



20TH JULY 2021

Newsletter 24

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We've had a lovely week celebrating lots of hard work over the year and saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children! Our Year 3, 4 and 5 children have also met their new teachers this week in preparation for September and our new Year 3 children have also had the chance to meet the Year 3 team.

Goodbye & good luck



The new guidance we are working under is, in places, a little vague: please remember that, for adults who have received both vaccinations and children, the need to isolate due to being a close contact does not end until August 16th. I am sure you are aware that cases locally are high so it is important that we all try and get our head around the new guidance!

I will continue to keep an eye on the situation locally as well as on any changes to the current guidance over the holidays and will be in touch should any of our plans to revert to our new normal needs to change ahead of Monday 6th September.

My thanks to our wonderful team of staff for their hard work throughout the year, as always, and, once again, thank you to you for your support in keeping our school community as safe as possible: I wish you all a restful and safe summer break.

Mrs J Hill

COVID reporting—Summer Holiday

In the event that your child develops COVID symptoms in the first two days of the holidays (Friday 23rd or Saturday 24th July), 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 high rate of transmission in the city and allow everyone to enjoy the break safely.**

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 Sunday 25th July 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.

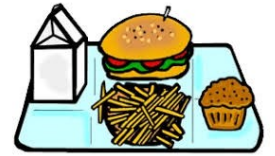
Isolation rules have not changed if you develop symptoms: please ensure you continue to isolate as a family if anyone develops symptoms until you get a negative test result. If someone tests positive over the break, you must all continue to isolate for the 10-day period—please note that this is new guidance 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 summer 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.

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School Dinners

We are moving to a temporary school dinner provider whilst we look to appoint a company to provide us with our school dinners. Ravensdale Junior School will be kindly providing us with this service from September. Dinners will remain at £2.20 per day but, **unfortunately, sandwich bags will not be on offer from them and they are unable to offer a halal option.** They are providing us with a great menu full of different daily choices (see menu attached) and this is only a temporary measure—we aim to have full provision of dinners back up and running as soon as we can.



Please remember that dinners **must be paid for in advance and we are operating a cashless system.** Please contact Mrs Wagstaff (cwagstaff@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. Information on how to sign up to this service will be sent out to our new Year 3 parents as soon as the system is updated.

Active Bodies

Active Bodies have given notice to Ridgeway that they will no longer be providing before and after school care from September. Mrs Dale is looking into alternatives for parents who find this childcare provision useful and will aim to get some provision established as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on newsletters in September for updates regarding this.

Wannabe Day

One final thank you for the year from me—to you all for helping to make our Wannabe Day so special! The children all looked amazing and it was wonderful to see their aspirations brought to life in their outfits and costumes. I was able to pop into some classrooms during the day and listening to the children discussing their role models so passionately with others was fantastic. As Mr O'Donnell has shared with you already, we were overwhelmed with the generosity of you all and the school community—we are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful support, particularly at the end of a very difficult school year—THANK YOU.



TERM DATES 2021-22

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th September	AM	Start of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7th September	AM	Year 6 Weighing & Measuring—Derbyshire Healthcare
Tuesday 21st-Friday 24th September	AM & PM sessions	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 28th September-Friday 1st October	PM sessions	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 28th September	AM	Individual & Sibling Group Photos
Friday 22nd October	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1st November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 2nd November	AM	Back to School
Wednesday 22nd December	PM	Break up for Christmas
Thursday 23rd December	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 10th January	AM	Back to School
Friday 18th February	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 28th February	AM	Back to School
Thursday 7th April	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 8th April	All Day	INSET 5
Monday 25th April	AM	Back to School
Monday 2nd May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 9th-Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 27th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6th June	AM	Back to School
Thursday 22nd July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday