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Newsletter 4- 4th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope all parents and families had a good half term. We are very much looking forward to the autumn 2nd half term and have a very busy half term planned. The diary dates have been updated, at the end of this newsletter, providing you with an overview of the autumn 2nd half term. We are very grateful to the PTA who are running lots of events this half term to help us raise much needed funds for school.

Parents' evening:

Many thanks to all our parents who came along to parents' evening on Tuesday 18th October 2022 – Wednesday 19th October 2022. It is always lovely for teachers to meet parents face to face and we know how much parents appreciate finding out how their child has settled into the new school year as well as being able to look at their child's books.

If you weren't able to attend parents' evening, please make contact with the office and they will make alternative arrangements with the class teacher.

Parents' evening in the spring term will take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February 2023. Please save the dates.

Parent/carer questionnaire:



Many thanks to the parents who have completed the autumn term parent/carer survey that we have sent out to all parents. The questions are based on the Ofsted parent view questions and will support us in our continual drive for school improvement and self- evaluation.

The link to the autumn term survey can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/PYuMJ3tg4jR1s1jVA>

The autumn survey will remain open from now until **Wednesday 16th November 2022**.

OPAL Enhancements:

A huge thank you to a few parents who very kindly came to help with some of our OPAL developments during half term. We didn't have many volunteers at all but still managed to achieve quite a few things on our list. We managed to make some pallet seating, start the erection of the bird hide in James' Place and also nearly completed some pallet fencing in James' Place so that we can turn part of this area into a nature area. The children also transformed an area of the school field into a new digging area.



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Class assemblies:

Please see below the dates for our class assemblies for this academic year. Parents are invited to attend. All class assemblies will start at 9:05am so parents are welcome to come into school after drop off in the morning. Assemblies will last 20-30 minutes.

- F2 Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 9:05am
- Y1 Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 9:05am
- Y2 Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 9:05am
- Y3 Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 9:05am
- Y4 Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 9:05am
- Y5 Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 9:05am
- Y6 Thursday 24th January 2023 at 9:05am



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Cross country event- Birkenhead Park (20th October 2022)

Well done to all our children who represented school at the cross country event on Thursday 20th October 2022. The cross country season will start again at the end of February/ beginning of March so we will send out further information to parents nearer the time.



Football team:

Well done to some of our Year 6 children who represented school in the Tranmere Rovers 6 a side competition. We faced some tough competition and the children played incredibly well.



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Dodgeball Inspire Competition.

Our Y6 dodgeball team enjoyed participating in the Wirral Games Dodgeball competition. They played with great enthusiasm and demonstrated a great team spirit throughout. Overall, we came third so well done to everyone who took part.



Heswall Lights Switch on- Gayton choir- Friday 25th November 2022.

We would like to form a choir to sing two songs at the Heswall Christmas Light switch on. This event will be taking place on Friday 25th November 2022 at 5:30pm. There will be other school choirs involved as well. If your child would like to be part of the choir and can attend this event, please complete the Google form which has been sent home to all Y1- Year 6 parents.

Mrs Wright is going to be offering choir rehearsals on the following Tuesdays after school from 3:30pm- 4:15pm

- *Tuesday 8th November 2022
- *Tuesday 15th November 2022
- *Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

We understand that not all children will be able to attend the choir rehearsals after school due to existing commitments so this is not compulsory as we will also offer opportunities to rehearse in school time.



Reminder: Writing workshops:

We are offering the chance for parents to come into school for writing workshops on the following dates:

- *Wednesday 9th November- F2, Y1 and Y2 parents (9:00am- 10:15am)**
- *Thursday 10th November – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents (9:00am- 10:15am)**



Parents who have children in more than one class will be able to move between classes on the morning. Parents are free to pop in for 10 minutes or stay for the whole session.

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Healthy Snacks

It is our school policy that children can bring a healthy snack into school to have at break time. We have noticed a large number of children are now bringing snacks in to school which are not healthy and are not permitted as part of our policy.

Healthy snacks include:

- *Fruit
- *Vegetables- e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, pepper etc
- *Piece of bread or a wrap
- *Breadsticks
- *Rice cakes



Children are not allowed to have any form of the following: crisps, biscuits, chocolates or cereal bars. Please can I also remind all parents that nuts should not be brought into school as we have children who have nut allergies.

Wellies/old trainers:

It is vital that your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school. As part of the curriculum and for our OPAL programme, the children will use the field in all weathers. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school so that they can get changed and prevent their school shoes getting really dirty and also save our carpets from getting muddy when your child has been on the school field.

Reminder: Asda Foundation Green Token Giving- Vote for Gayton!

Please keep voting for Gayton as part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving Online voting through the Bromborough Store.



Parents can vote for our school by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Bromborough from the dropdown box. You can vote once every seven days, so please remember to return and re-vote in the following weeks.

