



Message from the Headteacher

After the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the children returned to school on Tuesday and had lots of questions and comments to make about the days proceedings, resulting in some very reflective work and reflective discussion taking place. They have produced a display in school sharing some of these thoughts and feelings .

'Youths Got Talent'

On Thursday 13th October at 7pm there will be a 'Youth Got Talent' Competition held at St Marys Church. Children from across our local area and from local schools will be able to enter the competition. We are entering two songs song by children from Class Tees and Class Wear and I will be accompanying the children to the event. If your child is in Class Tees or Class Wear please make sure that you respond to the Operoo message to indicate if your child will be attending or not.

Secondary School visits

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to visit both Teasdale and Staindrop Academies this week. For Year 6 parents it can seem daunting to be considering secondary school when they have just started in Year 6. Please be aware that if you are unsure about which school to send your child then additional appointments can usually be made with the schools to help you make your decisions.

It was wonderful to hear that many of the children who were leading activities and helping out at the secondary open evenings were our past pupils; it is fabulous to hear how confident and helpful they were to our pupils and parents. Well done Gainford!

Baby Congratulations

Our school cook, Sarah, started her maternity leave at the end of the summer term and we have heard that she has had a beautiful baby girl, 'Lottie'. We all wish them well and I am sure that they will both pay us all a visit in the not too distant future.

New face in school.

Some of you may already know Claire Mead from Messy Church sessions and Youth Saints at St Mary's Church. She will be supporting us for some sessions in school with many of the school /church and community initiatives we have running across the year. This week she has been working with a group of Class Tees pupils on ideas for this year's Harvest Festival. We want the children to develop as leaders of collective worship and services both in school and in church and to really take ownership of what is delivered and how it is delivered.

Claire is also setting up a new after school club for Key Stage 2 children called 'Mini Disciples' which will include songs, drama, crafts and stories. I am sure this will prove very popular as Claire has bundles of enthusiasm and some fabulous creative ideas to share with the children; she also sings so much better than I do!



Forest School – Wednesday October 19th 3.30 to 5.00pm

We still have places left for this terms Forest School activity; the activity is open to Year 2 to Year 6. As this activity is held outdoors, suitable clothing is required on the day, wellies, warm coats, waterproofs, hats and gloves.

Cool Milk

From week commencing the 3rd of October, we will be serving milk during the lunch service, to the under 5's, children in receipt of free school meals and children whose parents have opted to pay for the milk. We are continuing to reduce our carbon footprint and will have the milk delivered in 2 Litre recyclable milk bottles, rather than individual cartons. If your child would like to participate in the scheme, please register them on www.coolmilk.com

Resources

We urgently need kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes, etc to use throughout the school in various activities, please drop off at reception. Thank you.

School Lunches

All of our school meals offer a tasty and nutritious balanced lunch cooked freshly on site. There is always a choice of main meals at lunchtime and children are asked what they would like at the start of the day to try to ensure they always receive their first choice.

If your child does bring a packed lunch to school we ask that it **does not contain** any of the following.

Nut products, sugary drinks, chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits or sweets.

We provide water for all pupils over lunchtime. As we are now starting to experience colder days why not let your child try out a hot school lunch; 'Fishy Friday' is particularly popular! We also cater for all dietary requirements.

I do hope that you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs 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 23.09.2022

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	93.05
Wear	99.62
Tees	96.93

Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards this week were for writing

Class Swale	Maddie Joey
Class Wear	April
Class Tees	Emily Joseph

Diary Dates

Bowes Museum Class Tees: Tuesday 27th September

Staindrop School Tag Rugby: Wednesday 19th October (Class Wear)

Staindrop School Sports Festival: Thursday 20th October (Class Tees)

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

Pantomime at Darlington Hippodrome (Whole School): Wednesday 14th December (details to follow)

Break up for Christmas: Tuesday 20th December

Return to School: Thursday 5th January

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Multi-Sports

With Kyle for Y2-Y6

Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm e

Forest School Session Y2-6

With Mrs Muir

Wednesday 19th October 3.30-5pm £6.75

Mini Disciples delivered by Claire Mead

crafts, songs, drama, Bible stories and so much more!

Open to Class Wear & Tees

Wednesday 3.30-4.40pm 5/12/19th October
2/9/16th November

First session free the £10 for 5 more sessions



GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

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'Together we love, learn and flourish'

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

Thank you to FOGS for supporting the school with the transport costs for the upcoming trips to the Bowes Museum and Darlington Hippodrome .

The next FoGS meeting will be held on Wednesday October 5th at 7pm via Teams/Zoom .We would love to see more volunteers supporting our school so if you are interested in volunteering or just finding out more please contact gainfordfogs@gmail.com

We are a Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting Exploring Articles 1,4 &41

We learnt about how children enjoy their rights in the UK. We learnt about what the Government does to make this happen.

HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

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!

DIZZY DOGS

143

FANTASTIC FOXES

153

LEAPING LIONS

101

COOL CATS

157