Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the first half-term of 2019. So far this year, our Year 2 class experienced a trip to Norwich Castle, Year 6 had their residential at Hilltop Outdoor Centre, the choir had a trip to Cromer to sing for the British Legion and we had various sporting events that the children took part in.

To keep you informed about National testing, we are holding parent information sessions next week *(Y1, Y2 and Y6 should have received a letter).* During these sessions, you will find out about the tests, get to see examples and be given advice as to how you can support your child at home. The dates and times for these are on the reverse of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Over the last couple of weeks there have been several incidents with traffic outside of the school and indeed inside our car park. Please can we give you a gentle reminder to take care outside the school gates, both if you are walking or driving. Safety first!

Kind regards,

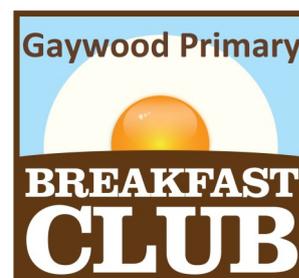Mr N.Mindham (Headteacher)

Club Booking

Booking for clubs will go live, via our website, on **Friday 15th February 2019 at 6pm** *(Main Page > Yellow 'Bookings' tab at the bottom of the page or https:// gaywood.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/).*

Look out for our selection of after school clubs and make sure you book quickly to avoid disappointment.

Breakfast Club

Booking forms for breakfast club can be obtained from the office or via our website *(Parents > Forms)* **£2.90** per session including a hot and/or cold breakfast.

Parents Consultations

Parent consultations for the Spring term will be held on **Tuesday 12th March** from 3:20pm to 6:50pm and **Wednesday 13th March** 3:20pm to 5:50pm. Booking will go live at **6pm on Monday 18th February 2019** via the website *(Main Page > Yellow 'Bookings' tab at the bottom of the page or https://gaywood.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/).*

Attendance

Attendance and lateness is a big concern at the moment at Gaywood Primary. Some of you may have already had a letter expressing concern about your child's attendance or had a meeting with one of our Assistant Head teachers about ways to improve attendance.

As a school, we need to do everything we can to ensure attendance is in line or above national guidelines. Please work with us to improve attendance. We will send home attendance information at the end of each half-term.

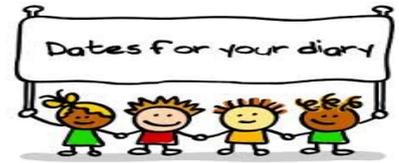| Rec	Robin = 88%	Wren = 98%
Y1	Finch = 98.3%	Sparrow = 90.6%
Y2	Blackbird = 92.6%	Starling = 93.5%
Y3	Swallow = 88.9%	Swift = 92.8%
Y4	Jackdaw = 95%	Raven = 95.9%
Y5	Kingfisher = 93%	Heron = 97%
Y6	Peregrine = 93.9%	Kestrel = 94.5%

Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that Miss Nowrung will be returning from maternity leave next week. She will be working with Mrs Bocking in Robin Class.

Mrs Rose and Miss Legge will be moving on to exciting new opportunities at the end of this half-term. Mrs Rose will be working in one of the local high schools and Miss Legge will be working with children in a different capacity. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for their hard work and wish them well in their new roles.

PTA Sponsored Bounce

We are all looking forward to the sponsored bounce that takes place on **Friday 15th February** organised by the PTA.

Sponsor forms can be downloaded from our website and hard copies can be obtained from the school office.

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th February

Y6 SATs Presentation

3pm & 5pm

Tuesday 12th February

Y1 Phonics Presentation

2.30pm & 5pm

Wednesday 13th February

Y2 SATs Presentation

2.30pm & 5pm

Friday 15th February

Sponsored Bounce

Friday 15th February

Break Up

Monday 25th February

Return to School

Wednesday 6th March to 13th March

Bookfair

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March & Wednesday 13th March

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 19th March

PTA Cinema Event

Monday 1st April

Y4 trip to Norfolk Railway

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