



**Message from Mrs Riley**

Our school library may be tiny but after a makeover during the summer it is now a colourful and exciting place to be. If you think back to when we had our sponsored read last spring, we bought lots of amazing books with the money we raised. This term children across the school have been enjoying all of the new books and they have really helped to promote reading for pleasure. Books such as the 'Percy Jackson' series by Rick Reardon, the 'Cogheart' series by Peter Bunzel and 'Saxby Smart -Private Detective' have been very popular. It has been wonderful to see pupils so engaged in their reading this term.

This week the whole school took part in the two minutes silence for the act of Remembrance. Children also watched some of the recorded service that took place on the village green on Sunday.

Class Wear have now started their new Geography topic, learning all about Australia. They have also enjoyed listening to their new class story 'The Iron Man' and working on activities to do with this story.

This week Class Tees have been learning about the holocaust in their WWII topic as well as reading diary entries from WWII. In their PHSE sessions they have focused on friendships.

Children in Class Swale have had lots of fun doing Forest School activities, learning about fire safety, and creating art from natural materials.

Next week is Anti-bullying week and children across the school will be taking part in sessions covering types of bullying and strategies to deal with bullying. The campaign is being launched nationally with a 'wear odd -sock day' to highlight that differences can be celebrated. Feel free to send your child to school wearing odd socks and you can join in yourself! It is a very worthwhile campaign.

Have you had a lockdown birthday? It is not quite the same is it? So many of our children have missed out on birthday parties and sharing their birthdays with friends during lockdown periods so I have decided to let all of the children celebrate their missed birthday parties and celebrations in school! On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a party- themed school lunch, kindly provided by our wonderful kitchen staff, as well as other activities over the day. I will send out further details next week after School Council have discussed this.

**Covid-Update**

Public Health England (PHE) is reminding parents that the national COVID-19 restrictions should not stop children from receiving life-saving vaccines. The NHS is ensuring that appointments are still available and that routine vaccinations should continue to go ahead.

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

**Quick Reminder/Appeal**

Any parents/carers who need to enter the main entrance are kindly requested to wear a face covering.

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact the school.



**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 Wear** for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	98.75
Wear	98.85
Tees	97.67

**Teachers' Awards**

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

This week the theme was for Reading/phonics

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

<b>Class Swale</b>	Betty Marley
<b>Class Wear</b>	Ryan A Ivy
<b>Class Tees</b>	Aiden Joe K

**Dates for your Diary**

**School reports** out Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Anti-bullying Week Odd- Sock Day** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Birthday Celebration** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (themed school lunch)

**Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in bags of clothes for our 'Bag 2 School' appeal. These were collected today, and money raised will be spent on activities or resources for the pupils in school.

**EasyFundraising**

Why not raise extra funds for school when shopping online by going through EasyFundraising

[Friends of Gainford School Easyfundraising](#)

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations. Its free to sign up.

**School Council**

Last week School Council had their first meeting of the year .It was rather different as they couldn't all meet together because of our bubbles .Bubble 2 councillors were bubbling with ideas and one idea was to surprise the younger children, in Bubble 1, with a message and a gift to show them that even though we can't work together at this time they are missed and can still be included in ideas and decisions .How kind and considerate our school councillors are ! How wonderful Mrs Gallagher is for organising these meetings too! What gift did they decide upon? Bubbles of course!

**Fun Fact**

You share your birthday with about 9 million other people!