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Newsletter 2- 30th September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Academy conversion:



The Department for Education have now approved our application for Gayton Primary School to join Cheshire Academies Trust (CAT). Now we have been granted the academy order, we will be working with the local authority, CAT and the DfE in order to complete the conversion process. At the moment, we are aiming for a conversion date of 1st January 2023 but this will depend on the legal process and how long the conversion takes.



Harvest Celebration:

Many thanks to all our families for their harvest donations. We know that the donations will be gratefully received by both Wirral Ark and Charles Thompson's Mission and will make a difference to families in Wirral.

Cross country event- Birkenhead Park 22.09.22

Well done to all our children who took part in the 1st cross-country race of the season. It wouldn't be a cross country race without rain, but this didn't dampen the spirits of our children. We are so proud of all the children who took part. Our girls' team came 5th overall which is a fantastic performance for the first race.



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The next race will be taking place on **Thursday 6th October 2022**. Our Y4 children won't be able to attend this race as they will be on their Barnstondale residential so it would be nice if we could have some more Year 5 and Year 6 children taking part in the next race. We will send out a Google form so you can register your child for the event.

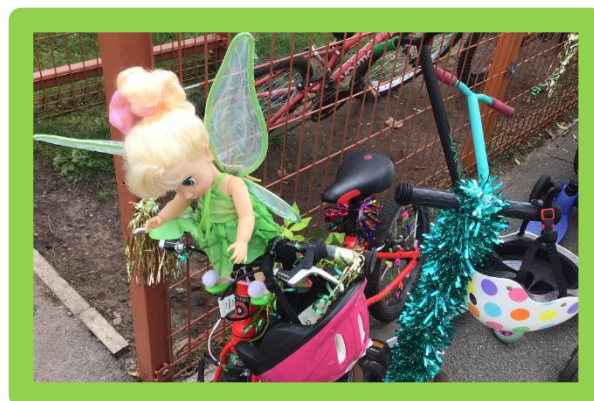
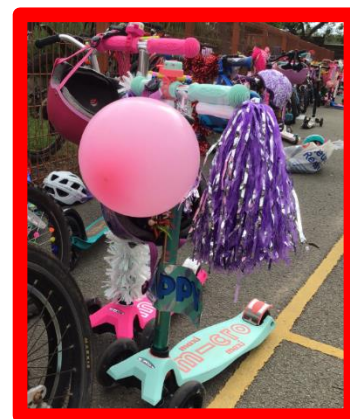
Y4 Barnstondale Residential visit (Wednesday 4th October- Friday 6th October 2022)

The excitement is building in Year 4 as we move closer to our departure date! All information regarding the Barnstondale trip has been sent home to parents but if you do have any final queries, please contact the school office.



Bling your bike day-

Our children enjoyed taking part in Bling your Bike day on Thursday 22nd September 2022. Many thanks to all our parents for your support with this day.



Parents' Evening appointments:

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October 2022

Our parents' evening booking system will go live on Monday 10th October at 8:00am. Parents will be able to book in via eSchools. Please ensure that you can log into your eschools account and if you don't have your details, please contact the school office as without these details you won't be able to book an appointment. Please note that you won't be able to book an appointment before Monday 10th October 2022.



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School Census Day- Thursday 6th October 2022 – Information for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents.

On two days, every school year, we have a school census where we complete data about the numbers of children in school and whether they are having a school meal or are eligible for an income based Free School Meal (FSM). Our funding is then paid to us from this information. The money that the school is given in April each year to pay for the free meal, that all Infant School children get under the 'Universal Infant Meals' scheme, is based on the average of how many children have a school meal on Thursday 6th October and Thursday 19th January 2023. We therefore need as many children as possible in F2, Y1 & Y2 to have a school dinner on Thursday 6th October 2022. The kitchen have put together a special 'Best of British' menu and this will be sent home to you.

OPAL (Outdoor play and Learning) parents' meeting

It was lovely to welcome so many parents along to our OPAL (Outdoor play and learning) afternoon. We



hope that you found the meeting with our play mentor useful and enjoyed being able to experience a play session with your child. We still have so many plans for our outdoor development and are very grateful to all our parents for their support with this initiative.



We are looking for some parents who would be able to volunteer some of their time during half term on **Monday 24th October 2022 from 9:00am- 1:00pm**. We are looking to make some raised beds, some pallet seating and need help to dig out some pathways, amongst other things. If anyone has any power tools/drills etc that they can bring with them this would be very helpful. We don't mind if children attend, but this would be on the basis that parents are responsible for supervising them. We would obviously have access to toilets and would be able to provide hot drinks. If you are able to help, even if just for an hour, please can you email the school office so we can make a list of parental volunteers. Your time would be very much appreciated. We will confirm with the parents that volunteer that we are going ahead as we will need quite a few volunteers.

F2- Phonics and Reading information session for parents.



We would like to invite all our F2 parents and children to a phonics and reading workshop on Monday 3rd October 2022. This will start at 6:00pm and will be finished by 7:00pm.

Mrs Such will lead a short session for parents based on how we teach phonics at Gayton using our new Supersonic Phonics programme, whilst the children will be in class with Miss Spearing and then the children will come into the hall so that they can take part in some reading/phonics activities with you.

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.

Applications for F2 places for 2023-2024

Online applications are now open 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. 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 tours for new intake families, but places must be booked via the office.

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Wellies/old trainers:

Due to the weather, we are now approaching the period whereby children do need appropriate footwear to play on the field during break times and lunchtimes. Therefore, please can you ensure that your child has wellies or an old pair of trainers in school. They will now not be permitted to go on the field unless they have wellies or old trainers as this also prevents mud/sand and dirt being brought back into school.

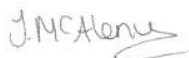


Labelling of clothing:

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,



Mrs McAleny

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd October 2022	F2 Phonics and Reading workshop for parents and children at 6:00pm. Further details to follow.
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	Y4 Barnstondale Residential- lunch in school and then parents to support in collecting at 1:00pm and take pupils to Barnstondale.
Thursday 6 th October 2022	Census Day- All F2, Y1 & Y2 to have a hot dinner on this day.
Thursday 6 th October 2022	Cross Country at Arrowe Park- Y4, Y5 & Y6 Further information to be shared with families.
Friday 7 th October 2022	Y4 Barnstondale Residential ends- parents to collect at 3:30pm from Barnstondale.
Monday 10 th October 2022	Prospective parents' tour (2023-2024 intake) @9:15am. Please contact the school office to book on.
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 6:50pm
Wednesday 19 th October 2022	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 6:50pm
Thursday 20 th October 2022	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park 4:15pm (Y4-Y6) Further information to follow.
Friday 21 st October 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
Monday 24 th October 2022	Parent volunteers needed to support with making some items for our OPAL project from 9:00am-

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	2:00pm. If you are able to help, please email the school office.
31 st October 2022	Inset Day – Children not in school.
1 st November 2022	Children return to school today.
2 nd November 2022	Prospective parents’ tour (2023-2024 intake) @ 9:15am. Please contact the school office to book on.
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.
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.
Tuesday 29 th November 2022	Governing Board Committee meetings: 6:00pm- Curriculum & Standards. 7:00pm- Resources
Week commencing 5 th December 2022	Autumn term clubs finish this week.
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	KS2 Christmas Carol service at St Peter’s Church at 6:00pm.
Thursday 15 th December 2022	F2, Y1 & Y2- Nativity performance for parents @9:30am (2 tickets per family for either one of the performances)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Break up today at 2:30pm for Christmas holiday.
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Inset day- Children not in school.
Thursday 5 th January 2023	Children return to school.

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