

18TH SEPTEMBER 2020

It has been wonderful popping into classrooms this week and seeing the children back learning together. The staff have all mentioned how brilliantly the children have settled into our new routines and how keen they are to get on with their learning and we couldn't be more proud of them.

Our first exciting change of our new routine is that we have decided to have 12 prefects each half term this year! This is because staff are not meeting other children in their year groups as they normally would. I know that classroom staff thought long and hard about their first choices for this year so we decided that they deserved a special mention in this newsletter! Congratulations to the following children for managing to stand out amongst your fantastic classmates!

Class 1—Umar
Class 2—Esmee
Class 3—Evie M
Class 4—Anisha
Class 5—Ansh
Class 6—Upkaran



Class 7—Ridha
Class 8—Evie G
Class 9—Anna
Class 10—Josh B
Class 11—Liam
Class 12—Jalaal

We keep saying it, but we cannot thank you all enough for helping the return to school go so smoothly. There are some reminders and updates about our procedures on the following page so please make sure you have a read!

Stay safe ☺
Mrs J Hill



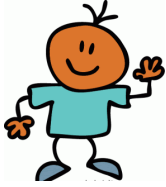
Homework—Microsoft Teams



Thank you to those of you who have already downloaded and used Microsoft Teams to access learning logs!

To help us reduce the amount of items moving between home and school, please use Teams to upload any homework tasks each week rather than bring your homework back to school. Unfortunately, to protect staff, work brought from home will not be marked in the current situation. This will also help us to ensure that children are familiar with how Teams works in case we need to close a class at any time. Please do not worry if you are unable to submit work weekly: as with reading with your child, there is a wealth of evidence that working alongside them to complete tasks like homework has a huge effect on their academic development. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Drop Off & Pick Ups



Please remember that we are operating a one way system at the front of school if you are picking up children in Year 3 or Year 4. Please come onto site using the small gate near the car park entrance and exit using the gate off the jitty near Ridgeway.

It is really important that your child arrives at school on time: we are starting to see a number of children arriving late and that can mean that they are mixing bubbles arriving at the door.

We sent out a message this week reminding parents about maintaining 2m distancing from staff when they are outside school—please try to 'kiss and wave' rather than walking them all the way to the door!

PE Days

From Monday, we will allow your child to come to school in black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings on their PE days.

Class 1—Thursday & Friday

Class 2—Wednesday & Friday

Class 3—Monday & Thursday

Class 4—Monday & Friday

Class 5—Monday & Tuesday

Class 6—Monday & Friday

Class 7—Monday & Friday

Class 8—Tuesday & Friday

Class 9—Monday & Thursday

Class 10—Monday & Tuesday

Class 11—Tuesday & Friday

Class 12—Wednesday & Thursday



NHS Symptom Checker



111.NHS.uk

This is a great way to put your mind at ease as to whether your child needs to be taken for a COVID test or not! We understand how hard it is to second guess a cough, especially when your child also has a cold and/or a temperature, so this service is quick and helpful. It may direct you to ring 111 to discuss your child's symptoms further. Please tell the school office that you have used this service if you are ringing to report an absence.

Flu Immunisations

The team will be visiting school on **Monday 30th November** and are offering the vaccination to children in all four junior year groups.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

The unique school code for Gayton Junior School is DC112756

For more information about the vaccination, please visit their website: <http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations>



Year 6 Transition

It seems silly to be talking about this already, but you will be aware that you can now go online and apply for your child's place at secondary school for September 2021. **The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020.** Your children should have brought home information about the process this week.

Our experience has showed us that **it is really important that you put down more than one preference for a secondary school**, as sometimes schools are heavily oversubscribed and, without a second option, children are placed at schools in the city that are left with spaces after all places are allocated. This can cause unnecessary worry for children during what is already a difficult time whilst parents appeal for places at other schools.



KEY DATES 2020-21

Friday 25th September	All Day	INSET Day 2
Wednesday 30th September	AM	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 23rd October	Staggered Finish Times TBC	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 2nd November	All Day	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 3rd November	TBC	Back to School
Monday 30th November	TBC	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Friday 18th December	TBC	Break Up for Christmas
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 4th January	All Day	INSET Day 4
Friday 12th February	TBC	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