



Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK ...



Welcome back to school, and a big warm welcome to the new F2 parents, we hope that you have settled into Gayton and we look forward to you becoming part of the Gayton community. Life is very different to what we are used to at school, but school needs the PTA more than ever!

GOLF DAY ...

A big thank you to Chris Sheppard and Endeavour who organised another great golf day on Bank holiday Sunday and raised £420 for PTA which during the current Covid crisis is amazing. Chris has booked the golf day for next year for Sunday 6 June at Heswall Golf Club, if you are interested please get in touch with Chris on 07719 854 046.



AGM ...



As we have previously announced the current committee are stepping down due to various work and family commitments, so it is vitally important that a new team is formed to take the reins. The AGM (annual general meeting) is on Monday 12 October at 7.45pm via Microsoft Teams so we can adhere to the current Covid guidelines, we are really hoping that lots of you can be a part of it! If you would like your secure invitation to be sent to you please get in touch at gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com. We need a minimum of 3 trustees (chair, secretary & treasurer) for the PTA to continue otherwise sadly it will have to close.

The positions available are –

Chair

To lead the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members

Vice Chair

To assist the chair in their duties

Secretary

To ensure the PTA runs smoothly and efficiently through the preparation and organisation of the committee's paperwork and communications

Treasurer

To manage and control PTA funds according to the wishes of the committee

If you would like any further info about the roles please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will be happy to talk to you and go through details.

SOUND SYSTEM ...

The sound system collection was such a big success and we have raised over £1,900.00! This is amazing and all we can say is a huge THANK YOU!! The school have now ordered the sound system and PTA have agreed to pay the shortfall of the cost which is approx. £850.00. This will make such a huge difference and we are so grateful to everyone that has donated! Donations are still able to be submitted via ParentPay.



EVENTS ...

The events this school year are a little different to normal as we have had to ensure that the one's we hold are Covid compliant, the safety of the children and school community is paramount. The events we have confirmed for this term are as follows (further details on each event are below) ...

14 October -	Clothes Donation
17 October -	School lottery starts
21 October -	Pumpkin carving competition - £1
23 October -	Break the rules day – 50p per rule broken to a maximum of 4 (£2)
24 October – 1 November -	Halloween Hunt - £5 per child
11 December -	Elfridges Christmas Shop - £2 per gift
11 December -	Letter and gift from Santa closing date - £4 per child
17 December -	Non uniform day and make your own Christmas hat - £2



CLOTHES COLLECTION ...



Please can you leave your donations in a bag outside the school office window ready for collection by the company who will collect between 9am and 11am. Please ensure that all items are clean, stain free, no holes etc. Once the clothes have been weighed PTA will receive a cheque so the more clothes we sort out the more money we get! The donations will not only help PTA but will also help to provide affordable clothing to people who need it all around the world! More information about what you can and can't include as well as how the clothes will

be used can be found at www.recycle4school.org.uk

SCHOOL LOTTERY ...

We have signed up to yourschoollottery.co.uk where there will be a draw every Saturday starting on 17 October. The lines cost £1 each, you can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/gayton-primary-school> The prizes vary with the top prize each week being £25k!!



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION ...

Please enter the competition by paying the entry fee of £1 via ParentPay, then simply bring your pumpkin to the school steps and ensure that your child's name and class are clearly labelled by 21 October ready for the winner to be announced!

The winner gets a free Halloween Hunt pack.



BREAK THE RULES DAY ...

Your chance to break the rules for the day! This could be having crazy hair, taking in an unhealthy snack, wearing bright socks, the options are endless! We kindly ask that you pay via ParentPay – 50p per rule broken up to a maximum of 4



HALLOWEEN HUNT ...



This will take place during October half term within the community. We have worked really hard to make a fun and safe hunt for the whole family, please purchase your packs via ParentPay by 10am on 23 October. You can buy as many packs as you need to allow the whole family to join in! Each pack includes a map for the hunt including the clues, sweets, Halloween tattoo and a certificate. We will also include a Halloween hunt for home! Packs are £5 per child.

ELFRIDGES CHRISTMAS SHOP ...

The most popular event for the children where they will still be able to choose their gifts for their loves ones, it will just be a little different as the elves will be teacher elves this year instead of parent elves! Gifts are still £2 each and can be purchased via ParentPay, please state in the comment box who the gifts are for, all gifts must be paid for by 4 December to ensure that we know how many are needed. We will have to be stricter than usual with this date as no one from PTA will be on site to manage this event so spare gifts won't be readily available like usual.



LETTER & GIFT FROM SANTA ...



Father Christmas will be getting his head Elf to Visit Gayton Primary on 11 December to collect all of the letters that the children have posted to him in his special post box, he will then reply to each child and give them a gift! Letters and gifts will be given out to the children on 18 December to provide enough time for the letters to be printed, gifts wrapped and then all to be quarantined. This is £4 per child and can be paid for via ParentPay.

NON UNIFORM DAY & MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS HAT ...

Non uniform day will be on Thursday 17 December, the children will also make their own Christmas hats in school so will just need to bring with them any items they want to use to make their Christmas Masterpieces! The cost for non uniform day is £2 per child and can be paid for via ParentPay



UNIFORMS ...

Don't forget our uniform shop has some brilliant quality pre loved uniform. Contact **Helen Peters** on **07446 909 812** for a full stock list or to place your orders.

Also, we are in partnership with **Cain of Heswall** where they have kindly agreed to donate a percentage of the sales of uniforms for Gayton Primary School to the school.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ...



Remember **EASY FUNDRAISING** – if you shop with your favourite shops/websites via the easy fundraising app or website then we will get a percentage of your purchase at no extra cost to you! It will make a huge difference to PTA! Spread the word to all your family and friends and let's see if we can really boost our fundraising!

We are also registered with Amazon Smile – if you can select Gayton Primary School PTA as your chosen charity we will receive 0.5% of your purchase at no extra cost to you



Thank you for your continued support of PTA and we hope that lots of you can join us for AGM via Microsoft Teams on 12 October at 7.45pm!