



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER Friday 21st May 2021



Message from the Headteacher

New Playground Equipment

There was great excitement on Monday as new play equipment was installed on our playground. In previous years we have managed to access funding to replace the equipment for our older pupils and this week it was the turn for our younger pupils. Class Swale children had given their design ideas to the School Council and Mrs Muir, who was our lead on this project, took their ideas to the company making the equipment who then incorporated them into the final product. They added a pole to slide down and a slide as suggested by the children but sadly not a splash pool at the end of it! For some reason this did not seem too practical!

Staindrop Academy – Summer School (Year 5 & 6)

Staff at Staindrop Academy have been very busy planning summer school activities for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. This includes

Week 1 – ‘Everyone’s a Wonder’, Monday 26th July – Friday 30th July 9.30 am-2.30pm

Week 2 – ‘Staindrop at the Olympics’, Monday 2nd August – Friday 6th August 9.30am-2.30pm

Bus pick-ups available from the primary schools (although school will be closed)

Lunch and snacks are provided free of charge every day.

If you would like to sign up your Y5 or Y6 child, please use the links below.

Please sign up here <https://bit.ly/3btkqgx>

If you have any questions, please email summerschool21@staindropschool.com.

Please do not contact our school as we are unable to make bookings etc.

Bringing smiles to Gainford residents

Class Swale have been trying to bring a few smiles to people in our village so if you are walking by the river look out for some little creatures made by the children along with a poem carefully written out by Noah. We have already had 3 residents contacting school saying the small gifts and lovely poem really did bring a smile to their faces. A super gesture from Swale children!

Have a lovely weekend – C Riley

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

Our last day at school this half term is Thursday 27th May due to a Teacher Training Day on Friday 28th.

Can we please ask that children keep all toys at home. If their own toys are brought to school and mislaid this usually ends in tears!

Please remember to keep the office up to date with any changes to your child’s details, e.g. address, telephone numbers or lunchtime arrangements.



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Attendance w/e 21.05.21

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	93.75
Wear	94.40
Tees	98.75

Gold Headteacher Awards

This week awards are for letter formation and handwriting. This might be for letter formation, joining letters or all-round improvement with handwriting.

Class Swale	Toby Harry Camilla
Class Wear	whole class
Class Tees	Zac Evan

Dates for your Diary

Break for Half Term - Thursday 27th May

CPD Day for staff – closed to pupils Friday 28th May

Return to School Monday 7th June

Last Day of Summer Term – Tuesday 20th July

Secondary Transition Dates:

Staindrop 8th & 9th July

Teesdale 8th & 9th July

Hummersknott 5th & 6th July

New Developments in School

We should soon have funding through from the Neighbourhood Budget of two local county councillors. This is to help us develop our allotment area in our school grounds.

The children had asked for a greenhouse, new gardening tools and equipment as well as a shed for storage. With new paving and a new fence planned we are hoping that our allotment area will soon be ready to welcome all of the keen gardeners in school.

We are a Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting – Article 2

The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.

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 this week it is draw between Dogs and Cats!

<u>DIZZY DOGS</u> 118	<u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u> 104
<u>LEAPING LIONS</u> 108	<u>COOL CATS</u> 118