



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2020



Message from Mrs Riley

Like many other schools across our county (41 in total) we were saddened to have to send some of our pupils home before the official end to the half term. As a school we are doing all that we can to ensure the safety of pupils, staff and their wider families. We hope to see all of our pupils back with us when the new half term starts on Tuesday 3rd November.

Harvest

Sadly, our Harvest Festival services for each bubble had to be cancelled this week. Class Swale still managed to have a small celebration in class and were very proud of their 'Thankful Tree'; covered in leaves giving thanks for lots of things including food and water, family and friends. When the older children have completed their harvest/autumn art work we will show all of their work on our website so that it can be enjoyed by all. All the donations received will be shared between 'The Well' food bank and the Feeding Families charity. If you would still like to donate there is still time as your generous donations will now be collected on Thursday 5th November. A 'HUGE' thank you if you have donated already.

PE Coaching

After half term Class Swale will have the opportunity to work with the marvellous Mr Chrostowski in their PE sessions. He is a fabulous PE teacher who also helps to organise all our sports festivals. Hopefully, we will be taking part in festivals next year...fingers crossed!

Remembrance Day

When children return to school, they will be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and completing their 'poppy pebbles'. They have all made a poppy design and will be carefully painting these designs onto a stone. These are going to be used as markers on the ground for Remembrance celebrations in the village.

School Council

Children across the school put themselves forward to be a school councillor. They will have important decisions to make on many aspects of school and I am sure they will be very vocal! All children voted -find the results in this newsletter!

Covid-Update

The link below has guidance and advice if you, or a member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>

This link has advice on looking after your mental health and well being

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

Quick Reminder

Please remember to book any school meals required for after the half term holiday – even if they are free of charge.

As the end of the month is approaching, please can we ask that any outstanding balances in ParentPay are paid. Many thanks.

Please remember to send PE kits and water bottles back with your child on **Tuesday 3rd November**



Attendance for the half term 2020

(absence due to Covid measures is not included)

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	96.03
Wear	98.23
Tees	98.45

Teachers' Awards

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

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

Class Swale Theme: Harvest/ thankfulness	Zachary -for helping to make the harvest tree Maddie -for being thankful for hugs!
Class Wear	Seb, Rory and Kai for their information on Harvest
Class Tees Computing	Joe – A fabulous PowerPoint on black historical figures Chloe – Great PowerPoint work on her own poetry project.

Dates for your Diary

Break up for Half term: Friday 23rd October

Staff Training: Monday 2nd November

Return to school **Tuesday** 3rd November

Bags2School Donations:

Tuesday 2nd November – Thursday 12th November

Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)

Bags 2 School

Filling a bag with unwanted clothes and sending it to school is a quick and easy way for us to raise money to spend on resources for our pupils. Have a half term clear out and help raise money at the same time. If your child did not bring a bag home, they can collect one on return to school or use an ordinary bin bag.

Watch this space for exciting news about fundraising activities in the run up to Christmas.

Our New School Council Members

Y2 George, Ryan
Y3 Kai Seb
Y4 Emelia, Alfie

Y5 Alice, Evan
Y6 Jamie, Eleanor

Fun Fact

The heaviest pumpkin weighs **1,190.49 kg (2,624.6 lb.)!!**