

19TH NOVEMBER 2021

Despite the drab weather and onset of early evenings, the children (and staff) have returned to school this term with the same positivity and drive that we have come to expect at Gayton. I am so proud, as you should be, of how hard they are all working and how well they are conducting themselves. They continue to be a credit to the school.



A special congratulations to the children chosen to be this term's prefects. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils whose attitude and effort, both at home and at school, are exemplary:



Year 3 - Sarika S

Year 4 - Luke A

Year 5 - Coby D

Year 6 - Freya C

Thank you for your attendance at last week's parents' evenings. The staff were full of praise for how well everyone had coped with accessing the meetings on Teams. I would also like to pass on my thanks for all the kind words and praise that were given to staff - they were greatly appreciated and shared in the staffroom. If you missed your appointment, please contact your child's class teacher to schedule a phone call.



Friday 10th December we will have our annual **Christmas Jumper Day** - the children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, or t-shirts, tights, hats—anything with a Christmas theme, along with their school uniform—along with a £2 donation for the *Save the Children* charity.

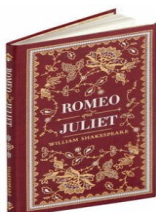
We are also having a **Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday 15th December**. Children are allowed to bring along some crackers to pull and can also wear their Christmas jumper again if they want to!

Please remember that we have changed the date that we will be breaking up for Christmas to align with other Derby City schools who have been asked to add a day to the Christmas break to allow for the additional bank holiday in June for the Queen's Jubilee. Tuesday 21st December will now be the last day of term.

Take care,

Mr O'Donnell

Book Week

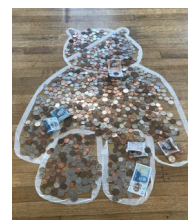


The children (and staff!) had a fantastic time reading and performing *Romeo and Juliet* last week. A special thank you to Mrs Aujla who organized it all and to Miss Byrd for teaching each class the dance involving the clash between the two gangs from *West Side Story*.

The Book Fair raised a brilliant £1661 in book sales—thank you, as always, for your support. Each book sold at the fair gains the school commission which is then spent on new books for the classrooms.

Children in Need 2021

Thank you for your generosity again with your donations to Children in Need. We managed to fill our Pudsey outline with donated change and raised a brilliant £306.35 for this important charity.



Harvest 2021

Thank you for all of your generous donations for our harvest festival! You donated a mountain of products which Newmount Church collected on behalf of the **Basics Bank** which supports struggling families and individuals throughout Derby.



Sponsorship Purchases

Last year I wrote to you all about the phenomenal amount raised on Wannabe Day. I just wanted to keep you updated that the School Council has used some of this money to purchase 2 outdoor table tennis tables and a pair of sturdy playground football goals that are used at dinner times. The money raised has also been spent on purchasing wooden skeleton kits for the year 4 children and wooden spitfire kits for the year 6 children to build. The School Council have lots more fantastic ideas (and some terrible ones!) for how else they want to spend the money - I will keep you informed on how they choose to spend it as the year progresses!



Flu Immunisations

The team will be visiting school on **Tuesday 14th December** and are offering the nasal flu 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>

If you wish to decline the Flu spray due to the porcine element, they are now able to offer an alternative injectable Flu vaccine that does not contain porcine. Please complete the consent form as a 'decline due to vaccine ingredients' and we will then contact you to arrange vaccination. For more information please contact the team using the numbers below.

If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team:



Repton: 01283 707178

Or email DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

KEY DATES 2021-22

Friday 3rd December	All Day	Year 4 Viking Day!
Thursday 9th December	All Day	Year 3 Greek Day!
Friday 10th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14th December	TBC	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 15th December	12:15 - 1:20	Christmas Dinner
Friday 17th December	All Day	Year 5 Egyptian Day!
Tuesday 21st December	3:30pm	Last day of term
Wednesday 22nd December	All Day	INSET Day 4
Thursday 23rd December	All Day	Additional Day for Bank Holiday
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 10th January	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 18th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 28th February	8:55am	Back to School
Thursday 7th April	3:30pm	Break Up for Easter
Friday 8th April	All Day	INSET Day 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 25th April	8:55am	Back to School
Monday 9th — Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 13th— Sunday 15th May	Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Friday 27th May	3:30pm	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 6th June	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 22nd July	3:30pm	Break Up for Summer