



'Together we love, learn and flourish'

Message from the Headteacher

After the excitement of a return to school last week and the start of a brand-new term, the week ended with the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. As our children had covered so much work around her life, particularly during her Platinum Jubilee year, so many of them were eager to talk about the events that followed her death. They have all completed some thoughtful and reflective work on her life and have taken part in class and school discussions. For some this is the first experience they have had of loss and for others not so the topic has been dealt with sensitively in an age appropriate manner.

As the day of the funeral, Monday 19th September is now a Bank Holiday school will remain closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday 20th September.

Lindisfarne Gospels Pilgrimage

The Lindisfarne Gospels, the most spectacular manuscript to survive from Anglo Saxon England, will be on display at the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle. As part of the Lindisfarne Gospels Pilgrimage Trail I had the pleasure of walking with some of our Class Tees children from Gainford to Ingleton. They walked with the County Durham Flag and the Bishop of Durham's staff then passed these onto Ingleton pupils who then walked onto Hilton. The walk will finally end on Lindisfarne on 24th September with schools across the Northeast taking part. The children were able to handle a replica of the Lindisfarne Gospels and to see first-hand the writing and illuminated letters on the calf-skin pages

Gainford supports Ukrainian refugees

This term we have welcomed a family from Ukraine and now have two of their children in our school. It is wonderful that a family from Gainford have opened up their home to host this family as the conflict in Ukraine continues. It has been wonderful to see how happy the children are in school and how quickly they are picking up the English language too; putting our language skills to shame! I am sure they have had a wonderful welcome within the village and we look forward to supporting them for as long as they are here. We also pray that the conflict in Ukraine soon comes to an end and that Ukrainian refugees can be reunited with other family members from whom they have been separated

Progress on Building Works

Well we now have new windows in school, lots of new cladding as well as lots more insulation in our building too (we found out that our hall didn't have any!). The work is going well and most of the work should be completed by next week. We've had lots of collective worship sessions and lunch times with banging and drilling so we certainly won't miss that!

Outdoor Classroom -

Thank you to Miss Collishaw and family for painting the outdoor classroom during the summer holidays and for also fixing the roof too. It is looking marvellous!

Flu Immunisations

The NHS Team will be coming into school on the 16th November to administer the flu vaccinations, a letter is being sent via Operoo, with instructions as to how to give your consent, please can your logon to the portal and complete the online form, this then lets the NHS team know how many vaccines to bring to school on the day.



Free School Meals

Do you think you may be entitled to Free School meals? Please contact the school office for an application form; school can also help with this. If your child is entitled to free school meals this also generates extra income for school to help support learning in class.

Wraparound Care

We are delighted that so many children now access our Breakfast and Afterschool Sessions, they are very creative during these sessions and also enjoy the outdoor space (weather permitting). Most days we are now at the maximum staff/children ratio for one member of staff, so it is important to let us know of any changes to your bookings, or if you require a place for your child. We require at least 48 hours' notice, as we will need to ask another member of staff to work if numbers are high. We reserve the right to charge for any bookings cancelled at short notice.

Bowes Museum Trip

Class Tees are visiting Bowes Museum on the 27th September, please can you provide your consent via Operoo and make a payment via ParentPay for the entrance ticket.

Lost Property / Uniform Donations

We have a number of items in our lost property from last term please feel free to call into to the office to reclaim any items, by Friday 26th September, thereafter the items will be placed alongside the uniforms we have previously had donated. If you have any uniform to donate to the school, please drop off at the school office, particularly for older age groups.

Swimming

Class Tees will be swimming at Teesdale Leisure Centre Monday afternoons for 10 sessions, due to the bank holiday on the 19th, this session has been carried forward until the 28th November.

Messy Play

Messy Play at the Church is on Sunday 18th September 3.30pm to 5.00pm, the theme this session is Messy Harvest. All families are welcome.

Table Top Sale

Gainford Village Hall are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 8th October 10am to 4pm refreshments are being served during the day. To book a table contact cherylevans07821@gmail.com or call 07821 435272.

I do hope that you enjoy your weekend.

C 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 label your child's clothing including PE kit, hats, scarves etc as this will help us return any lost property to the correct pupil.



Attendance w/e 17.09.2022

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

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

Class	Attendance %
Swale	93.75
Wear	100.00
Tees	96.84

Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards this week were for Reading

Class Swale	Marley Thea
Class Wear	Ruslan Luibov
Class Tees	Becky

Next week the award is for writing

Diary Dates

School Closure: Monday 19th September

Teesdale School Open Evening Year 5/6: 20th September (changed from 19th September)

Staindrop Academy Open Evening Year 5/6: 21st September 6pm to 8pm

Bowes Museum Class Tees: Tuesday 27th September

Harvest Festival: Wednesday 19th October 9.15am St Marys Church

Break up for Half Term: Friday 22nd October

Return to school: Monday 31st October

Flu Immunisations: Wednesday 16th November

School Closure: Monday 21st November (Staff Training)

Nativity: (Class Swale) Wednesday 7th December 10am & Thursday 8th December 1.30pm

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Multi-Sports

With Kyle for Y2-Y6

Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm – places available

Forest School Session Class Wear & Tees

With Mrs Muir

Wednesday 19th October 3.30-5pm £6.00

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

We are a Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting –Article 30 If you come from a minority group because of your race, religion or language you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion and use your own language.

