



Gaywood Primary School

Newsletter - September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that the start of the new academic year is going well and the children have settled well in their new classes. Hopefully you would have been able to attend the 'meet the teacher parent sessions' but if not, please feel free to contact your class teacher using ClassDojo. Our Year 6 children have been on their residential trip to Norfolk Lakes this week and have had a wonderful time - watch out for pictures in the next newsletter! Our other classes are arranging trips for this academic year and we will endeavour to give you plenty of notice.

Here's to a productive academic year!

Kind regards, Mr Mindham (Executive Headteacher)

Healthy Snack

A polite reminder to say, where possible, could you send your child to school with a healthy snack and a water bottle for break-time. Thank you.



Cauliflower Cards



This term we have once again decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

The children have all been working hard creating their own Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalized Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for all updated regarding Cauliflower Cards.

Blue Peter Badge



Well done to Harleigh-May from Year 4 for being awarded a blue peter badge for her 'excellent work litter picking'.

Harleigh earned a green, blue peter badge in recognition for her efforts to look after the local natural environment.

Lateness

Please ensure all children are arriving to school on time. Any child arriving to school late will be required to have a parent/carer with them to sign a late register.

The School day starts promptly at 8:40am



Springwood Music Performance

Last week on Thursday Year 5/6 went to Springwood to watch a music performance. The band was made up of past students from Gaywood Primary School as well as teachers. The band performed songs from artists such as Adele and Queen which the children really enjoyed. The children also had the chance to learn about many different instruments and the sounds they can produce.

The children were very inspired to see the performance and asked lots of great questions.



Christmas Performances

The Christmas performances will be on the following dates:

Friday 8th December - **EYFS**
Monday 11th December - **Year 6**
Tuesday 12th December - **KS1**
Wednesday 13th December -
Year 5
Thursday 14th December - **Year 4**
Friday 15th December - **Year 3**

Keeping Children Safe

We all have a duty to protect children and young people from harm. If you have any concerns about a child or young person in Norfolk it is always best to share them. If you think a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999.

If a child is not in immediate danger but at risk of harm contact the Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on 0344 800 8020. Children's Services will listen to your call. They may act immediately to keep a child safe and they also work with families to offer support at difficult times. You can also contact a member of the Healthy Child Programme by calling Just One Number on 0300 300 0123 or texting Parentline on 07520631590. Our opening hours are 8am-6pm Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays) and 9am-1pm on Saturdays.

School Lunches, Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Please can we remind all parents, Breakfast and After school clubs must be booked by midnight the night before.

Please be reminded that if you are late collecting your child from school at their allotted finish time, they will be sent to the wraparound club and you will be charged £3.00 for the session.

After School club finishes at 4.15pm, two late collections from clubs will result in an additional £5.00 charge as well as a one week ban from all after-school clubs, so please ensure you are collecting your child on time.

Please ensure school lunches are being booked by 12pm Sunday night for the following week. Last week we had over 100 lunches not booked which had a massive impact on Lunchtime & Co's kitchen staff being able to provide meals for all children.



Friday 20th October
Break Up

Monday 30th October
Return to school

Tuesday 31st October
Individual Photos

Thursday 2nd November
Y2 Pensthorpe Trip

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