



### Message from the Headteacher

#### Ready Steady Read

As a school we always encourage reading for pleasure and our children have told us that they like to read fiction books, non-fiction books, comics, magazines, reading on Kindles and on-line.

Next Monday is the first day of our week-long sponsored reading event 'Ready, Steady Read.' We are hoping that you will encourage your child to read every day. They can also have stories read to them or read to their siblings or other family members too. We would love it if they could be sponsored for this so that we can raise money to purchase new, exciting reading materials for all pupils in school. Thanks to parent Sarah Hunt for organising this through Usborne Books; the firm have also kindly offered to top up any money raised to allow us to order even more books! Fabulous!

#### New Faces in School

This week we welcomed Mr Matt Hindmarsh into our school. He is a third year teaching student from York St. John University and will be based in Class Swale for a ten week placement. He will be teaching some of the sessions in Class Swale with Miss Farley acting as his mentor throughout the placement. r Goodfellow, a PE teacher from Staindrop Academy, is also in school every Tuesday and will be coaching Class Tees pupils. This term they are working on High 5 Netball skills.

#### Covid - Updated Advice on self-isolation and testing.

With regards to Covid it seems quite tricky to stay updated with the frequent changes to self-isolation and testing. Here is a summary of the latest advice.

- **From Monday, 17 January 2022, people with COVID-19 can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a high temperature.**
- **You can take an LFD test from 5 days after the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. If both these test results are negative, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test.**
- **You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results. However, staff who work in health and social care must carry on with additional daily LFD tests up to day 10.**
- **The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart**

**All guidance is included in the attached document.**

#### Summer Fayre (Yes, it's still winter!)

Although it is a long way off our parents' action group FoGS (Friends of Gainford School) are already looking to hold a summer fayre and a summer raffle. If you have a business or know of a business that would be prepared to donate a prize for the Big Summer Raffle can you please let school or FoGS know as we will need to have tickets printed well in advance.

Stay safe and well and enjoy the weekend

Mrs Riley

#### Quick Reminder

Please ensure packed lunches are nut free and please do not send your child to school with nuts for a snack.

Please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle to school every day; this can be refilled during the day as required.



# GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

'Together we love, learn and flourish'



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attendance w/e 21.01.2022</b></p> <p>Our Minimum Target is 96%</p> <p>Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.</p> <p>A special well done to Class Swale for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="113 723 762 887"><thead><tr><th>Class</th><th>Attendance %</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Swale</td><td>96.67%</td></tr><tr><td>Wear</td><td>94.44%</td></tr><tr><td>Tees</td><td>83.21%</td></tr></tbody></table>	Class	Attendance %	Swale	96.67%	Wear	94.44%	Tees	83.21%	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gold Headteacher Awards</b></p> <p>Awards for Topic work activities and demonstrating independent skills or good team skills</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="833 591 1489 819"><tbody><tr><td><b>Class Swale</b></td><td>Freddie, Jessica</td></tr><tr><td><b>Class Wear</b></td><td>Kai, Elizabeth</td></tr><tr><td><b>Class Tees</b></td><td>Lydia H, Ellie</td></tr></tbody></table>	<b>Class Swale</b>	Freddie, Jessica	<b>Class Wear</b>	Kai, Elizabeth	<b>Class Tees</b>	Lydia H, Ellie
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>We are a Rights Respecting School</b></p> <p><b>Rights Respecting</b> – Article 12 Every child has the right to have say in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.</p>															
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points</b></p> <p>Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and those Cool Cats have come out on top!</p>															
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