

17TH DECEMBER 2018

What a final month of the year we've had! Last week we were treated to an amazing performance of *Merry Christmas, Mr Scrooge* by our Year 3 children, who have settled in at Gayton brilliantly this term. It has been lovely getting to know them and seeing how well they are getting on with their learning.

Back in November, our Girls' Football Team went to a festival at Willows. Our Year 6 team were joined by Year 3 pupil Imogen Mosley, who was top scorer for the team! Well done girls!

Thank you for all of your support with our fundraising events this month: we have raised enough money from selling Disco Tickets and on Christmas Jumper Day to help to fund David through his first year at college where he is hoping to become a teacher.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Mrs J Hill & the Gayton Team!



Fond Farewells

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye this week to two much-loved members of the Gayton family. Mrs L Hill, our School Business Manager, is taking early retirement after many years: as a parent helper back in 1998, to becoming an admin assistant in 2001 and then a promotion to School Business Manager in 2011. She has been the first face many of you see when you come into the office and I know you will all miss her as much as we will. She has been an invaluable part of our Leadership Team for the last few years and has supported Mr O'Donnell and myself brilliantly as we have adapted into our new roles.

Mrs Harries-Walker will also be leaving us at the end of the week. She joined the team as a teaching assistant 11 years ago, providing our children with nurture and support with their learning in and out of the classroom. More recently, as one of our PPA teachers, she has provided invaluable cover for teaching staff and I know the children appreciate that she always makes learning fun!

Both ladies are going to be greatly missed but they both have new ventures to plan and we wish them all the best!

Welcome to the Team

We welcome Mrs Hardisty to the Gayton Team. After many years working in finance, Mrs Hardisty is looking forward to using her skills in a school environment as she takes over the School Business Manager role.

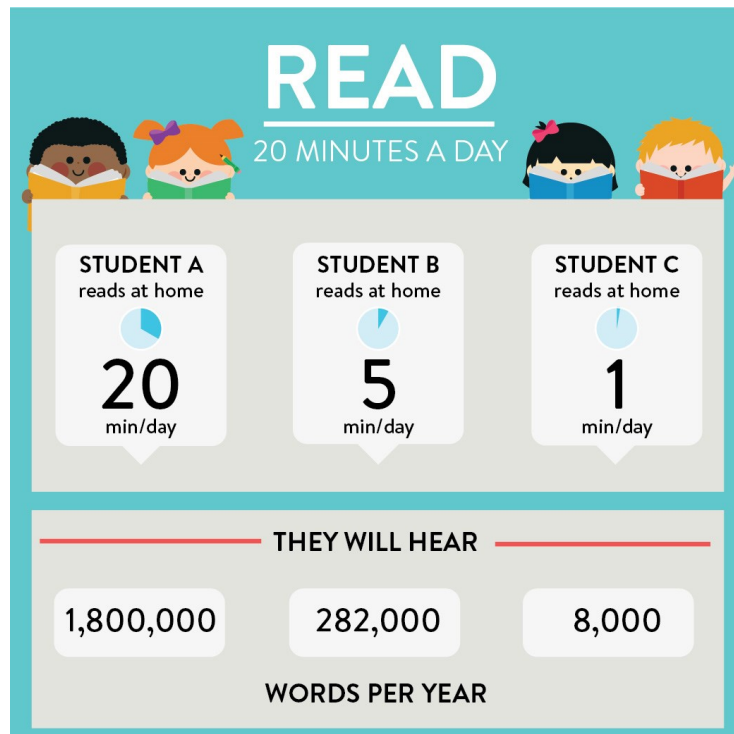
Mrs Kinuthia will be taking over the PPA cover in school. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming them both to the team.

Vocabulary Development

We continue to work hard in school on our different projects to improve vocabulary. I've seen lots of Talk for Learning activities when I've popped into classrooms and it is great to see all of the children becoming more confident when sharing their ideas and learning with others.



I came across this image online last week: it promotes daily reading and the valuable contribution it makes to widening children's vocabulary—being read to as well as reading aloud to others! Mr Hill and I are making sure that we read to Oliver daily at home already, even though he doesn't understand many of the words yet!



Communication



Don't forget to follow us @GaytonJunior after our relaunch for all the latest news and reminders! We have also added our calendar to the school website. Look for the link on the homepage—www.gaytonj.derby.sch.uk

Safeguarding



Our Year 6 children have taken part in a Self-Esteem workshop run by the First Steps team who specialise in eating disorders, self-esteem and body image. The workshops are designed to improve self-esteem and give an understanding of how the media portrays a negative body image, that is unrealistic and false. Helping our young people to grow up with body confidence equips them with an important skill for life. The team will be returning after Christmas to visit our Year 5 classes.

Please take a look at the image on the back of this newsletter: although it is aimed at the parents of teenagers, we know that there will be children of junior school age using some of these apps so it is a good reminder to check you know which apps your children are using at home.

Parking Reminder

The Neighbourhood Team continue to discuss plans to prevent dangerous parking around Ridgeway Avenue, Gayton Avenue and Uplands Avenue. Local Councillors are involved and have asked us to remind you of the dangers of inconsiderate parking. We see cars parked on a regular basis on corners creating a blind-spot for other drivers and children are being forced to cross roads around school in between parked cars. Where possible, please try to avoid using cars to get your child to school.



Safer Neighbourhood Team

Our local Safer Neighbourhood Team is now on Facebook and can be found under the name "Littleover, Mickleover and Sunnyhill Police SNT". There will be information and events posted on there, along with local news and updates on what the team are up to. Please be aware that their account isn't monitored 24/7 : messages will be replied to as soon as possible. Take a look at the page, and follow to keep up to date !!



Parents' Evening Questionnaire

Your child brought home a Parents' Evening questionnaire last week. If you have not already done so, please return it to school by Friday 21st December: your views and opinions are valuable to us. Thank you.



Lost Property

The lost property bin is looking pretty full again. Please pop in after school if you are missing any items! Our Teaching Assistant team do a fantastic job to get named items back to children but they can only do this if the clothing is **clearly** named.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with our Poppy Appeal. We raised £218.53 to support the work of the British Legion.

DIARY DATES

Friday 21st December	All day	Treat day End-of-term
Christmas Holidays		
Monday 7th January	8:55am	School reopens
Tuesday 5th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 12th February	All day	Year 5 Gurdwara Trip
Friday 15th February	3.30pm	Treat day End-of-term
Half Term		
Monday 25th February	8:55am	School reopens
Monday 25th February	11:15am—3:30pm	Year 6 Fire Safety Talks
Monday 4th March— Friday 8th March	All Week	Book Week
Monday 4th March & Wednesday 6th March	3:30pm—6:30pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Thursday 7th March	All Day	World Book Day

10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Calculator%

This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Omegle

A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Snapchat

This is the way most teens communicate with each other. Sending messages and snaps that disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours. Teens live for a "streak" of communication.



Whisper

An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



Ask.fm

Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Hot or Not

Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



Burn Book

Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



Wishbone

An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



Kik

Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



Instagram

Many kids are now creating fake accounts "finsta" to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because most kids know parents won't check messages.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

Please note: Due to the nature of the Internet and App Store, web and app resources change often. Any outdated material will be corrected and updated.
This graphic was created by April Requard.