

We are making preparations for our new Year 3 children to join us for three days next week, during which time our current Year 3, 4 and 5 children will all move up to their new classes: they will still enter and leave school through their current doors, to make life easier for you all! We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Oliver back to school in September: Mrs Oliver was such a hit with our Year 6 children in the Spring Term that we have persuaded her to stay with us and cover Mrs Hicks' maternity leave from September! Our thanks to Mrs Birchall, who has been with us covering the role since February.

We have recently appointed Mrs Glasby as our new Premises Manager. She joins us from Kingsmead School and replaces Mr Bird, who has taken early retirement on medical grounds. I know you will join me in thanking Mr Bird for everything he did to help keep the school running safely over the last two years: his cheery presence on the gates each morning certainly helped pick me up when the weather was bad! Our thanks also to Mr McGill, from Mickleover Primary School and Mrs Cooney, for filling in during the interim—we are most grateful.

We've had a wonderful week in school, with children taking part in a range of Book Week activities based around the theme of Pride in Diversity. It's been great listening to the children discussing a range of texts focusing on characters we tend not to see so often in literature. Thank you, as always, for your support in generating funds for school by purchasing books from the Book Fair: all commission will be used to restock bookshelves with similar fiction as well as providing texts to be used in our reading lessons. Our thanks goes to Mrs Aujla and Mr Dawson for organising such a great week in school.

And finally, the following children have been made prefects for this term—our huge congratulations to them all for standing out amongst their fantastic classmates!



Year 3—Santosh
Year 4—Joel
Year 5—India
Year 6—Beau; Leyla &
Lily-Rose



Best wishes,
Mrs J Hill

What Have You Done at School Today?

Have you seen our weekly round-up posts on our Facebook page yet?

<https://m.facebook.com/gaytonjuniorschool/>



Relationships Education Parental Consultation

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our consultation questionnaire. The results can be found below. Having taken on board responses from parents and staff, we are planning on going ahead with the proposed changes, as outlined on the website. **Parents will be informed ahead of these lessons taking place.**



Number of responses	17
In which year group should girls be taught about periods?	Y6—1; Y5—9; Y4—1 Y3—6
Should boys and girls be taught about puberty in mixed or single-sex groups?	Single—13; Mixed—4
Do you think Year 4 is the right year group to be taught about puberty?	Yes—9; No—8
Do you agree with the proposed changes to the Programmes of Study in Years 4-6	Yes—13; No—4
Comments:	
On the whole I do. I would be aware of children that are not emotionally as mature as their chronological age. Although their bodies are developing their emotions may not be as mature as peers. I know my son.	
We are largely sympathetic with the proposed changes, particularly where there are pupils directly affected. We are also very appreciative of the school's active efforts in consulting with parents and making all this.	
Happy with proposed changes	
Due to hormonal changes it's better for children to know about such changes before they occur.	
I think it's too early.	
The maturity level of the children differs significantly but it is important to ensure that pupils are made aware as puberty is happening much earlier. It is important to prepare children for changes that will occur. A drip feed of information at different stages is helpful. It can help rather than them getting inaccurate information from their peers.	

Lost Property



As predicted, the warmer weather has turned our lost property bucket into a lost property mountain! Weather permitting, we will bring it out onto the grass at the front of school next **Friday, 8th July** for you to have a look through if you are missing anything. As always, please name jumpers—it makes it much easier for staff to reunite jumper and owner at the end of playtimes, lunchtimes and the school day!

Water Bottles

PLEASE make sure your child is bringing a named water bottle to school with them each day so that they are able to stay well-hydrated in the warmer weather. Being well-hydrated is not only important when it get warmer but also helps brains to work better all-year round! Please send water, not juice please, as this can be sticky if it spills, in a bottle with a sports lid.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Sports Days on Thursday 14th (Years 3 and 4) and on Friday 15th July (Years 5 and 6) - weather permitting, of course! As we will be mostly on the field, please enter via the field gate at the bottom of the car park, which will be open from 9:30am. **We do ask that, for safeguarding reasons, parents do not share photographs of events on social media please.** We anticipate that each Sports Day will finish by around 12pm.



KEY DATES 2021-22

Friday 8th July	3:30pm	Lost Property Trawl—front lawn
Monday 11th July	All day	Sponsored Event (New Date!)
Tuesday 5th — Thursday 7th July	All Day	Transition Days
Friday 8th July	All Day	STEM Day
Monday 11th July	3:30pm	Annual Reports Home to Parents
Wednesday 13th July	All Day	Year 3 National Adventure Farm Trip
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th July	6pm	Year 6 Production to Parents
Thursday 14th July	Morning	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 15th July	Morning	Upper School Sports Day
Friday 15th July	6pm onwards	Year 5 Camp
Tuesday 19th July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 20th July	All Day	French Day
Thursday 21st July	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 22nd July	3:30pm	Break Up for Summer

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Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September	All Day	INSET DAYS 1 & 2—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 6th September	8:55am	School Starts—Autumn Term 1
Friday 21st October	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 1
Monday 31st October	All Day	INSET DAY 3—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 1st November	8:55am	Back to School—Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 21st December	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 22nd December	All Day	INSET DAY 4—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 9th January	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 1
Friday 17th February	3:30pm	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



Be the best you can be!

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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 _____