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# Newsletter 10

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I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. It has been wonderful welcoming some of our Year 6 children back into school this week. I know they've found it hard to get used to, but we're really proud of their resilience and it has been great to be able to talk about what they've been getting up to. If you are a parent of a Year 6 child, please make sure you read through the information on the next page of this newsletter.

Letters regarding Pupil Premium Packs for eligible children in Year 3, 4 and 5 went out last week via text or ParentApp. Please make sure these are returned to school by the deadline (Friday 26th June).

We still have a number of outstanding dinner debts that we would appreciate being settled before the end of the summer term. Please log into your Scopay account or ring the school office if you think you may still owe dinner money.

Please remember that, if your own circumstances have changed since schools closed, you may now be eligible for Free School Meals and be able to obtain weekly food vouchers from the government whilst school remains closed. **If you think your child may now be entitled to Free School Meals**, please check through the criteria that can be found on the next page and contact the school office between 8:30am and 3:30pm and we will take the details from you that we need to run a check.

Mrs J Hill

## Home Learning

We've been working this year on helping the children to remember the things that they learn better. Revisiting previous learning after a week, a month or even a term can help them move their newly acquired knowledge from their short to their long-term memory.



To continue to allow them opportunities to do this, staff will be setting weekly quizzes on a Friday for children to have a go at. These will be done using Google Forms and will allow staff to review your child's score and their answers and provide them with some feedback on how well they've done. The quizzes will cover topics learnt that week, this term so far and previous learning from when the children were in school before the closure. Please get your child to have a go at this without your help so that we know how much they have, or haven't, remembered! To get feedback, children will need to submit their answers with an email address—please let them use yours if you are able, there is no need for them to set their own email up: we are ever mindful of the need for children to be safe when working online. The link to each quiz will be sent out on ParentApp or by text if you have not yet subscribed to the app. Look out for the first one next Friday!

## Home Learning Packs



We are getting more calls each week asking us to print off learning packs for parents who are struggling to do this at home. From Monday 15th June, we will print off packs for each year group and leave them in a box outside the main entrance so that you can pop up and pick one up if you need them. Packs will be available from 12pm until 2.30pm every Monday and from 10am until 2.30pm each Tuesday.

## Year 6 News

We have rearranged for our school photographer to come to school on Tuesday 7th July. The photographer will work outside and keep to social distancing guidelines. She will be able to take individual shots which can be put together to create a Leavers' Book and a photograph so it would be fantastic if all of our Year 6 children were able to attend that morning. We'll send out a message on ParentApp nearer the time with firm arrangements. Obviously, this can only go ahead if it isn't raining, so we'll keep our fingers crossed for some sunshine!



**We still have places left if your child wishes to return to school. Please contact the school office if you would like more information about how school is now operating to comply with guidance. There are currently spaces in all three classes.**

We are still waiting to hear more about transition sessions and how they might be run in July. We know that some schools have cancelled their transition sessions altogether (we have already let you know if this is the case) but we are hopeful that Derby Moor will still hold some open sessions for the children to attend. Our Year 6 team, along with myself and Mrs Costema, our SENCO, have spent a great deal of time passing over information about all of our children to their new secondary schools to ensure we have provided them with as much information about your children as we possibly can in order for their transitions to be as smooth as possible. I know that Derby Moor are hoping to pop in to see our Year 6 children who are in school and, with their permission, we will try and film this session to share with all of our children, whether they are in school or not.

We have heard that Derby Moor are making extra sure that children moving there in September are placed in a form with at least one friend so that they have a familiar face—this is not always something that they do so we are extremely grateful that they are changing their systems to help the children to feel settled as quickly as they can in September. Please get in touch if you have any questions around transition—we do not always know the answers, but will be able to find them out for you!

Towards the end of term, the work we do in school and set as home learning will focus more on transition and give you ideas of ways to discuss this with your child at home. We will also be aiming to teach our Changes lessons and will add the films we use to do this on our private YouTube channel if you wish to use them.

As we've said to you before, as soon as we are able to, we will invite all Year 6 children into school for a proper farewell to us all and their friends!

### Further Reopening

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and will keep you all posted with plans as to how and when your children can return to school. All too often, you tend to hear these announcements at the same time as we do so please bear with us as we try to navigate each new announcement and how best to try to implement what is being asked of us without it impacting on pupil safety.

- ◇ We will continue to review our Home Learning provision and keep you updated of any planned changes.

On Monday, we opened our doors to some children from Year Six, who have joined our groups of children whose parents are key workers. The school day is different in many ways.

- ◇ Our children are working in 'bubbles' of up to fifteen which do not mix with each other and we are socially distancing as much as we possibly can.
- ◇ The children are working with set adults in their bubbles.
- ◇ Breaks and PE lessons are staggered throughout the day.

I am pleased to say that this phase of our reopening has gone extremely smoothly thanks to the efforts of both the adults and children. This kind of set up sounds extreme and, although it is logistically vastly different to our usual set up, the children all seem to be enjoying themselves and there is a strong feeling of safety wherever you look, which is our main aim. **Unfortunately, at present, we do not have the space in school to offer places for children in other year groups due to the restraints placed on us with social distancing.**

Whilst we are working in this new way, and whilst we are waiting for further guidance from the government, we continue to plan for the autumn term. The government has stated that guidance for schools for the September term will be given to us in July but, as you would expect, we are working hard to plan for every eventuality.

- ◇ In July we will release details of which teachers will teach which classes for September but it may well be that this set up may not be fully in place when we return after the summer if we have to work within some form of restrictions.
- ◇ Class teachers in Years 3, 4 and 5 are now finishing off making contact with the children in their classes. This is something we will do again before the end of term. Please remember to get in touch with us in between if there is anything at all we can help you with.
- ◇ Staff are also finishing off your child's report which will be posted home to you in July. There will be some slight changes to these as the children had not completed the full school year but will provide you with a good snapshot of their achievements in school up to that point.

We still have some PE kits in school from when we closed in March. Please look out for messages on ParentApp or texts to you phone if you don't have the app about when you might be able to come and collect these. We're hoping for some better weather so we can set up tables outside!

And finally, you will have heard this week that **schools will not be open for Key Worker children over the summer holiday**. We will keep you as up to date as we can in terms of the government's plans for the summer provision for children during this time.



# Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



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## How do I find out?

If you are a parent or carer and receive any of the benefits below, then your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190)
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



## What to do next?

We would encourage parents to check whether they are eligible, **even if they think they may not be; or if they have applied before and been refused.** It's a quick and easy process to apply. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, you can:

- ♦ Apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>
- ♦ Ask at the school office for details

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Gayton Junior School will also receive Pupil Premium funding from the government to use to support your child in school.



Be the best you can be!

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FORM

Please read carefully. Applicants must complete all sections.

### **SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS**

*(Please complete in block capitals)*

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRSTNAME \_\_\_\_\_ MR/MRS/MISS/MS \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL INSURANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN) E.G. PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION B:**

*Please give details of your child(ren).*

Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	Name of school

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_