

10TH OCTOBER 2019

We've had a brilliant start to the school year! The children are enjoying their new topics and have settled brilliantly into their new classes.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Year 3 and 4 SPAG session in September— we had a fantastic turn out and I know parents who attended found the session really useful. Thank you also for your generous Harvest Festival donations: we were able to send a *fantastic* donation on behalf of the school to Newmount Church, who were most grateful to you all.

We sent out our new permission forms in September. **Please ensure you return these to school as soon as possible** to ensure your child is able to take part in activities with the rest of their class.

Please keep a look out later this month for information about booking your Parent/Carer meeting with your child's class teacher on either **Monday 11th or Wednesday 13th November**. If you have more than one child in school, it is really helpful if you return the forms to us as quickly as possible, as popular times get taken quickly and teachers find it tricky to give you enough time between appointments. As usual, our Book Fair will be open on both evenings in the school hall so that you can visit with your child if you wish.

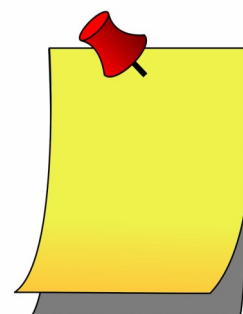
A special thanks goes to Miss Ashworth who, supported by Mrs Clarke, has been running a school choir since last year. The choir joined other schools last night to perform at Derby Cathedral as part of their Padley Thanksgiving Concert and, despite feeling very nervous, put on a great performance of 'The Greatest Show' from The Greatest Showman film. I know the choir have enjoyed learning songs from the film over the last few months and this was a firm favourite.

It is vitally important that we have your most up-to-date contact information. Parents in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have had their contact sheets sent home to check—please ensure you return these to school as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

We have been working on several areas of development with Ridgeway Infant School as part of our collaborative work already this term. Ridgeway staff have visited to meet with Gayton curriculum leaders to discuss the development of the curriculum in both schools and we have also met to develop work on reading fluency.

Finally, don't forget that we break up on Friday 25th October and the children return to school on Tuesday 5th November, as we have an INSET day on Monday 4th.

Mrs J Hill



## Halloween

In response to a School Council request, tickets for our Halloween Discos on Thursday 24th October will go on sale on Monday 14th October. **Children will be able to purchase their tickets from the school hall when school opens each morning at 8:45am.** Tickets are £2 and there will be a Halloween-themed Tuck Shop on the night—children will not need any more than £2 for this!. The Lower School disco, for Year 3 and 4 children, will run from 5.00-6.15pm; the Upper School disco, for Year 5 and 6 children, will run from 6.30-7.45pm. **All children must be collected by an adult.**

*We are hoping that events like school discos will be supported by members of the new school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - or FOGS (Friends of Gayton School). If you are interested in joining our new team, please contact Mrs Hardisty in the school office.*

The children have also asked for a **Halloween-themed lunch** on 24th October and our catering company, Taylor Shaw have come up with a fantastic menu. Children who order a dinner that day will be served with Halloween hot dogs, creepy wedges and bubbling beans, with spooky biscuits for pudding. There will be vegetarian and Halal versions of the hot dogs. Children who wish to order a dinner that day should do so as normal in the morning with their class teacher at a cost of £2.20.



## School App

If you haven't already installed the new school app, please can we urge you to as soon as possible? The app enables us to send unlimited messages to parents so that we can keep you up-to-date with trips and important school news—texts to parents who have not signed up come at a considerable cost to the school. It is nice to be able to keep you up to date when your child is on school trips, especially those that involve an overnight stay. Additionally, you are able to inform us of your child's absence using the app, send your trip permission forms straight back to us and update your contact details if they should change. The app is not limited to one parent/carer only: you can add other users using the request on the main menu. If you are having trouble installing the app, our Media Technician, Mr Butler, is available before and after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and should be able to fix any issues you are having.

## Littleover Tennis Club

Littleover Tennis Club will be running a Tennis Camp during the October half term holiday (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November) for children aged 4-14.

The camp runs every day from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. For more information, and to download a booking form, please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LittleoverTennisClub/Coaching/HolidayCamps>

## Foundation Football Academy—Multi-Sports & Crafts

Ridgeway Infant School will be hosting a Multi-Sports and Crafts holiday club throughout half term week for children aged 4-12 years of age. The sessions run daily from 9am to 3pm and cost £15 per session or £50 for the whole week. Children need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty to drink!

You can pay on the day, but booking is required, in advance. Please email [foundationacademyholidayclubs@gmail.com](mailto:foundationacademyholidayclubs@gmail.com) to book a place.

## Flu Vaccinations



We sent out information in September regarding this year's flu vaccinations—**please ensure you sign up for this online if you wish your child to be vaccinated.** The Derbyshire Child Immunisation Service will be visiting school on Tuesday 12th November to administer the vaccination to children in all year groups this year. You are now only able to sign up to this online now. A link to the site was sent out on the app and also by text for parents who have not yet installed the app. If you do not have the link, please visit <https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/flu-vaccinations-2019/>

### KEY DATES 2019-20

Thursday 24th October	5:00-6:15pm—Lower School 6:30-7:45pm—Upper School	Halloween Discos
Friday 25th October	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 4th November	All Day	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 5th November	8:55am	Back to School
Monday 11th November	3:30—6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12th November	AM	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 13th November	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Monday 25th November	9:15am	SPAG Session for Year 5 & 6 Parents
Thursday 19th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas
Friday 20th December	All Day	INSET 3
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 6th January	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 7th January	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Back to School
Thursday 2nd April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter
Friday 3rd April	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 20th April	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 22nd May	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 1st June	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer