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Newsletter 18- Wednesday 13th July 2022.

Dear Parents & Carers,

This will be our last newsletter for the academic year. I would like to say a very big thank you to our parental/carer community for all your support during this year. This year has been less disrupted than previous years, but there have still been numerous challenges to face. However, there have been so many highlights as our community begins to be able to resume to more normality and it has been lovely to welcome parents/carers along to school events again and we are very much looking forward to this continuing in September.

We would like to say a very special farewell to our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to their high schools. We will miss them and wish them lots of happiness and success for the future. We know that our Y6 children are ready to embrace the new adventures that lay ahead of them. For some of our families, this will be the end of our partnership as you don't have younger children in school. To all those families, thank you so much for all your commitment and dedication to Gayton; we are incredibly grateful for all your support.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful staff who are so dedicated and committed to make a difference, every day, to our children and it is very much appreciated. I wish them a restful holiday with time to relax before the start of the autumn term.

Finally, many thanks to our governing board. They continue to work tirelessly to support our school to ensure that we really do achieve our vision of creating a nurturing environment for all our pupils which develops and inspires all our children, ensuring the highest standards of educational progress and personal growth.

Eco- Schools Green Flag



We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in reapplying for our Eco-Schools Green Flag. This is a wonderful achievement and the panel were very impressed with all the elements included in the application. Many thanks to all the members of our Eco-team for supporting us in achieving this award. We would also like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Hulley for all her efforts in working so closely with the Eco team and for ensuring that we met the criteria for the renewal of our application.

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Sports Mark Gold

We are also delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Sports Mark Gold award in recognition of our commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the community. Many thanks to all our parents/carers who have supported our children at a wide variety of sporting events throughout the year. We are also very thankful to Mrs Travers for all her hard work in raising the profile of PE and Sport within school.



Gayton V St Peter's Heswall- Football 50th Anniversary Match

There is going to be a charity football match taking place on **Saturday August 27th at Heswall Football Club at 11:00am**. This has been organised by Graeme Jones who is an ex pupil from Gayton Primary School and he has managed to get together the Gayton Football team from 50 years ago as well as the St Peter's Football team. They will therefore be reuniting to play a match and to recapture the team photograph from 50 years ago.

All the proceeds from the event, will be split between Gayton and St Peter's and we are going to use this towards PE equipment/kit. They have enlisted the support of Former Liverpool and England legend John Barnes who has agreed to manage the Gayton team.



We are hoping that our Y6 football team will be able to attend, dressed in their kit.

It would be lovely if lots of families could come along to support this event.

Admission will be £4 for adults and £2 for children.

Music Performance assembly:



It was lovely to welcome parents/grandparents to school on Friday for the children who currently access Tafelmusik lessons in school. The children's performances were excellent and they all displayed amazing courage and perseverance by performing in front of everyone.

Annual Reports:

Reports have been sent home this week to parents. Please ensure that you complete the parental comments sheet and return to school by the end of the week. If you need to discuss anything regarding the report, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office. Any queries regarding attendance should be directed to the school office.

PTA Book Sale- Monday 11th July 2022

Many thanks to Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Dickinson and all the other parents who supported with the book sale on Monday. It is always lovely to have events which promote children reading for pleasure. We hope that lots of our children will be enjoying reading their new books over the summer period.

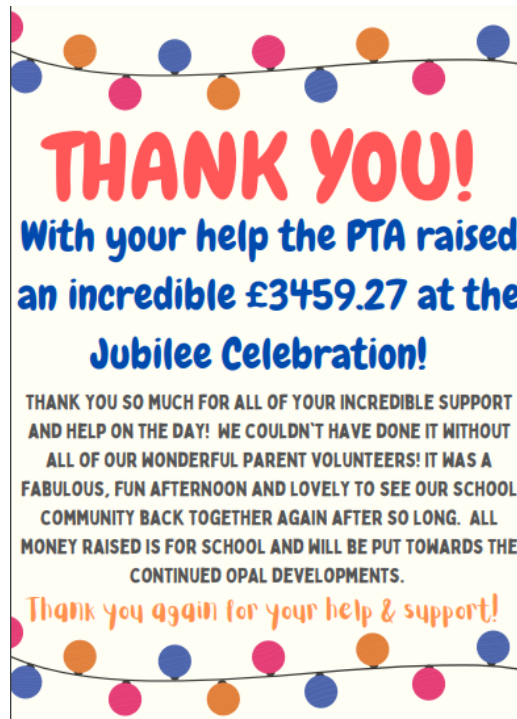
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PTA Jubilee Celebration event

Our PTA have raised an incredible £3459.27 from the jubilee celebration afternoon. Many thanks to the PTA for all their hard work and to all the parents who came along to help on this afternoon as well as all our parents for supporting the event.



Quidditch Event- Thursday 14th July 202

On Thursday, we are having our whole school Quidditch event. The children should come to school wearing their PE kit and must have a water bottle in school. We will be having an opening ceremony for the event and then each class will have its own session during the day. We will then come together at the end of the day for the closing ceremony.

