



## GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



#### **Message from the Headteacher**

We have had a fabulous week in school with pupils working extremely hard. I had the opportunity to visit classrooms this week and watch the children at work for their morning lessons and it was wonderful to see how they have built up their resilience for working since school reopened to all pupils in March. There was lots of opportunity for collaborative working. The pupils in our Early Years setting were also engaged in developing their phonics skills as well as lots of collaborative play. Let's hope that we can all continue to stay together in school and not go back to home learning!

#### **Investing in Children Award**

We received great news to finish off our week in school. Our school has been awarded the Investing in Children Award! Investing in Children works to ensure that children and young people have a voice and are able to influence the services they use. Along with a wonderful certificate Gainford Primary School has been 'awarded membership because it involves children and young people in dialogue that leads to change'. The assessor must have been very impressed with our school council and he wanted to say a special thank you to Joe, Olivia, Katie and Grace from Class Tees who provided the evidence for the report. A special thank you must be sent to Mrs Gallagher for working with our school council across the year. Well done!

#### **Communicating with Class Teachers**

Although we aren't able to have parents calling into school at the moment please do remember that your child's class teacher is available via email or telephone. Trying to have conversations at the gate isn't always easy due to social distancing measures. Just call school or email your child's class teacher directly. We are here to help even if it can't always be face-to face.

#### **Getting Crafty**

Pupils across the school have been involved in all things arty this week! Class Tees have now made an array of shields and weapons to fit in with life in Anglo Saxon times. Class Swale have had a super snail week making snails out of card and I am sure I saw doughnut snails too! Class Wear couldn't paint until they had actually made their own paintbrushes out of sticks and leaves, like they did in the times of the Ancient Egyptians.

#### **Covid-19 Update**

If you do take an LFD test and get a positive result please remember that you will then need to book in for the PCR test and your household will need to self-isolate until the test result comes back.

#### **Quick Reminder**

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

Thank you for keeping your distance when dropping off and collecting your child/children. This is very much appreciated.



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### Attendance w/e 14.5.21

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	89.4
Wear	92.8
Tees	98.7

### Gold Headteacher Awards

This week awards are for ICT/Computing. As part of our Computing curriculum children also learn how to keep safe on line

<b>Class Swale</b>	Freddie Arthur
<b>Class Wear</b>	Ollie Jay
<b>Class Tees</b>	Laurence

Next week the award is for handwriting and letter formation.

### Dates for your Diary

**Break for Half Term** - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
**CPD Day for staff** – closed to pupils Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
**Return to School** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
**Last Day of Summer Term** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
**Secondary Transition Dates:**  
**Staindrop** 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**Teesdale** 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**Hummersknott** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July

### New Governors

After recent appeals for Governors we are now able to welcome Barry Divers (parent governor) and Nicola Trow (co-opted governor) to our Governing Body.

The Governing Body are looking forward to welcoming them at the summer term Full Governing Body Meeting.

### We are a Rights Respecting School

#### **Rights Respecting - Article 20**

- Governments must do all they can to ensure children are placed in a safe environment if they cannot live with their parents.

### 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 Fantastic Foxes have been victorious this week.

<u>DIZZY DOGS</u>	194	<u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u>	195
<u>LEAPING LIONS</u>	154	<u>COOL CATS</u>	188