



**Message from Mrs Riley**

This week was Anti-bullying week and children across the school and indeed across the country took part in activities covering the different types of bullying and strategies to deal with bullying. The theme was 'United against Bullying' and the whole school were certainly united in their approach when it came to delivering our anti bullying message.

Class Wear could tell me about the different types of bullying, including cyber bullying.

Class Swale worked very hard as a team to create a full-size picture of a kind and helpful person covered in their ideas of what it means to be a good person and a friend. I saw Class Tees learning about anti-bullying through drama and roleplay and they created some fabulous posters with inspirational messages as well as advice for others to follow. I particularly liked the messages below

- 'Bullies' words leave emotional bruises'
- 'We need to unite against bullying to make sure it stops'
- 'If you can't say something nice then don't say it'
- 'We need to build each other up, not put each other down'

**Birthday Party Day -Hip Hip Horray!**

Children at our school will not miss out on a birthday party -even during lockdown! On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a party- day. There will be a themed school lunch, kindly provided by our wonderful kitchen staff, as well as games, prizes and, who knows, maybe even party bags! Many thanks to FOGS for supporting this event. It is a non-uniform day for the children too but please send them in sensible shoes!

**Covid-Update**

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

Class	Attendance %
Swale	98.75
Wear	97.67
Tees	97.67

**Teachers' Awards**

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

This week the theme was -Anti-Bullying work

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

Class Swale	Whole Class
Class Wear	Kai Henry
Class Tees	Whole Class

**Dates for your Diary**

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

**Nativity** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Lunch** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Santa Fun Run** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Secret Santa** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Class Wear Christmas Party** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Class Tees Christmas Party** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Class Swale Christmas Party** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)**

**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**

School Council worked together this week on Anti-Bullying activities. They had lots of ideas to share. Evan, Jamie and Amelia read out a prayer written by school council members focused on the theme of Anti-bullying. Tremendous teamwork School Council! Fabulous ideas for our Party -Day too!

**Fun Fact**

The name "Durham" comes from the Old English "dun", meaning hill, and the Old Norse "holme", which translates to island.