



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2020



Message from Mrs Riley

Equality and Diversity Week

Throughout Equality and Diversity Week pupils have been celebrating our differences. The older children have learnt about Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and many other civil rights activists and leaders. They were inspired by amazing Paralympians and listened to first hand experiences of children their own age who had had to face discrimination. Through the Show Racism the Red card project they learnt about children who had experienced racism in sport. There were lots of comments to share in our Collective Worship sessions.

"We are all different but all human so basically everyone just needs to learn to be kind to each other".

'It was a fun and interesting week and it taught me a lot more about how some people are not treated as fairly as others' (Adam)

'It taught me a lot about how some black people have been treated unfairly in the past and this can even happen today too but a lot has changed through the years (Scarlett)

'We have different families but we love each other the same'

Harvest

Children have been working on harvest activities and songs for our Harvest services next week. Covid restrictions prevent us from singing in church or in large groups inside of school so we have been singing outside in our bubbles and we have recorded our singing so we can share this in church; very strange times! Please help us support local food banks and charities by sending a donation of food with your child. This year we can only take non-perishable items in tins, packets or boxes. Donations can be brought in Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. We would really welcome your support with our harvest contribution.

Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)

FOGS, our parent action group, are holding their annual AGM on Thursday at 6pm (via Teams) and are always looking for more volunteers to help come up with ideas to help us raise money to benefit all pupils in school. Please get in touch if you would like to join the meeting by emailing gainfordfogs@gmail.com.

All are very welcome!

Covid-Update

Please can I remind everyone that if any member of the household has suspected Covid-19 symptoms the whole household must start to self-isolate. The self-isolation must last for at least 14 days for the other household members or until a negative test result has been returned for the person who has symptoms. If your child has to self-isolate, please let the office know as soon as possible and we will provide them with home learning. So far this term we have had no positive tests returned for pupils, parents or staff.

Quick Reminder

As we approach the half term holiday, please can you ensure that any school meal bookings are made by Friday 23rd October in preparation for returning to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Please check your emails and respond to any outstanding Operoo surveys – you help with this is very much appreciated.



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Attendance w/e 16th October 2020

Our Minimum Target is **96%**

Well done to all classes who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target.

A special well done to **Class Tees** for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	98.66
Wear	97.03
Tees	99.33

Teachers' Awards

Every Friday we have our Celebration Collective Worship, currently in two Bubbles!

Every week the Gold Headteacher's Award has a theme and staff nominate pupils to receive this award.

This week's theme: Equality & Diversity

These are the children who have received the award this week.

Class Swale	Ronnie
Class Wear	Georgia, Dexter
Class Tees	Olivia, Alicia-Grace

Dates for your Diary

Harvest Contributions :(19th,20th,21st October)

Break up for Half term: Friday 23rd October

Staff Training: Monday 2nd November

Return to school **Tuesday** 3rd November

After school clubs-Autumn Term

There are currently no after school sporting or activity clubs running this half term, this will be reviewed as the situation with Covid progresses.

Breakfast and After School Club are running as usual.

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

DIZZY DOGS

Isabelle Semple Scarlett Licence-Ivison

FANTASTIC FOXES

Olivia Chawner Evan Smith

LEAPING LIONS

Elliott Weir Meya Grevatt

COOL CATS

Beth Coupland Laurence Copeland

Fun Fact

The eye of an ostrich is bigger than its brain! (Ryan C)