



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 26th March 2021



Message from Mrs Riley

Services

On Thursday 25th March we held our two Easter Services, sadly without parents and carers being able to attend. All children took part in the service at St Mary's Church and Reverend Eileen Harrop led both services. Although we aren't allowed to sing in church we were entertained by Class Swale who had recorded their songs for all to share. They certainly brought a smile to everyone's faces! Class Wear shared their work on the Last Supper and Class Tees read some of their wonderful accounts of the Easter Story.

Elizabeth (Class Wear) "I liked it because we all shared what we had learnt about Easter"

Ryan (Class Wear) "I liked the Class Swale songs because they were entertaining!"

Fighting Loneliness Campaign

We were contacted by a Community Champion based at Morrison's in Barnard Castle to see if we could help support the Fighting Loneliness campaign. Children were very keen to help and jumped at the chance to make Easter cards to share with residents of local care homes. Hopefully their delightful cards and thoughtful messages will bring a smile to the residents over the Easter holiday.

Topics Next Term

Teachers are busy planning class activities for next term. Class Swale will be learning about Minibeasts, Class Wear will learn all about the Ancient Egyptians and Class Tees will learn about the Anglo-Saxons as well as their Geography topic 'Europe'. We are looking forward to an exciting summer term!

Class Swale Staff

We are sad to say that Miss Buck will be leaving us this term. We are very grateful for the work she has given to our school and we all wish her well for the future.

Covid-Update

During this holiday period, parents and carers need to inform the school of a positive case where their child has developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. School will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. If your child has a positive test within 48 hours of being in school please contact school on the school mobile **07425 615874**.

Where pupils test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you do not need to inform school. Staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Quick Reminder

From March 25th the household mixing rules are changing. Gatherings of either 6 people (The Rule of 6) or 2 households will be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet **outside**. Please consider the safety of friends, family and school staff as well as our critical workers in the NHS when meeting with others over the holiday period.

If your child is in Class Swale can you please make sure that they and their older siblings arrive for school at 8.45am as the second bubble of children arrive at 9.00am and we do not want these children to mix.



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Attendance w/e 26.3.21

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 Tees for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	95.6
Wear	96.4
Tees	97.5

Teachers' Awards

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

Every week the Gold Headteacher's Award has a theme and staff nominate pupils to receive this award.

This week's theme: Easter activities

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

Class Swale	Ada Ronnie (and all of Class Swale for singing Easter song !)
Class Wear	Ollie Evie
Class Tees	Daisy

Dates for your Diary

Break for Easter Friday 26th March

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

Return to School Tuesday 13th April

Break for Half Term Thursday 27th May

Return to School Monday 7th June

Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)

A huge THANKYOU to FOGS for funding the fabulous Easter Egg Hunts that have taken place for each class this week. They were thoroughly enjoyed by all of the pupils.

House points/Dojo points

Well done to Fantastic Foxes! It was a close run battle this week!

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Fun Fact Why do we change the clocks in the UK? The change was introduced back in 1916 in an effort to save energy and help the war effort during the First World War. The Summer Time Act 1916 advanced the clocks by one hour. Historically this was important because people did not have electricity or other means to enable work beyond daylight hours.

Don't forget to 'spring-forward' your clocks this weekend!