



## Message from the Headteacher

### Teacher Strikes

As you will have heard in the news, there are four proposed strike days for teachers, with the first one being on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Our school will be opening as usual on all of the planned days, so all children should come in to school as normal.

### SIAMS Inspection - The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we will be inspected by SIAMS, full details of the inspection are contained in the letter we emailed to everyone yesterday on behalf of the inspector.

### Stem Investigation Club

On Monday, we held the first of three sessions for Y3,4 & 5 of the club. The children worked with Mr Mercy and created a wooden catapult, all of which were superb and fully working! The children can't wait to attend the next two sessions. Some of the feedback from the children so far: -

*It's a fantastic club, we learnt a lot and Mr Mercy is a brilliant teacher – Emily*

*I enjoyed working out the areas for the catapult – Lucy*

*It was quite hard, but I really enjoyed the club - Ada*

### Parent Survey

We have sent a link via email to complete a Parent Survey, thanks to all those who have completed the questionnaire so far. There is still time to give us your views, please complete the form by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We will provide feedback once we have had an opportunity to review the responses.

### Celebration Service

Plans are well underway for our celebration event on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a service at St Mary's Church followed by an exhibition in school from 3.30pm onwards, once we have finalised the finer details, we will update you.

### Medical & Dentist Appointments

If your child has a medical or dentist appointment during school hours or arrives late or needs to leave early, please can you provide evidence of the appointment, or they have attended an appointment retrospectively. If you can let the school office know in advance of any routine appointments, then we can have your child ready to collect as they are not always in the classroom, they may be outside or down on the playing fields for PE. Thank you.



**Flu Vaccination Clinic – Primary School Age Children**

There is another drop-in clinic for children to be vaccinated at the Beehive, Lingfield Point, McMullen Road, Darlington, DL1 1YN on February 2<sup>nd</sup> between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, no appointment necessary

**Summer Fayre Fundraiser**

If you can help by contributing of any of the items below this will be very much appreciated.

- Bottles of Alcohol/Wine/Spirits – Bottle Tombola Stall
- A filled jar with or without a lid of items such as hair bobbles, toys, marbles, sweets, pencil, Crayons, rubbers etc – Jar Tombola Stall
- School Uniform in good condition – Preloved Stall
- Bottle Gift Bags
- Tombola Gifts for a Surprise tombola stall – e.g. toiletries/toiletry sets, toys/games, glove/hats, socks, etc

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

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**Reminders**

We are a **NUT free** school. Please do not send your child to school with nut products.

**Lost Property**

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. **We have a number of items in the lost property box, please call in the school office to check through to see if any items belong to your child.**

**Attendance w/e 27.01.23**

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

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

Class	Attendance %
Swale	100%
Wear	100%
Tees	95.30%

**Gold Headteacher Awards**

Awards were for Writing

Well done for the fabulous work this week

Class Swale	Toby
Class Wear	April & Dexter
Class Tees	Emelia



# GAINFORD C E PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

'Together we love, learn and flourish'

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs
<b>Celebration Event:</b> St Marys Church February 13 <sup>th</sup> 2.30-3.30pm (further information to follow soon)	<b>Multi-Sports</b> With Kyle for Y2-Y6 Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm £4.50 per session Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> , Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Netball Tournament:</b> Class Tees Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Please sign your child up if you want them to attend - places still available for the remaining sessions</b>
<b>Half Term:</b> Last school day Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Mini Disciples</b> delivered by Claire Mead Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm 5 sessions £10 (£2 per session) <b>Places still available for the remaining sessions</b> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Return to school:</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Please sign your child up if you would like them to attend.</b> This club is full of crafts, drama, Bible stories, games and so much more
<b>World Book Day</b> Thursday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Year 6 SAT Booster Club</b> (free) Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> April 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> , May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Easter Service:</b> Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm	
<b>School Disco:</b> Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (details tbc)	
<b>Easter Holidays Last day of School:</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March	
<b>Return to School:</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Additional Bank Holiday:</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>SATS Week:</b> Year 6 from Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>School Closed:</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	

## Friends of Gainford School (FOGS)

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](mailto:gainfordfogs@gmail.com) . **The next meeting is via Teams on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please join us if you can.**

## We are a Rights Respecting School

**Rights Respecting Article 6 – Reference to National Holocaust Day 2023**

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to reach their full potential.

## 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 Dizzy Dogs have come out on top!

**Dizzy Dogs**

283

**FANTASTIC FOXES**

272

**LEAPING LIONS**

228

**COOL CATS**

225