Lost Property:

We have a large amount of lost property which is currently displayed outside school. Any items unclaimed by Friday will be washed and donated to FUSS /FUPS. Please can I urge parents to ensure that any clothing sent into school is labelled. We always return items to children when they are labelled, but we are unable to do this with so many items due to them not being labelled.

Year 6 Leavers' assembly



Our Year 6 leavers' assembly will be taking place on **Friday 15th July at 1:45pm**. We are looking forward to welcoming Y6 parents/grandparents along for this event.

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School Uniform update:

We have been informed by our uniform suppliers that there are very limited stocks available of brown skirts/dresses. Unfortunately, the uniform suppliers are no longer able to source the colour brown for these items. Please note that the stock of brown jumpers/cardigans is unaffected and these can still be ordered.

As a consequence of this, we have amended our uniform policy to allow grey or brown skirts/pinafores to be worn for school. However, we do know that Wirral FUSS& FUPS still have a large quantity of second hand brown dresses/ skirts available so they can be sourced from this provider by placing an order via the following website: <https://wirralfuss.co.uk/>

Y5 Trip to Thurstaston – Friday 15th July 2022.



Our Y5 children will be walking to Thurstaston on Friday 15th July 2022. The children will need a packed lunch, rucksack, sun lotion and a cap. They can wear trainers (or comfortable walking shoes). On this occasion, we do not require any parent helpers. Please remember that your child will need to bring £3.00, if they would like to purchase an ice-cream.

Health & Safety- Grapes

Recently, some staff have had updated first aid training. As part of the training, it was recommended that we do not permit children to eat grapes that are not cut into halves as these can be a choking hazard for children. Any grapes that are served at lunchtime via Edsential are always cut in half. If you are sending grapes into school, for your child to have as part of their packed lunch or as a healthy snack, please ensure that they are cut in half.



Y4 Residential Trip – 2022-2023

Information has been sent to all current Y3 parents regarding the Barnstondale Residential which is taking place on **Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th October 2022**. We are asking for parents to pay a deposit of £50.00 before the end of term to secure your child's place. Payments should be made via Parent Pay.



Survey for parents: NHS England North West

NHS England North West would like to understand your views and feedback about School Aged Immunisation services. The findings from this survey will inform future planning of these services. A link to a short survey is included below:

<https://nhs.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=165712699386>

NHS England North West would like to thank Parents & Guardians for taking the time to complete this survey.

Before and after school clubs:

Please remember that all before and after school clubs have finished now except for SFA's multi-skills session (F2-Y2) The last session for SFA will be on **Friday 15th July 2022** after school.

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Freezer packs

Our school community has now donated 398 freezer packs which have been donated to Neo Community and other social supermarkets. Huge thanks to one of our parents, Anna Irving, for arranging this. The box will be still outside school during the summer holidays and will be emptied at regular intervals so please do continue to donate, if you have some.

Road Safety:

Wirral Council have launched a new road safety campaign to highlight the issues of safe parking around schools. The campaign theme is 'Park elsewhere, show you care'. Dangerous and inconsiderate parking is an increasing problem for most schools, putting the safety of pupils and others at risk. Please can all parents ensure that they demonstrate that they care about ALL our children and please don't park inconsiderately in the local area.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022:

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered with the support of public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. By encouraging our pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, we can:

- Enhance and support its reading initiatives and involve parents and the wider community
- Celebrate the joy of reading whilst ensuring all children are able to read well by the age of 11
- Continue to support pupils' learning during the holidays
- Help to prevent the trend for children's reading skills to dip over the holidays

You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src



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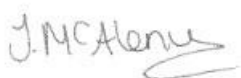
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Holidays in term time

We have seen a significant increase in the number of parents requesting holidays for children in term time. Please can we remind all parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless due to very exceptional circumstances. Children miss valuable learning time when they are not present in school. If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, please ensure that you complete the holiday request form which is available on our school website.

The DFE are currently considering making it compulsory for schools to fine parents for holidays during term time. We are awaiting further guidelines on this and will share with parents as soon as we can.

Kind regards,



Mrs McAleny

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Whole school Quidditch day (PE) Children will need to wear PE kit on this day.
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Books will be going home to parents today. Please ensure your child has a re-usable/carrier bag in school today.
Friday 15 th July 2022	Y5 day trip to Thurstaston.
Friday 15 th July 2022	Y6 leavers' assembly at 1:45pm
Friday 15 th July 2022	Houlihan Cup Final – Gayton Vs Oxtun at 4:30pm. Spectators are welcome. Match is to be played at Liscard Primary School.
Monday 18 th July 2022	Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm. Children can wear their own clothes in return for a minimum donation of £1.00 for the PTA.
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Inset day- school closed.
Thursday 1 st September 2022	Inset day- school closed
Friday 2 nd September 2022	Inset day- school closed
Monday 5 th September 2022	Children return to school following the summer break.

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