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Newsletter 4

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It is hard to believe that we've completed four weeks back at school already! I cannot stress enough how wonderful all of the children have been when returning to school—you have every reason to be incredibly proud of them!

The Blagreaves Federation Governing Board, which now oversees Gayton and Ridgeway Infant School, had their AGM last week and elected Mr Paul Hassall, who was the previous Chair of Governors at Ridgeway, as Chair of Governors for the current academic year. Mr Hassall has several years experience of being a school governor and we are looking forward to working with him whilst we continue to strengthen our links with Ridgeway.

In line with the government guidance, it is important that we keep rooms well-ventilated as this can help reduce the concentration of viruses indoors. With this in mind, we are leaving doors open around the school to help increase the air flow and all rooms have some windows open. I know that it is getting cooler and, as we approach winter, having windows and doors open is not ideal but we have already turned on the heating and would urge parents to make sure children are wearing plenty of layers as the weather gets colder.

We had to postpone the photographers coming into school for individual photos this week. They will now be coming on Friday 9th October instead.

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill



Parent App

Thank you to all our Year 3 parents who have downloaded the app—we've had such a great take up that we will soon be moving back to using the app to deliver you key messages from school. **Please make sure that you have allowed the app to send you notifications so that you can see when you have received a message or letter.** We will continue to send out text messages to parents who do not have the app but would urge you to download it if you can as this allows us to send out messages free of charge. I'm sure you can all appreciate that we want to spend as much of our school budget as we can on providing a stimulating and engaging curriculum for our children and using the app to communicate with you is a great way of making a saving!



Many of you are using the app to report an absence in the morning—thank you. This is a much quicker way of letting us know that your child is unwell. You may already be aware that you can now upload images to the absence form, so you can screen shot emails with appointments or COVID test information and upload these with your absence form!

Harvest 2020



Our Harvest Collection this year will be in support of Derby City Mission who support struggling families and individuals throughout Derby. They are collecting the following goods, particularly the items in bold:

Tins of cooked meat

Tins of vegetables

Tinned tomatoes

Rice

Cuppa Soups

Tins of soup

Biscuits/crackers

Tea/small jars of coffee

Washing up liquid

Toothpaste/tooth brushes

Size 3/4 nappies

Tins of fish

Tinned potatoes

Packet flavoured noodles

Tins of dessert e.g. fruit, **rice pudding**

Sauces e.g. tomato/brown/mayonnaise

Jams/Honey/Peanut butter/Chocolate spread

Cereals

Toilet rolls

Bath/**shower gel**/shampoo

Washing Tablets (for laundry)

Please send any donations into school for your child to hand in to their class teacher by **Thursday 15th October**.

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>



KEY DATES 2020-21

Friday 9th October	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