



Well having Covid but paid to my plans for the weekend (I am hoping to be back in school later this week). Although we are now 'living with Covid' in school we still continue to ensure a rigorous approach to respiratory hygiene and handwashing; hopefully this will help keep viruses at bay. As well as Covid still being around we also have several of our younger pupils with Chicken Pox. Due to previous lockdowns and social distancing there are more children than usual who have not been exposed to this virus This tends to be a common infection in children and it is highly contagious; please be on the look-out for any signs of chicken pox. Here is a link to further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

I do hope that the dry weather is finally going to signal the start of some lovely summer sunshine. If the weather does start to warm up please send your child to school with sun cream(named) or wearing sunscreen and a hat – we do have spare caps in school if required. Water bottles can be topped up throughout the day and if your child does forget their bottle we do have spares in school.

#### Gainford Bear

If you are planning on a trip or a holiday and your child would like to take along Gainford Bear (he's quite small) he would love to go! He's recently been to Paris, Scotland, a climbing wall, a tractor shows and even featured in a Punch and Judy show! All we ask is that you send us some photos of what he got up to and tell us where he has been so they can be added to our display and shared with all of the pupils in school. Your child can call in at my office to collect him or ask their class teacher to check if he is available.

#### Gainford Fun Day

Gainford Fun Day is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and this year's theme is Kings and Queens. I know that many of our children enjoy the whole day including the fancy dress and all of the activities on offer. FoGS will be having a cuddly toy stall to raise funds for school. **If you could donate any cuddly toys in good condition please send them into school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

#### Year 6 Leaver's Service

All Year 6 pupils who attend Church of England schools are invited to Durham Cathedral for a Leavers' Service before they move onto their new secondary schools. Due to Covid and lockdowns this hasn't taken place over the last few years so it was wonderful for our current year 6 pupils to be able to attend this year. On Thursday morning they travelled with Ingleton pupils to Durham Cathedral where they were joined by almost 500 other pupils. The Bishop of Durham, Bishop Paul, led the service and the children took part in different activities across the morning; the activities made them reflect on their time at Gainford and also helped them to identify what they were looking forward to at their new schools.

Alice and George carried the school banner down the aisle and all of the year 6 pupils were fantastic ambassadors for our school. It was certainly a very memorable occasion. We will put some photographs onto our school website this week. They will also have the school's own Leavers' Service to look forward to at St Mary's Church on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> July.



### Summer Raffle and Summer Games Night/Fayre

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-6pm we will be holding a Games Night & Fayre for all of our school families. You are more than welcome to come along with other family members too.

There will be lots of stalls and games including bottle tombola, jar tombola, hook a duck, penalty shoot-out, face painting and lots more as well as a cake stall with coffee and tea. Our Big Summer Raffle will also be drawn on this night. Some fabulous prizes have been donated by local businesses.

Raffle tickets have been sent out to all families and if money, ticket stubs and any unsold tickets can be returned by 8<sup>th</sup> July we would very much appreciate this. We also have more tickets available in the school office if you require them. All of the money raised will be used by FoGS to benefit all of the children in school. Thank you to everyone for support with this so far and please have a look at our Appeal list below to see if you can help in anyway.

**Class Tees** have enjoyed Forest School activities with Mrs Muir this week, taking their learning outside of the classroom. They have also been working very hard on their end of year production Pirates of The Curry Bean! I am sure it will be a fabulous show!

**Class Wear** children wrote some very persuasive letters all about the benefits of sending them to the coast to learn more about their coastal topic. The letters arrived on my desk and were so persuasive I did have to agree to an educational visit to South Shields and the pesky pirates from class Swale will be going too! Thank you to FoGS for their donation towards this visit -this all helps to keep the costs down for parents /carers.

**Class Swale** children appear to have been turned into pirates to match this term's Pirate topic! They have portholes on the classroom windows, a skeleton in the classroom and they are all searching for treasure across the school! They are really enjoying their pirate stories too.

Hope everyone has good week

*C Riley*

### Reminders/Appeals

**For our Summer Fayre and Games night we are in need of:-**

- Bottle gift bags
- Bottles of alcohol for the tombola stall
- Filled glass jars (filled with rubbers, bobbles, sweets, marbles, crayons etc) and empty jars with or without lids
- Pringle tubes (or similar)
- Cuddly toys by 24<sup>th</sup> June

### **We are a Nut- Free school**

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

### Covid Information

- Adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection and who have a high temperature or feel unwell should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others until they can resume normal activities and no longer have a temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and/or have a high temperature should follow the same advice.
- Adults with a positive Covid test result should try to stay home and avoid others for 5 days
- Children with a positive Covid test are advised to stay home for 3 days



### Attendance w/e10.06 .2022

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

A special well done to **Class Swale** for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	94.67
Wear	94.00
Tees	93.09

### Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards made by class teachers this week were for Reading

<b>Class Swale</b>	Harry & Joey
<b>Class Wear</b>	Kai, Dexter & Seb
<b>Class Tees</b>	Ava & Alfie

Next week the award will be for writing

### Diary Dates

**Teacher Training Day** School closed to pupils - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Secondary visit dates

- Tessedale Academy 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Staindrop Academy 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July
- St Francis Xavier, Richmond 11<sup>th</sup> July (full day tbc) and 7<sup>th</sup> July (am only)

**Messy Church session.** St Marys Church Gainford Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June pm

**South Shields Educational Visit 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Class Swale & Class Wear

**Year 6 Leavers' Service** St Mary's Church, Gainford Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am

**Class Tees Production**-Pirates of The Curry Bean Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm & 6pm

**Sports Day** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July pm

**Last Day of Term** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Return to School** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Clubs for the Summer Term

**Clubs are £4.50 for the hour session or £6.75 for 1 hour and 30-minute sessions**

**Computing Club 3.30-4.30pm** Mr Martin Open to Tees and Wear pupils  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (not 20<sup>th</sup>) 27<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> July -still places available

**Athletics Club** with Kyle Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm  
Open to Class Wear and Tees  
6<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Forest School Club** with Mrs Muir. 3.30-5.00pm  
06.07.2022 Open to Class Wear and Class Tees pupils



## GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022



'Together we love, learn and flourish'

### Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

The next FoGS meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. This will be via Teams. If you would like to join in even just to find out how you could help with up-and-coming fundraising events then please contact [Gainfordfogs@gmail.com](mailto:Gainfordfogs@gmail.com).

We really do need lots of help with the Summer Fayre on the 14<sup>th</sup> July so please come along to the meeting if you think that you can help in any way

### We are a Rights Respecting School

**Article 2** -Children are learning about fairness and about being protected from all kinds of discrimination. They are learning that we all have a right to enjoy sport regardless of age, gender, disability race or background. Children are looking at how sport can promote fairness and equality.

### HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been added up and those Leaping Lions have come out on top!

<b>DIZZY DOGS</b>	182	<b>FANTASTIC FOXES</b>	212
<b>LEAPING LIONS</b>	226	<b>COOL CATS</b>	150