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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. We have been working particularly hard to improve our reading scores and this year they went up 12% from last year's results. Our results are all above the national averages and the averages for Derby city schools.

We have also worked hard to improve our scores for GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) by running workshops for parents to help you to understand what the children have to do. It's clear everyone's hard work has paid off because our GAPS result went up 2% from last year. We are really pleased with the children's effort and commitment. Thank you also to you for the support you have given them at home.

Subject	GAPS	READING	WRITING	MATHS
Percentage of children working at the expected standard	87%	84%	91%	85%

MARY POPPINS

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 Mary Poppins. It was lovely to see the children taking on some demanding roles and really letting their characters shine through. Some of the songs in this production are very hard and yet everyone did a fantastic job. There are definitely some potential stars in the making there. 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.



CHARITY WORK

You may remember that recently a group of children organised a sale at playtime to raise money for charity. Two of the girls in that group also raised money outside school for Cancer Research and in total they raised £150 for this excellent cause. Well done!



GOOD BYE!

We are sorry to be saying good-bye to Mrs Clarke, one of our Year 6 teachers, at the end of term. She has been awarded a well deserved promotion as Deputy Headteacher in another school. Mr Chapman will move into Class 11 and Ms Hallam will be teaching in Class 5 in September.



Mrs Fletcher, who does a whole variety of tasks in school including all our printing and reprographics, is retiring after working at Gayton for many years. We wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for all her hard work and kindness over the years.

We are also saying good bye to Miss Kanwal who has worked as a TA in Year 3 since September: she is taking up a new role in a Derby secondary school. We'll be sorry to lose her, but wish her well in her new role.

And finally, Mr Ashley, our Learning Mentor, is also leaving us for a new job. He has made a huge difference to the lives of children here in the year that he has been with us and will be much missed by staff, children and the families he has worked with.

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.

- 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 the 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 as 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!

SAFEGUARDING

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.

If during the holidays you have any concerns about the safety of your own or other children you can report these to Social care on 01332 641172 or to the Police, or by email to head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2018

Thursday 6th September	9.00 - 3.30	INSET DAY 1
Friday 7th September	9.00– 3.30	INSET DAY 2 - School office is open for any last minute queries.
Monday 10th September	8.55	School reopens– Children return
Monday 17th September	All Day	Robot Day Year 6
Thursday 20th September	2.50 p.m.	Whole School NSPCC Assembly
Tuesday 25th September and Wednesday 26th September	11.15-3.30pm	Year 5 and 6 workshops with NSPCC
Tuesday 2nd October	A.m.	Individual photos
Tuesday 9th October and Wednesday 10th October	All Day	Year 5 Stone Age to Iron Age Charlie
Wednesday 10th October	Morning	Year 6 Weighing and Measuring (NHS)
Thursday 11th October	All Day	Spitfire Charlie Year 6
Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October	All Day	Viking Charlie Year 4
Tuesday 23rd October and Wednesday 24th October	All Day	Roman Charlie Year 3
Friday 26th October	All Day	Treat Day School closes for half term
HALF TERM		
Monday 5th November	All Day	INSET DAY 3
Tuesday 6th November	8.55 a.m.	School reopens – Children return

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 4 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.

Monday 10th September 2018	Children return to school.
Friday 26th October 2018	School closes for half term
Tuesday 6th November 2018	Children return to school
Friday 21st December 2018	School closes for Christmas
Monday 7th January 2019	Children return to school
Friday 15th February 2019	School closes for half term
Monday 25th February 2019	Children return to school
Friday 13th April 2019	School closes for Easter
Monday 29th April 2019	Children return to school
Monday 6th May 2019	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May 2019	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4th June 2019	Children return to school
Thursday 25th July 2019	School closes for the summer



ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Littleover Tennis Club is a small and friendly tennis club in the heart of Littleover. The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) are very keen to try and strengthen links between tennis clubs and schools in the area and they will be running three Tennis Camps during the Summer holiday. The camps run every day from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

These will take place during the following weeks:

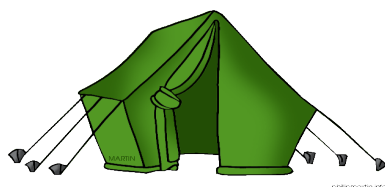
- From Monday 23rd July to Friday 27th July.
- From Monday 6th August to Friday 10th August.
- From Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August.



They can accept children from 4 to 14 years. All abilities are welcome and their experienced coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked. The information and the booking form can also be found on their website at www.littleover.tennis.co.uk

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 from Year 5 and other year groups who stayed awake to keep an eye on the children!



SPORTS MORNINGS

Ms Hallam organised two exciting sports mornings this year and she had a real challenge to organize them in the face of the unusually hot weather. Fortunately, both days were cooler than predicted and we were all able to enjoy the event without getting burnt. Thank you to Ms Hallam and to everyone who made the mornings such a huge success, especially Mrs Ward who managed to borrow two large gazebos and two enormous water coolers.

The agreed school uniform

BOYS:

Navy blue sweatshirt with the Gayton logo
Navy blue sweatshirt without a logo
Plain white polo shirt
Black or grey school trousers
Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers
Black or grey socks
In the summer, black or grey shorts
Religious /cultural headwear in black / navy blue / white

GIRLS:

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the Gayton logo
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan without a logo
Plain white polo shirt
Black or grey school trousers, knee length skirt or pinafore
Plain black school shoes, flat, black ankle boots or plain black trainers
Black, grey or white socks or tights
Black or grey leggings may be worn under knee length skirts (*but not as an alternative to trousers*)
In the summer, blue summer dress
Religious /cultural headwear in black / navy blue / white

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Plain white T shirt, without any logo or writing
Plain navy blue PE shorts
Trainers or plimsolls
Girls: Navy blue leggings for cultural reasons
In the colder weather, tracksuit top and bottoms
Year 3 pupils: Swimming costume and hat

JEWELLERY:

For health and safety reasons, the only jewellery allowed is
An item of religious significance
An inexpensive watch
Small gold or silver stud earrings (not sparkly or a different shape), which can be removed for PE activities.

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.

