper based sponsorship forms and money into school or have donated online. The amount raised online so far is £260.00 so thank you very much for all your support.

### Communication with teachers:



If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them on the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: [schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk) and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Parents can also contact teachers directly via Google Classroom (Y1-Y6). Please can I remind parents that staff are not expected to reply to emails outside of working hours. Please be aware of this and unless your email is urgent please try not to send these outside of working hours as I have a responsibility to ensure that my staff can switch off in the evenings and at weekends (even though I know many of them don't!)

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## Reminder: Curriculum information session for parents- Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021



We have sent home the links to the booking form for parents to register whether they will or will not be able to attend the curriculum information sessions in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Below is a reminder of when the sessions will be taking place:

**Monday 4th October 2021 at 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the school hall- Year 5 & 6**

**Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the school hall- Year 1 & 2**

**Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the school hall- Year 3 & 4**

(Please note that we have asked that where possible for the Y1-Y6 information sessions that children do not attend the session and that only one parent attends. This is to try and reduce the numbers of people in line with covid-19 restrictions.) If you haven't got any alternative childcare arrangements, your child can sit with you in the school hall.

**Thursday 7th October 2021 at 6:00pm-7:00pm in the school hall- F2 – F2 children can attend as Mrs Such will be running a reading and phonics session.**

Please remember that sessions will be held in the school hall (a large ventilated space) and the windows will be open so please bring a coat.

### School house name changes:

We have decided to change the names of our houses within school and return to the houses that used to be in place at Gayton many years ago. The original house names were all linked to areas of interest in the Gayton area.

We have therefore returned to the original house names:

#### Hall - (Colour- green)

If your child was in Earth they will now be in Hall.

#### Farm- (Colour- yellow)

If your child was in Air they will now be in Farm.

#### Ferry- (Colour- red)

If your child was in fire they will now be in Ferry.

#### Mill - (Colour- blue)

If your child was in water they will now be in Mill.



Congratulations to our new Year 6 House Captains and Vice Captains who were announced in assembly on Friday. We are hoping that we will be able to link our houses to research about our local area and find out about the historical links to these places.

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## **Covid-19**

If your child has covid-19 and they are having to self-isolate, we will provide work for them via Google Classroom. For the 1<sup>st</sup> day of absence they will need to complete the day 1 activities which staff will already have uploaded to Google Classroom. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, staff will upload work for your child to complete via Google Classroom. If your child is in F2, Mrs Such will provide activities for your child via Tapestry.



Please note that we will not provide work for children who are off school because they are ill with anything other than covid-19.

## **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

We are still looking for donations of pots, pans, baking trays and wooden spoons for our outdoor development.

Please continue to send wellies into school- we are working with the PTA to arrange welly sheds for our children to store their wellies in, but as the weather starts to deteriorate, we really will need your child to have a pair of wellies in school along with a waterproof coat.

## **Labelling of clothing:**

We already have a lot of lost property as we are unable to reunite children with lost belongings as we have so many unlabelled pieces of clothing. Please can I urge all parents to label your child's clothing so that we can ensure that we can return items to your child. We will be putting out lost property during the curriculum information evenings and following these events, weather permitting, we will put it outside the school gates. However, please ensure that you support school by labelling all clothing.

## **Use of the school car park and parking in the local area.**



Please can I remind all parents that the school car park should not be used for dropping off or collecting children either before or after school. This car park is intended for the use of school staff only and traffic needs to be kept to a minimum as we have children and families walking through the car park to access the S4YC before and after school club provision.

Please can I request that all parents park considerately when dropping off and collecting their child from school. Please do not block the driveways of our neighbours as it is inconsiderate and causes disruption for our local residents.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. McAleny'.

Mrs McAleny

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**Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	All harvest donations to be made by today.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Paralympian Stuart Robinson visits school – Sponsorship event.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Curriculum information evening for parents 6:00pm- 7:00pm (School hall) – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Curriculum information evening for parents 6:00pm- 7:00pm (School hall) – Year 1 & 2
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Curriculum information evening for parents 6:00pm- 7:00pm (School hall) – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Curriculum information evening for parents & F2 children. 6:00pm- 7:00pm (School hall) – F2
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	School Census day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park (Upper Park) 4:15pm (Y4-Y6) Further information to follow.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Portrait Photographs (Individual)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Provisional Parents' Evening- arrangements and dates to be confirmed.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Provisional Parents' Evening- arrangements and dates to be confirmed.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Arrowe Park – Cross country at 4:15pm (Y4-Y6) Further information to follow.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Flu nasal vaccine day (F2- Year 6) – Parents will need to provide e-consent for this.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Break up today for half term holiday
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021- Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Half term holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Inset Day- School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Children return to school.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Bikeability (Y6) – Further information to follow.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021- Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Bikeability (Y5) – Further information to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Children in Need Day- Children can wear their own clothes on this day for a small donation to Children in Need.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Break up today at 2:30pm for Christmas holiday.

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