

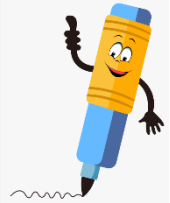


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Newsletter 5- 18th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Writing workshops:



Many thanks to the parents who joined us for our writing workshops. It was so lovely to have lots of parents in school; we have had some lovely feedback from parents/grandparents and know how much this opportunity was appreciated. Many thanks to all our teachers for facilitating this.

Sports Hall Athletics:

Well done to all our Y5 & Y6 children who took part in the inspire Sports Hall Athletics event yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and had a wonderful time.



Governor parent elections:

Ballot papers were distributed on Friday and must be returned by **Friday 25th November 2022 at 12:00pm.** Ballot papers can be returned by sending it into school with your child in the envelope provided or by posting it in the ballot box located in the school entrance area.

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Anti-Bullying week 2022: Reach Out

During this week, our children have been involved in a range of different activities to promote the theme of 'Reach out' as part of anti-bullying week. We want all our children to feel that they can seek help or support if they are feeling sad or worried about something. It is vital that we remind everyone, whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, that they can reach out and seek support.



Christmas Nativity Arrangements 2022 (F2, Y1 & Y2)

Last week, we sent out a letter to detail the arrangements for our Christmas Nativity Performance for parents of F2, Y1 and Y2 pupils. 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 will be held on the following dates:



Wednesday 14th December @9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2)

Thursday 15th December @9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2)

The Google form to register for your tickets can be located here: <https://forms.gle/fUcfq13FK3bCuxxg7>
Please complete the Google form by **Friday 25th November 2022**.

Christmas Toy Appeal- Neo Community:

We have partnered (for the 3rd year) with the charity Neo Community. They do such wonderful work throughout Wirral providing invaluable support to so many families in need. 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. The gift tag will give you enough information to buy a gift for a child this Christmas. The gift doesn't need to be wrapped but should be placed in a gift bag and placed under the canopy on the morning of **Friday 16th December by 9:00am**. Neo will then come and collect the gifts on this morning. We know that times are difficult for people at the moment, but if you are able to purchase just one additional gift this Christmas, it would be very much appreciated.

Santa's Sleigh- Gayton Route.

Santa's Sleigh, organised by Heswall Round Table, will be visiting Gayton on **Tuesday 6th December 2022**. The sleigh will commence its route at 6:00pm. 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. The volunteers from the Round Table won't be knocking on doors but they will have collection buckets available.



It is such a lovely way for families to start to get into the Christmas spirit with a visit from Santa on his sleigh.

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This is the route that Santa will take on the night:



Homework:

The last day of homework for the autumn term will be Friday 2nd December 2022. We will still expect children to be reading at home and they will still have spellings to learn as well.

PTA:

Our PTA are planning lots of events over the next few weeks so please support if you can. Our PTA make such a wonderful difference to school by raising much needed funds which benefits all of our children in school. Some of the current PTA members are looking to step down in the next few weeks and therefore it is vital that we do have new people joining the PTA. There is an AGM meeting taking place on Thursday 25th November where we will need to elect a new chair and vice chair to lead the committee moving forward. Please come along if you are able to. We hope to see lots of our new F2 parents coming along as well! Everyone is welcome.



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PTA Chocolate Bingo event- 6:00pm (please note the earlier start time as previously advertised as 7:00pm) Thursday 1st December 2022.

In order to support the PTA chocolate bingo event, we are going to have a non- school uniform day next Friday 25th November 2022 in return for your donations of advent calendars or chocolate donations. These can be dropped off at the gates on your child's way into school. This is always a popular family event and it has been many years since we have been able to hold this event so please act quickly to secure your tickets as it sure to be a sell-out event. **Tickets will be available soon via Parent Pay.**



PTA- Disco – Thursday 8th December 2022

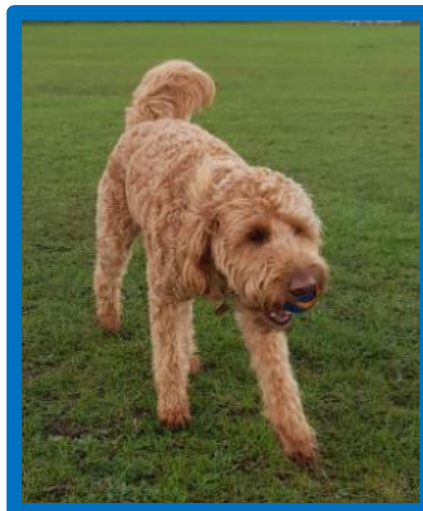


There will be disco on Thursday 8th December 2022. Tickets are available on Parent Pay. The children can bring a change of clothes and will be given time to get changed into their disco clothes before the start of the disco. The disco will run from 3:20pm- 4:45pm.

Therapy dog- Benji.



We applied (a while ago) for school to have visits from a therapy dog via the Pets as Therapy charity. We are delighted to say that we have now been matched with a therapy dog called Benji and their owner Julie. A thorough risk assessment will be completed before Benji can come into school and we will of course speak to the children about Benji coming in. However, if you know that your child doesn't like dogs or has a fear of them, please can you just email the school office so we are aware. We would never want to put a child into a situation where they are worried or scared about being close to a dog. Benji has been trained as a 'pets as therapy dog' and we are hoping that by the end of the school year he will have visited all the children who want to meet with him, and that he will become a regular and much loved visitor to our school.



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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. We are currently in 2nd place and would like to at least maintain this position.



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.

Many thanks to all the parents who have donated towards our charity fund raising for Children in Need. If you haven't donated, you can make a donation via Parent Pay. Thank you for your support with this.



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'.

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
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 5:00pm. (please note the new time of 5:00pm)
Tuesday 29 th November 2022	Governing Board meeting
Thursday 1 st December 2022	PTA Chocolate Bingo -6:00pm
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.
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Santa's Sleigh to visit Gayton- Heswall Round Table.
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)
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.

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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.
Tuesday 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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