



4TH DECEMBER 2020

Newsletter 12

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It was lovely welcoming Class 8 back to school yesterday—we certainly missed them while they were isolating! They all did a fantastic job being the first children to test out learning from home using Microsoft Teams for an extended period of time—thank you to Class 8 parents for your support with this.



Please can we ask you, once again, to NOT drive up to the school gates when dropping off and collecting your children. Drivers continue to do this—including a hazardous turn in front of the gates—and we have witnessed several near misses over the last week..

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

Swimming Lessons

In line with guidance from the government and Swim England, children in Years 3 and 4 will be able to start swimming lessons again **from Monday 7th December**. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school on the day their class swims:

Mondays—Class 5

Tuesdays—Class 1

Wednesdays—Classes 3, 4 & 6

Thursdays—Class 2



Christmas Plans

Remember that Christmas Jumper Day will take place on **Friday 11th December** and is a perfect chance to get out those festive pullovers again! Children can wear their Christmas jumpers, t-shirts or other accessories along with their normal school uniform (no jeans please) for a £1 donation. As usual, the funds raised will go towards paying for David's education in Kenya. We have been sponsoring David, a Maasai Tribe member, through school and college since he was 14 years old. David is currently training to be a teacher and funds raised will go towards supporting him to complete this training.

We've also booked a performance of The Snowman, with the backing music performed by musicians from the Philharmonic and Hallé orchestras which we're really looking forward to watching with the children and have class Christmas parties planned for the afternoon of **Friday 11th December**—more details to follow.

To stay as safe as we can, if children wish to bring Christmas cards, these need to be posted inside the Upper/Lower school entrance on either **Monday 7th or Monday 14th December**. Cards will be quarantined and delivered on Friday 11th or Friday 18th. Please ensure first names, surnames and class numbers are clear on each envelope!



School Dinners

Next week we move back to our Week 2 menu. Don't forget that children are able to have dinners any days they wish and are still able to order sandwich bags if they would prefer.

Week 2:

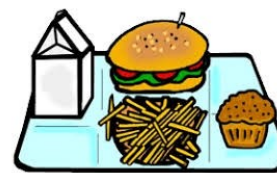
Monday—Burger & Wedges

Tuesday—Fish Finger Sub & Chips

Wednesday—Pizza & Wedges

Thursday—Jacket Potato (with cheese, beans or both!)

Friday—Sandwich & Chips



Please remember that dinners and sandwich bags cost £2.20 and **must be paid for in advance**. Please contact Miss Ashworth (aashworth@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) in the school office if you do not currently access your online account to pay dinner money and she can send log in details to you.

KEY DATES 2020-21

Friday 11th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	PM	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 15th December	AM	Catch Up Pupil Flu Immunisations
Friday 18th December	Staggered Finish Times	Break Up for Christmas
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 4th January	All Day	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 5th January	Staggered Start Times	Back to School
Friday 12th February	Staggered Finish Times	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 22nd February	TBC	Back to School
Wednesday 31st March	TBC	Break Up for Easter
Thursday 1st April	All Day	INSET Day 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 19th April	TBC	Back to School
Monday 10th — Friday 14th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 28th May	TBC	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 7th June	TBC	Back to School
Thursday 22nd July	TBC	Break Up for Summer

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_____