There are three causes nominated. The voting is open now and will close at midnight on Saturday 31st December 2022. The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500.00 donation with second place receiving £400.00 and third place £300.00. All the money will be put towards our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning developments). Please spread the message and try and help us to get more votes.

Children in Need- Friday 18th November 2022.

We are supporting Children in Need on **Friday 18th November 2022** so the children can come to school dressed in their own bright clothing, spots or stripes of anything Pudsey related. We are asking that parents make a minimum donation of £1.00 via Parent Pay so that we can send this to Children in Need. Thank you for your support with this.



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Mental Health Support for children.



We now have some mental health practitioners working in school on a weekly basis. This service is provided by the NHS and is aimed at supporting pupils with low-level mental health concerns.

We are able to refer children into the service with parental consent. However, we aren't always aware of children who may benefit from the support of the mental health practitioners as sometimes children can present and behave very differently in school compared to home. If you think your child might benefit from this service, please contact Mrs McAleny at school and we can add your child to the waiting list or just provide some further information to help you make a decision as to whether it may benefit your child.

Communication with teachers: If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them at the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that teachers are teaching all day and it may not be possible for them to call you back until the end of the school day.

Applications for F2 places for 2023-2024



Applications can be made now for any parents with children who are due to start in September 2023. Parents have until midnight on 15th January 2023 to make their application. If anyone knows of any local families who may be interested in their child starting at Gayton next academic year, please ask them to call the school office as we are currently offering tours for new intake families, but places must be booked via the school office.

Labelling of clothing:

Many thanks to all the parents that have taken time to label your child's clothing for the return to school. We have already been able to reunite children with lots of items of lost property as they have been labelled; it really does make a huge difference so thank you!

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
Monday 7 th November 2022	Bike Right (Year 5) all week. – You will be informed on which day your child needs to bring their bike into school.
Wednesday 9 th November 2022	Writing workshops for parents (F2, Y1 & Y2) at 9:00am- 10:15am.
Thursday 10 th November 2022	Writing workshop for parents (KS2) at 9:00am- 10:15am.
Monday 14 th November 2022	E Consent for Flu Vaccine – closing date for parents to give E-consent.
Monday 14 th November- Friday 18 th November 2022	Anti-Bullying week- ' Reach Out '.
Tuesday 15 th November 2022	PTA meeting – 7:30pm
Wednesday 16 th November 2022	Hope Journey – Y6 @ Heswall Methodist Church. 9:00am- 12:00pm.
Thursday 17 th November 2022	Flu nasal immunisation day (F2- Y6) Parents will need to provide E-consent for this.
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need Day- Children can wear their own clothes on this day for a small donation to Children in Need.
Thursday 24 th November 2022	PTA AGM meeting- 7:30pm
Friday 25 th November 2022	Y1 'Animals Take Over' visit – payment to be made via Parent Pay.
Friday 25 th November 2022	Heswall Lights switch on- Choir singing at 5:30pm.
Tuesday 29 th November 2022	Governing Board meeting.
Thursday 1 st December 2022	PTA Chocolate Bingo -7:00pm
Week commencing 5 th December 2022	Autumn term clubs finish this week.
Monday 5 th December 2022	PTA Wreath making event- 7:30pm in the school hall. Tickets available via Parent Pay.
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	Year 2 to visit Heswall Methodist Church. ' Meet the characters of the Christmas Story' AM only
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Y6 trip to Western Approaches- WW2 (Liverpool) Payment available via Parent Pay. Separate information has been sent home to Y6 parents.
Thursday 8 th December 2002	PTA Christmas Disco- 3:20pm- 4:45pm
Friday 9 th December 2022	PTA Christmas Bake Sale- details to follow.
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	F2, Y1 & Y2- Nativity performance for parents @9:30am. (2 tickets per family for either one of the performances)

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Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Christmas Dinner Day- Children can wear their school uniform with a Christmas jumper on this day or reindeer ears/ tinsel etc.
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	KS2 Christmas Carol service at St Peter's Church at 6:00pm. Parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 15 th December 2022	F2, Y1 & Y2- Nativity performance for parents @9:30am (2 tickets per family for either one of the performances)
Friday 16 th December 2022	Neo charity gift collection- all gifts to be dropped off by 9:00am. Please place them under the canopy.
Friday 16 th December 2022	Christmas Shop – F2, Y1 & Y2- Further details to follow.
Monday 19 th December 2022	Christmas Shop – KS2 – Further details to follow.
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Break up today at 2:30pm for Christmas holiday. Non-School uniform day- donation to the PTA via Parent Pay.
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Inset day- Children not in school.
Thursday 5 th January 2023	Children return to school.
Sunday 15 th January 2023	Deadline for applications for reception 2023-2024.
Thursday 24 th January 2023	Y6 Class assembly at 9:05am. Parents welcome to attend.
Tuesday 14 th February 2023	Y4 Class assembly at 9:05am. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 15 th February 2023 & Thursday 16 th February 2023.	Parents' evening- further details to be shared nearer the time.

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