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NEWSLETTER 8

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YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

I am happy to report that yet again our Year 6 children have given us very good SATs results. As you know the methods of testing and the ways results are reported have changed greatly this year, but we are really pleased with their effort and commitment. Thank you also to you for the support you have given them at home.

Level	GAPS	READING	WRITING	MATHS
Expected	81%	64%	89%	84%

If you are as pleased with these results as we are, please go onto www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and fill in the short survey you will see there. You will find that the questions are mostly the same as the parent survey I have sent out, but it would be nice for Ofsted to get your views of the school. We only have 5 responses so far, and we cannot see the results unless we have at least 10. As we may be inspected by Ofsted next year, it will really help us. Thank you.

ALADDIN



Staying with Year 6, I would like to say a huge well done to the Year 6 team for the end of year production of Aladdin. A special thank you goes to Ruby Harvey who took on the role of choreographer and taught the children all the dances.

It was lovely to see the children taking on some demanding roles and really letting their characters shine through. We hope you enjoyed it too. A huge thank you to the Year 6 team and everyone who helped the children to bring the story to life.

MUSIC LESSONS

Mrs Patton has asked me to let you know she has a few places for keyboard lessons which take place during the school day. You can contact her via the school office and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

SPORTS MORNINGS

Ms Hallam organised two exciting sports mornings this year with an Olympic theme. The children really enjoyed being able to try out some of the more unusual sports such as golf and archery. Thank you to Ms Hallam and to everyone who made the mornings such a huge success.

GOODBYE!

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mrs Williams this week. She is retiring after 18 years of teaching at Gayton Junior School. We wish her a very happy retirement.

We also say good-bye to Miss Evans who, after teaching here at Gayton, is moving on to pastures new. We send her our good wishes too and hope her upcoming wedding goes well and she and her new husband enjoy a long and happy marriage.

Miss Davies, who has been teaching in Year 5 since January is leaving us to take up a new job elsewhere. We thank her for taking over from Mr Priestley and for her hard work with the class and with the choir while she has been here and wish her well for the future.

There is another important wedding in the summer: our Learning Mentor, Miss Costema, is getting married in her home town in Wales and will return to us in September as Mrs Gormley. We offer Miss Costema and her new husband all our good wishes for a happy future together.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



It is important that the first days and weeks go smoothly, so here are a few reminders of school policies and procedures.

I have included in this newsletter a copy of our school uniform that we expect **all** children to wear. We firmly believe that children who come to school in the correct uniform are showing the right attitude to learning.

Things to note are:

Children should wear black shoes. If your child prefers trainers, these must be completely black—with no coloured laces, stripes or logos.

Children can grow quickly so please keep an eye on the length of your girls' skirts / dresses. These should be knee-length. Please ensure that your child can sit comfortably, crossed-legged on the floor.

If your child wishes to have their ears pierced, then please do so at the start of the summer holiday so that their ears have time to heal. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings and we do not let the children put tape over them, so it is important that the children can either remove their earrings themselves or do not wear them on PE days. Small plain studs only please.

Please do not let the children wear other jewellery. We know that some children like to wear a watch; this does help them to learn to tell the time. This should not be an expensive one.

We provide everything the children need for the classroom, so you do not need to buy expensive stationery. Unfortunately, it can lead to children being upset if someone borrows, takes or finds things that do not belong to them. Leave them at home, so that they can be used for doing their homework!

Please remember that we have some children in school who cannot be photographed or filmed for publication, so if you have any photos from sports day or the Summer Fair or any other event which you want to share on social media such as Facebook, please ensure that you haven't accidentally included any other child in your pictures. If you have, please remove them as soon as possible.

School Uniform

The agreed school uniform

BOYS:

Navy blue sweatshirts, with the Gayton logo

Navy blue sweatshirts without a logo

Plain white polo shirt

Black / grey school trousers

Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers

Black / grey socks

In the summer, black / grey shorts

Religious /cultural headwear in black / navy / white blue

GIRLS:

Navy blue sweatshirts / cardigans with the Gayton logo

Navy blue sweatshirts / cardigans without a logo

Plain white polo shirt

Black / grey school trousers / knee length skirt / knee length pinafore

Plain black school shoes or trainers (boots can only be worn to and from school)

Black / grey /white socks / tights (no leggings)

In the summer, blue summer dress

Religious /cultural headwear in black / navy / white blue

YEAR 5 CAMP

We enjoyed lovely weather for our Year 5 camp night. The Year 5 children and staff enjoyed an evening of sleeping in tents, exploring the local woods, climbing trees and singing songs around the camp lanterns. Thank you to Mrs O'Donnell for organising this passport experience and all the staff who stayed awake to keep an eye on the children! Look out for next year's camp, it will be on 16th September.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

I urge you to take note of the term dates for this year. We are **not allowed** to authorise any family holidays and have a duty to report to the local authority any holidays that last 5 days or more.

This may result in a fine. The government's view is that there are 13 weeks when the children are not at school and these should be used for your holidays.

AND FINALLY A MESSAGE FOR OUR PUPILS...

Don't forget to keep reading – remember the local library will be open during the holiday and it's free to join. Keep up your maths fluency by practising your times tables. Helping out with the shopping, timing how long it takes to do jobs and helping with the baking are all fun ways to keep your maths skills up to speed. We wish you all an enjoyable summer break.

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Wednesday 7th September	9.00 - 3.30	INSET DAYS 1 - School office is open for any last minute queries.
Thursday 8th September	8.55	School reopens
Friday 21st October	3.30	School closes for half term
HALF TERM		
Monday 31st October	8.55	School reopens
Friday 2nd December	All day	Gayton closed for INSET DAY 2
Monday 5th December	All day	Gayton closed for INSET DAY 3
Tuesday 6th December	8.55	School reopens
Tuesday 20th December	3.30	School closes for the Christmas break
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		