

Newsletter 5- 16th November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Covid-19 update:



Reminder: Household contacts.

Please remember to follow the latest guidance in relation to covid-19 and household contacts. This is really important if someone in your household has tested positive for covid-19.

If any member of your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, your child can continue to attend school only under the following conditions:

- 1. You should book them a PCR test (ideally on day 3-5 after they were first in contact with the household case)
- 2. You should ensure that they carry out a daily LFT at home for 5-7 days, starting on the day you think they were first exposed to your household case.
- 3. You should let the school know what the daily LFT result is. If the test is negative each day, your child can continue to come into school each day.

If any LFT is positive, you must book a PCR and your child must stay at home until you have the results. If the confirmatory PCR test is taken within the two days following the positive LFD result and PCR result is negative, your child can return to school.

Your child can continue to attend school as long as they remain symptom-free AND have a daily LFT that is negative. If ANY of the above tests are positive, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of the test and cannot come into school until the isolation period is over.

We would like to remind you that you can order test kits for your own household via the online service (www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or by calling 119).

We are recommending the above measures to ensure the safety of children and staff in our schools, to minimise the disruption to young people's education and to ensure our schools remain open.

Disco:

The disco will be held on **Thursday 18th November 2021** from 3:20pm- 4:45pm. Your child may bring a



change of clothes into school on the day of the disco and we will provide time for them to get changed before the disco.

Parents will collect their children from the school hall. We are going to have a one way system so you will come in via the main entrance and then leave via the Y5/6 door onto the playground and then out of the gate. We will also stagger the number

of parents that enter the school building at any one time so please be patient with us as we want to ensure that we reunite everyone with their child safely following the disco.

Anti-bullying Week- 'One- Word Kindness' and House Captain competition.



This week is Anti-bullying Week based on the theme of 'one kind word'. Our house captains have launched a creative competition which links to World Kindness Day and Anti-bullying Week.

The house captains would like our children to design

anything to promote the theme of kindness for the competition. This could be: a painting, a poem, a picture, a sculpture, a craft project, a song, a dance or anything creative as long as it promotes the message of kindness.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 19th November 2021**. All entries should be handed in to your child's class teacher and the house captains will come around and collect them.

We look forward to seeing all the creative entries from across the school.

NOVEMBER 13TH WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Eco-team 'Switch off Fortnight'



Our Eco-team are encouraging our whole school to take part in Switch off Fortnight. They will be monitoring areas/classrooms within school to see if everyone is playing their part in trying to save electricity by switching off lights and electrical appliances

when not in use, for two weeks.

Academy parental consultation:

Reminder: The parent academy consultation ends tomorrow on **Wednesday 17**th **November 2021**. If you have any comments at all, please do email consultation@gayton.wirral.sch.uk. Your feedback is important and valued so please do take the time to contribute to the consultation.



Christmas Toy Appeal – Neo Community



We have partnered with the Neo Community Charity again this year. They provide invaluable support to so many families in need on the Wirral. We are going to be supporting their campaign to ensure that as many children, who are in need on the Wirral, get a Christmas gift.

A bucket has been placed outside the school office. The bucket has a variety of different gift tags in it. Each gift tag will give the details of a child who needs our help. These

details will give you enough information to buy a gift for this child at Christmas. You can purchase a gift and place it in a gift bag with a Christmas card that your child can write to the child.

The gift bags should be returned on the morning of **Friday 3rd December** and placed under the canopy outside school. They will then be collected and distributed to children across Wirral.

It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could take part in this campaign to really make a difference to the lives of some Wirral children at Christmas time.

Applications for F2 places for 2022- 2023

Online applications are now open for any parents with children who are due to start in September 2022.

Parents have until **15th January 2022** to make their application. Please ensure that if you have a sibling, you tick the sibling box on the application form. 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 a few tours for new intake families, but places must be booked via the office.



Children in Need



We are supporting Children in Need on **Friday 19**th **November 2021** so the children can come to school dressed in their own bright clothing, spots or stripes or 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.

