



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Friday 26th February 2021



Message from the Headteacher

Good News! As I mentioned in my earlier email, we are now set to open our school doors to all of our pupils from Monday 8th March. It will be wonderful to have all children back in school, learning and playing together and experiencing all aspects of school life. School offers so much more than just academic work and study and we are looking forward to each and every child embracing all aspects of school life again. One more week of home learning to go so there is light at the end of the tunnel!

It has been wonderful to see the work children are doing at home, whether this is on Tapestry for Class Swale children or on Teams or on paper for Class Wear and Class Tees children. We have had work dropped off at school too and we cannot thank parents and carers enough for supporting their child's learning during this challenging time. I must also thank school staff for juggling school and home learning and recognise the effort and commitment they have placed on supporting all of our pupils.

If your child is learning at home, please talk to them about returning to school; they may be excited about the return, but some may be anxious too. Please reassure them that the staff in school will be there to support them back into the routine of school.

We still need to work as a whole school community to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. All Staff in school now have twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Covid tests and we continue to urge all members of our school community to abide by the latest government directives and advice re Covid measures.

World Book Day

This year, Gainford's 'World Book Day' has a different date to everyone else! We have decided to put this back to Thursday 11th March so that we can celebrate with all of our pupils in school. Children will be able to come dressed as a favourite character, or in non-uniform. Staff are already planning for activities to be delivered across the week to make the first week back great for learning but good fun too.

Art/DT Project

Miss Farley has put together all of the artworks sent into her, with a focus on 'The Positive Aspects of Lockdown'. A few late entries will also be added to this fabulous montage. Click on the link to see what creative talent we have in our school community! Well done -it looks fabulous !

<https://padlet.com/mfarley300/mcwl2e2pfus537t1>

Community Lent Project

As I mentioned last week school, church and the local community are on a mission to save empty crisp packets to make into blankets (yes blankets!) to be distributed to homeless people. If you do have some crisps and they are in a foil packet, please save the empty packets for school, they could end up helping to keep someone warm! We need 300 to make one blanket so please send them to us for recycling. Here is a link to give you an idea of the project -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bfhwRwghVA>

Take care and have a lovely weekend! Mrs Riley

Covid-Update

If you or your family members have any symptoms of Coronavirus, please ensure all members of your household self-isolate. Please book in for a test. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and follow the stay-at-home guidance.

Here is a link to the latest government guidance on easing out of lockdown.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Quick Reminder

If you do need to come into the main entrance of school will you, please wear a face covering.

Please remember to book and pay for your child(ren)'s meals in readiness for when we return to school on 8th March.



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Governing Body update

We Need You!

We need a parent governor to join our Governing Body. We have a fantastic Governing Body Team, and they work with the Headteacher to make strategic decisions for the school. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact Mrs Riley for a chat about the role.

You must have a child in any year group from Reception to Year 6 (not pre-school only).

Teachers' Awards

Home Learning Superstars

Watch out for 'Home Learning Superstar' postcards dropping through letter boxes. Who knows it could be you!

This week awards are for work on maths and home learning.

Class Swale	School	Bonnie
	Home	Preston
Class Wear	School	Lyla & George
	Home	Dexter
Class Tees	School	Olivia
	Home	Joseph B

Dates for your Diary

Return to School for all pupils Monday 8th March

Gainford World Book Day Thursday 11th March

Break for Easter Friday 26th March

Teacher Training Day Monday 12th April - school closed to pupils

Return to School Tuesday 13th March

Friends of Gainford School

FOGS, our fabulous parents' action group, donated £200 for technology projects in school.

This donation is being put to very good use. It helped to purchase ingredients for children to conjure up delicious Chinese food during our Chinese New Year week. It will also be used to support supplies for Forest School sessions for all classes throughout the year.

THANKS!

HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for hard work and effort in school and at home this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and **Dizzy Dogs** have come out on top this week!

DIZZY DOGS **219**

FANTASTIC FOXES **117**

LEAPING LIONS **190**

COOL CATS **137**

Fun Fact from Year 6 The lowest temperature recorded in the UK is -27.2°C on **30 December 1995**, in Altnaharra, Sutherland, and on **10 January 1982**, also at Braemar.