



# GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021



### Message from the Headteacher

Well, what a surprise! A half term full of wonderful weather including the Bank Holiday too. It was a super boost after a long lockdown-winter and a very wet spring. I think it was the boost that we all needed.

As we start our last half term of this academic year it is good to see that some of the restrictions are being lifted. Although we are not going on residential visits, we are now able to take children to events such as the outdoor sporting festivals that are planned for July. All of our Year 5 pupils will also be getting a taste of secondary education on Friday afternoons from today, with lots of taster lessons planned at Staindrop Academy, all with covid measures and risk assessments in place and children still remaining in their class bubble. Starting today with science it is a fabulous way to access teaching and resources delivered by specialist teachers. The children became Crime Scene Investigators in the 'Case of the Cake Thief' and used science skills to identify the culprit.

"It was a great science lesson. I can recommend it!"

"We got to learn about chromatography -it's tricky science but it was fun. "

As more of us get our vaccinations, the greater the chances that the Government guidance will change for schools. I really do hope that we end the summer term with restrictions in school lifted and all children being able to celebrate and learn together once more.

Our annual writing competition will be launched on Monday with all of our pupils and there will be prizes for all year groups. It is a real opportunity to celebrate the progress the children are making not only with the composition of their writing but also progress made with handwriting and presentation too.

Have a lovely weekend - Mrs Riley

This is to ensure the safety of all pupils and parents.

Bubble 2 - Class Wear and Class Tees, need to arrive for 9.00am.

All children in Bubble 1 -Class Swale and their older siblings, please arrive at school for 8.45am.

### Quick Reminder

### Covid-19 Update

- Residents can book an rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test online at [www.bookwhen.com/dcc\\_testing](http://www.bookwhen.com/dcc_testing) or contact County Durham Together Community Hub on 03000 260 260 if you have no internet access.
- You can check the location of all County Durham LFD sites, opening times and get directions at <https://countydurham.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- You can also collect LFD testing kits at a community collect sites and pharmacies across County Durham. Find your nearest collection point <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>  
Boots at Barnard Castle
- Lastly you can order a home LFD test kit online to be delivered to your home at [Gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://Gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)
- Please remember, anyone who takes a home test must always register their result at [Gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://Gov.uk/report-covid19-result)



**Attendance for this week**

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

Class Attendance %
Swale 96.25
Wear 98.46
Tees 95.31

**Gold Headteacher Awards**

This week awards are for super effort

<b>Class Swale</b>	Joey, Freddie Ada
<b>Class Wear</b>	Archie
<b>Class Tees</b>	The Whole Class (Mrs Kidd could not choose between them this week!)

Next week the award is for Acts of Kindness

**Dates for your Diary**

**Secondary School Transition Days**

- Staindrop 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Teesdale Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 4pm – 5.14pm
- Hummersknot 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Leavers' Service at Church** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July am – (pupils only at the moment but fingers crossed parents can be invited too if restrictions allow)

**Last Day of Summer Term** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Return to School** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

***Appeal***

Do any parents or carers have a Treasure Chest type box/trunk we could use in school? We would love to borrow one for a couple of weeks!

**We are a Rights Respecting School**

**Rights Respecting - Article 29**

Goals of Education, which gets children thinking about the many reasons why education is important

**House points /Dojo points**

Well done for hard work and effort in school this week! Leaping Lions have come out on top-although it was very close!

**DIZZY DOGS** 306

**FANTASTIC FOXES** 255

**LEAPING LIONS** 307

**COOL CATS** 304