



# GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021



### Message from the Headteacher

#### Saying Goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers

Well today we said our goodbyes to our Year 6 Leavers as they now get ready to take the next step onto their secondary education. After having a Leaver's Service in a Bubble in 2020 I really could not have predicted that we would have to do this again this year. They are a Year 6 group who have had to cope with the most disrupted year, and they have done so admirably. The Year 4 and Year 5 children made a super banner, Reverend Eileen sent through a wonderful, recorded service and they all shared their memories before being presented with a gift from school and church. We tried to make it a special service but we all would have liked to have shared it with parents and carers and in St Mary's Church too.

#### Take a bow!

I must say a huge thank you to all of our school team who have worked tirelessly throughout this very challenging school year to support children at home and in school. A big thank you to parents and carers who took on the role of home schooling -not always easy !With lockdowns, bubbles going home and self-isolating too there is not much else that could have been thrown at us this year . Thankfully our families, parents and pupils are well and that is the main thing.

#### Return to school in September

For those returning to our school in September we will be returning to our usual school hours .With Bubbles sent home towards the end of this term and with some staff, pupils and parents experiencing Covid or still isolating it is quite difficult to see this week as the start of any type of 'Freedom' .However for those children returning to our school in September the advice from the government so far is that we will be returning to school without bubbles -all being well ! We will also be going back to our 'pre-bubble' starting and finishing times hours

All pupils will start at 8.55am. Pupils are allowed on the playground from 8.45am.

All pupils will finish at 3.30pm. Wrap around care will be on as usual.

If there are any changes during the summer break, I will keep you informed.

Have a lovely break. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy C Riley

#### Writing Competition

The children and staff eagerly awaited the announcement of the winners of the writing competition. The theme was pirates and the standard of entries was very high indeed. Mrs Taylor, one of our Foundation Governors, helped with the judging. The writing was full of skeletons, pirate ships cannonballs and scary Pirates!

Preschool - Preston    Reception - Toby    Year 1 – Ada    Year 2 - Joe    Year 3 - Kai    Year 4 - Ollie  
Year 5 - Alice    Year 6 - Katie

#### Quick Reminder

Change of school meal prices from September 2021

Preschool -£2.26    All other pupils- £2.15

Breakfast Club and After school Club will be on as usual 7.45am -8.55am and 3.30pm – 5.30pm



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### Attendance Award Trophy for 2021

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to Class Tees for winning the attendance award for 2021.

Class Attendance for the year%
Swale 96.8%
Wear 95.3%
Tees 97.08%

### Sports Awards

The Most Outstanding Athlete award went to Beth Coupland.

The Award for Excellent Sportsmanship went to Isaac Pratt.

A very well done to both of these Year 6 pupils and we all hope that they will continue their sporting achievements as they move onto secondary school

Their names will be engraved onto our trophies for all time !

### Dates for your Diary

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

**Break up for Autumn half term** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Teacher Training Day (closed to pupils)** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Break up for Christmas** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Return to School** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Break up for Spring Half Term** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

### School Meals

Please note the changes to the price for school meals. This is from September 2021

Preschool -£2.26

All other pupils- £2.15

### Ice creams for all!

The 'Wonderfully Whippy' ice cream van turned up at school today. What a treat on one of the hottest days of the year! Lollies and ice-cream cones went down very well with pupils and staff!

### Covid-19 Update

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter I sent out on Monday just informing you of the changes to Test and Trace Please read through it and keep in a safe place in case you need this advice over the holidays. I will keep you updated with any changes to advice issued for schools during the summer break.

### House points Trophy

The overall winners of the House point trophy for 2021 were the Dizzy. Well done!

**DIZZY DOGS** 10 times

**FANTASTIC FOXES** 6 times

**LEAPING LIONS** 6 times

**COOL CATS** 5 times