



What a quiet end to the week with the majority of our Year 6 pupils visiting their secondary schools! I am sure I will hear lots of feedback about their visits. Our Year 6 children will also be getting their SATS results this week. They have worked incredibly hard during the last year following on from some very disruptive school years due to Covid and we are all very proud of them.

### **Childhood vaccinations**

Health colleagues have highlighted that nationally Measles is circulating. Although there have not been any confirmed cases regionally or in school now is a good time to check your child's vaccination status. It's never too late to have your MMR. For more information please follow the link [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine)

### **Abstract Art Session**

On Friday Class Tees and Class Wear took part in an art lesson along with children in 300 other primary schools! The session was delivered on line by Picture News and children across the country looked at the work of different artists, created their own plans for their work, then chose the materials to complete an abstract piece of art. It was a wonderful morning with lots of super art work produced.

### **Holiday Activities with Healthy Food – Summer 2022:**

Whether it's finding fun things for children to do, paying for extra childcare, or even just all that extra food they seem to eat, the school holidays can be a struggle for many families. This Summer the Local Authorities Fun and Food programme is providing fun activities with healthy food for children and young people. Activities are provided by range of partners including schools, voluntary and community sector groups and sport and leisure services.

For information on Fun and Food activities during the Summer holidays check out [www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood](http://www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood)

### **Darlington Libraries Super Reading Challenge**

Over the summer holidays libraries across the county are hosting lots of amazing activities and setting exciting reading challenges. Andrew Hamilton, from Darlington library, came along to tell the children about Darlington and Cockerton's summer reading challenge. Every time children visit borrow some books they will have the chance to win exciting prizes including a Nintendo Switch, Harry Potter Lego, Family pantomime tickets, Night Mission Goggles, soft toys, a Meta Quest VR Headset, superhero toys and lots more!

They also hold a Lego Club every Saturday and will be having Musical Theatre days full of singing and dancing and visits from authors and illustrators such as Liz Million. Children can borrow up to 15 books and can keep them for up to 3 weeks. This is a great way to encourage your child to keep reading during the summer holidays before they return to school or move onto secondary school. It is certainly worth calling in if you are in Darlington Please see the flyer on the notice board outside the school gates.

### **Open the Book**

Many thanks to our friends at St Mary's Church who delivered an Open the Book Session this week. They retell stories from the Bible and certainly make our collective worship sessions great fun with children joining in with singing, actions and acting parts too. The theme was 'The Big Party' with



volunteers from Class Wear and Class Tees taking on some of the acting parts too. The children followed this up with work and discussion in class.

*'It was good fun as I learnt about the story and got to act out eating cake too!' Ryan A*  
*'I enjoyed the story and the message about including everyone, being inclusive'. Lyla*  
*'I loved joining in with telling the important message and I loved wearing a costume too' Georgia*

### What is going on at St Mary's Church?

**Youth Saints and Creation Club** welcomes children and young people 8-12-year olds and 12 and above respectively 6.30 – 8pm **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July with Youth Bible Study** from 5.45pm to 6.30pm, at St Mary's Church, Gainford. New members are always welcome!

**Messy Church welcomes families and children of all ages on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-5.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Gainford. We are pleased that this new energetic form of church is already a time of welcome and worship for families from Winston, Gainford, Darlington, Barnard Castle, neighbouring villages including some south of the river Tees.



### Gainford on the TV!

**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, ITV, 9pm, the Long-Lost Family Special** filmed in St Mary's Church and on Gainsford's green will be broadcast with Brenda Clayton talking about her grandfather Harry Miller. It is part of the story of the young WW1 soldiers, who were found more than 100 years after they fell at Passchendaele.

### Temporary Caretaker Post

Due to our caretaker being absent from school we are seeking to appoint a temporary caretaker to cover her post. This post will initially be from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> further details and an application form are available by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Caretaker/228921>

### Sports' Day

This year we will be holding our Sports' Day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the community field. This is the first time we have been able to hold this since the start of the pandemic. **Children are allowed to come to school in their PE kit and school sweatshirt on this day.** We will be starting at 1.20pm and all are welcome. Please come along if you can and keep those fingers crossed for a dry and sunny day! Well it doesn't have to be sunny - we will be happy with dry!



### Raffle Tickets

The last day to return raffle tickets was Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (today). **If you have missed this deadline can you please return all money and stubs to school along with any spare/unsold raffle tickets you may have by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.** This is really important as FoGS and school want to try and sell any unsold tickets and raise funds which benefit the whole school, we are aiming to raise £2,000!

### 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, again this an opportunity to raise funds for all of our pupils with the fabulous support from FOGS, our Parent Action Group. See appeal information below.

There will be lots of stalls and games including bottle tombola, teddy tombola, penalty shoot- out, hook a duck, coconut shy amongst others and refreshments including tea, coffee, juice hotdogs and cakes will be on sale. We hope to see you there!

Hope everyone has a good weekend

*C Riley*

### Reminders

#### **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/e 08.07.2022**

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

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

Class	Attendance %
Swale	97.57
Wear	96.33
Tees	94.47

**Gold Headteacher Awards**

Awards made by class teachers this week were for Speaking and Listening

<b>Class Swale</b>	John Lachlan
<b>Class Wear</b>	April
<b>Class Tees</b>	Alfie Aiden

Next week the award will be for PE

**Diary Dates**

**Year 6 Secondary visit dates**

- St Francis Xavier, Richmond 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Sports Day** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1.20pm- all welcome at the community field

**Family Games Night/Fayre** Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-6pm

**Youth Bible Study** –Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 5.45-6.30pm  
St Mary's Church

**Youth Saints and Creation Club** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
St Mary's Church 6.30- 8.00pm

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

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

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

**Messy Church-** St Mary's Church Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
3.30-5.30pm

**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 -last session 11<sup>th</sup> July

Athletics Club with Kyle Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm  
Last session July 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Clubs for the Autumn Term**

This list will be added to dates confirmed soon!

Tuesdays Kyle – Multi-sports  
Wednesday- Gymnastics



### Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

#### Summer Games Night/Fayre Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you all so much for donations so far – the school office is certainly starting to fill up. If you would like to donate it's not too late and we are still looking for

- Cakes for the cake stall
- Empty drinks cans e.g. cola cans
- Bottle gift bags
- Bottles of alcohol for the tombola stall
- Filled glass jars (filled with rubbers, bobbles, sweets, marbles, crayons etc)
- Pringle tubes (or similar)

### We are a Rights Respecting School

#### Article 30

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Our children have developed a good understanding of what it means to be inclusive. They have learnt about diversity and celebrating differences as well as similarities.

### 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 Fantastic Foxes have come out on top!

<b><u>DIZZY DOGS</u></b>	179	wins so far	<b><u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u></b>	199	wins so far
<b><u>LEAPING LIONS</u></b>	184	wins so far	<b><u>COOL CATS</u></b>	175	wins so far