



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2020



Message from Mrs Riley

I am writing this at the start of our new countrywide lockdown, something we really did not want to happen. However, with the rise in the number of cases it was perhaps inevitable. This time I am pleased to say school will stay open to all children where we will try our very best to ensure that their routines stay as normal as possible and they continue to receive an exciting and engaging education.

It was wonderful to see all children returning to school this week after many experienced a rather different half term. The October weather was not kind either -it was the wettest October since 1862, with October 3rd (and storm Alex) being the wettest day on record since 1891! Hopefully, November will be fresh, dry and crisp!

Children have been learning about fire work safety and there have been some lovely bonfire and firework pictures being created in our Early Years setting .Itis such a shame that the traditional Gainford Village Bonfire Night celebrations can't take place this year as this is such a successful village project that brings the whole community together . Next year, we will just have to make a 'Guy' and a bonfire that is bigger and better than ever!

This week our Harvest produce has been delivered to 'The Well' food bank and to the 'Feeding Families' charity Both charitable organisations were over-the- moon to receive your donations and have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks . They thought we were very generous for such a small school. Well done everyone!

Children across the school have been learning about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppies that we wear. Class Swale would like to pass on their thanks to Mr Dawson (grandad of John in Class Swale) for making them a wonderful soldier silhouette; there will be a larger version of this on display in the village on Sunday.

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/>

Please inform school as soon as possible if a member of your household is being tested for coronavirus.

Quick Reminder/Appeal

If you can collect kitchen towel cardboard tubes or pringle tubes for us this would be super!

If anyone has a CD player at home that they would like to donate to school our After -School Club would love it!

An Act of Remembrance is to be held on Gainford green on Sunday 8th November at 10.30am. Our poppy-pebbles will act as markers on the ground to show people where to stand. Look out for them if you are attending the service.

Our new winter school lunch menu is on our website if you would like to see what delicious meals are being served up this term.



Attendance for this week

(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	96.09
Wear	98.06
Tees	98.35

Teachers' Awards

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

This week the theme was for politeness/good manners.

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

Class Swale	Harrison Joey
Class Wear	The whole of Class Wear! <i>(Mr Martin could not choose between them!)</i>
Class Tees	George Katie Alfie

Dates for your Diary

Bag 2 School Donations:

Tuesday 2nd November – Friday 13th November (by 9am)

School reports out 19th November

Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)

Bag 2 School

It's not too late to have a clear out and raise money for resources for school at the same time. Please try to fill a bag for school. It can include adults' and children's clothes (sorry no school or work uniform), paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, bedding, curtains, and towels (no duvets, cushions or pillows). The more they weigh the more they pay!

Class Dojo

This term we introduced a new house point system called Class Dojo. Over the course of the week the children can acquire house points for work, helpfulness, good manners, effort etc and they are added to their House Team. Each child has their own alien character, and this collects the points for them. Totals are collected at the end of the week and the house captains for the winning team raise the trophy in Friday's Celebration Assembly. Ask your child what their character looks like! Well done to Dizzy Dogs who were victorious this week!

Fun Fact

Elephants are the only animal that cannot jump!