Christmas Arrangements 2021 (F2, Y1 & Y2)

We have sent out a letter today to detail the arrangements for our Christmas Nativity Performance for parents of F2, Y1 and Y2 pupils. Next week, we will send out a Google Form so that parents can sign up for one of the performances. Please remember that we will only be providing you with 2 tickets per family so parents will need to choose which performance they wish to attend. Our nativity performances for F2, Y1 and Y2 pupils will be held on the following dates:

Monday 13th December 2021 at 9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2) Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2) Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2)

Christmas Arrangements 2021 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

For KS2 pupils, we have made the decision that we won't be holding our usual KS2 Christmas service at St



Peter's Church. Unfortunately, we feel that due to covid-19 restrictions and the sheer number of parents that attend the service, we wouldn't be able to hold this event in a covid- 19 secure way. However, we would like to invite parents to join us in a KS2 Christmas Carol singing event on the playground at **6:00pm on Wednesday 15th December 2021**. We would like everyone to wrap up warm and come and join in with singing

some Christmas carols.

Santa's Sleigh- Gayton Route.

Santa's Sleigh, organised by Heswall Round Table, will be visiting Gayton on Tuesday 7th December 2021. The sleigh will commence its route at 6:00pm. This year, the Round Table are giving the school the opportunity to receive a percentage of the collection on the night as long as we advertise the event and encourage as many parents as possible to donate. We will send out full details of the route and ways in which you can donate closer to the time. It is such a lovely way for families to start to get into the Christmas spirit with a visit from Santa on his sleigh.

Headteacher: Mrs McAleny

Second hand uniform.

This week, we have sent out communication regarding the changes to the way second hand uniform is managed at Gayton. This is the link to the website where you can complete a request for second hand uniform: www.wirralfuss.co.uk



Please can everyone ensure that you have labelled your child's uniform so that we can ensure that any lost items are returned to your child. We will always take the time to return lost belongings, but this is impossible when items are not labelled. Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Mrs McAleny

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 15 th November- Friday 19 th November	Anti- Bullying week 2021- 'One Kind word'
2021	
Monday 15 th November 2021- Friday 19 th Nov	Bikeability (Y5)
2021	
Wednesday 17 th November 2021	End of parental academy consultation.
Wednesday 17 th November 2021	Y6 to visit Heswall Methodist Church 'Hope
	Journey'
Thursday 18 th November 2021	Y6 Anti-Racism workshop led by Tranmere Rovers
Thursday 18 th November 2021	PTA disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm
Friday 19 th November 2021	Children in Need Day- Children can wear their own
	clothes/spots or stripes or anything Pudsey related
	on this day for a small donation to Children in
	Need.
Monday 22 nd November 2021	Individual photographs
Thursday 25 th November 2021	Prospective parents (F2) tour of school- please call
	the school office to book on.
Thursday 25 th November 2021	Y5 Anti-Racism workshop led by Tranmere Rovers.
Monday 29 th November 2021	PTA Wreath making in the hall. Please note this
	event is fully booked.
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	Christmas Fit Fun Festival- Y5 & 6 – Wirral School
	Games.
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 3 rd December 2021	F2, Y1 & Y2- Christmas Shop (PTA)
Tuesday 7 th December 2021	Santa's Sleigh visits Gayton organised by Heswall
	Round Table. Starts at 6:00pm.
Friday 10 th December 2021	Y3-Y6 Christmas Shop (PTA)
Monday 13 th December 2021	Nativity Performance @9:30am

Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Nativity Performance @9:30am
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Christmas Film Night 3:20pm- 5:00pm
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Nativity Performance @9:30am
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	KS2 Christmas Carols- 6:00pm on the school
	playground.
Friday 17 th December 2021	Break up today at 2:30pm for Christmas holiday.
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Inset Day- Children not in school
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Children return to school following the Christmas
	break.
Thursday 13 th January 2022	Flu vaccine catch up.