

17TH DECEMBER 2020

Welcome to our final newsletter this year and, on behalf of everyone at Gayton, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. It finally seems like we have some good news to look forward to in 2021 and we are allowing ourselves to hope that we may be allowed to return to some of our old ways of working as we approach the summer.

I would like to thank all families for your support this year—our new way of working has been far from ideal and we greatly appreciate your support in adapting to it. I definitely can't say enough what a credit your children are to you all: their resilience has astounded us at times and the speed in which they all adjusted to life in school this term was fantastic.

I'm sure you would also like to join me in thanking the fantastic team of staff at Gayton for their hard work and enthusiasm shown whilst continuing to come to work throughout this pandemic—including our cleaning staff, who have kept the school as COVID safe as possible throughout the term.

With Christmas looming, it seems a good time to remind ourselves about keeping socially distanced and remembering face coverings when on site—no one wants to spend the holiday self-isolating!

Remember that we have an INSET day on Monday 4th January: term begins again for children on Tuesday 5th January at their staggered start times.

Stay safe, and Merry Christmas 😊



COVID reporting—Christmas Holiday

In the event that your child develops COVID symptoms in the first two days of the holidays (Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December), please email head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk if they receive a positive result so that we can let everyone who needs to self-isolate know as soon as we can. **This is vitally important so that we can help to bring down the R-rate in the city.**

Please check for text messages or messages on the school app during the first week of the break.

If your child develops symptoms on or after Monday 21st December and later tests positive, we will NOT need to alert anyone to self-isolate so you can let us know when term begins and we can discuss a return date for your child.

Please ensure you isolate as a family if anyone develops symptoms until you get a negative test result. If someone tests positive over the break, you must all continue to isolate for the 10-day period—please note that this is new guidance which came into effect on Monday. The person who tests positive must also isolate for 10 days and can end isolation as long as they no longer have a temperature.

Over the Christmas break, if you have any questions relating to COVID, please email head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



School Dinners

When the children return to school on Tuesday 5th January, we will be on 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—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

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 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