



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020



Message from Mrs Riley

It has been as busy as ever in school this week and I am really pleased with how well the children are settling into their 'new normal' routines. They are really respecting social distancing between the Bubbles and they really understand the importance of excellent hygiene.

They are enjoying topics such as The Great Fire of London, World War II and Traditional Tales.

I was so pleased to see that so many children in Year 5 and Year 6 put themselves forward to be House Captain or Vice-Captain this year, with some super presentations. After all children in school had a chance to vote results were announced. Take a look over the page to see who they are!

Next week in school we are having an **Equality and Diversity Week**. Amongst lots of other activities the children will be involved in the '**Show Racism the Red Card**' project as well as learning about civil rights leaders and inspirational athletes who have over-come their own disabilities. As part of the week pupils have decided that on **Friday 16th October** we should show our celebration of differences by having an '**ODD SOCK DAY**'. Your child is free to wear odd socks of their choice and I am sure the staff will join in too!

We have been very lucky to have received some match funding from Gainford Parish Council and this has allowed us to purchase a class set of Ukuleles. Class Wear are the first class to try them out and our Ukulele playing is coming along very nicely!

Although I am saddened that we are not allowed parents and carers to share in our celebrations in school and at church we are still ensuring that the children experience these events, even if it is in a different way. Our Harvest Festival will still be taking place on the 22nd October in fact it will happen twice because of our Bubbles! If you can send in any donations of non-perishable food products from the 19th October this will be greatly appreciated by the local charities we support. I must admit I will miss seeing the children walking to church with the usual giant cabbages and marrows, some larger than our pre-school children!!

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. If you do apply for a test and you are given some far -off location (even Telford and Whitehaven have been offered!) please keep trying as the appointment slots appear to be updated quite regularly and local options such as Bishop and Shildon usually do come available.

Quick Reminder

Booking forms will be emailed out next week for Breakfast Club and After School Childcare to book sessions starting after the half term holiday. Please complete and return before we break up, so that registers can be ready for the first morning back.

If you need to bring medication in for your child, you can now complete a medication consent form from your Operoo account. Look in the top right-hand corner of your screen and you will find the form in the Forms Library.



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Attendance w/e 9th 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 Swale for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	99.33
Wear	99.26
Tees	98.67

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: Handwriting /presentation

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

Class Swale	Toby
Class Wear	Rory
Class Tees	Beth, John and Lydia

Dates for your Diary

Flu vaccinations: Wednesday 14th October (pm)

Odd Sock Day (Equality week): Friday 16th October

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 – WELL DONE!

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 from Year 6

A hippopotamus can run faster than a man!