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## Newsletter 8

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It is hard to believe we are approaching the Easter holidays already! There has been a lot of reflection lately of where we were this time two years ago: school was open to only key worker children and we were only at the beginning of the journey we have all been on since. I am immensely proud of the way in which our school community pulled together throughout the pandemic, particularly during national lockdowns when life was particularly hard for us all. Thank you for all of your support during this time, it has been very much appreciated.



Thank you so much for your generosity towards our different fundraisers over the last month. Including our red nose sales, we raised £611 for Comic Relief on 18th March and a further £310 for UNICEF's Ukraine Emergency Fund.

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

Please make sure we have up to date contact details for you—you can update these on the school app or pop into the office. We **MUST** be able to contact someone for every child, every day in case of an emergency or if they are unwell and we have had a few incidents lately where we have not been able to do this.

As we start to look towards the Easter holidays, you will find our Summer Term dates on the next two pages. These dates can also be found on the school website or the app. Please make a note of any dates that are relevant to your children.

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

### What Have You Done at School Today?

Have you seen our weekly round-up posts on our Facebook page yet?

I know many of you will be familiar with the “nothing” or “I can't remember” responses (the latter is my son's particular favourite) when asking your children what they have done at school! This is one of the reasons why we first created our weekly Learning Logs: so that we could let you know exactly what the children had been learning each week.

From the parent questionnaire sent out before half term, 9% of parents were not aware of what their children were learning so, from today, I will be doing a short post on our Facebook page this week as a round up of our week in school, to compliment what is on the Learning Log each week. Please like our Facebook page if you haven't already to catch up with these weekly round ups!

<https://m.facebook.com/gaytonjuniorschool/>



### Online Safety

We know we have a lot of children who play games like Minecraft online, so this article about the safety of gaming “mods” - modifications of games created by other gamers—will definitely be of interest to you.



<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/gaming-mods-what-parents-need-know>

### Summer Term Diary Dates

Now that COVID restrictions have all been lifted, we're happy to be able to share our Summer Term diary dates with you!

We're looking forward to be able to get trips back up and running, with plans to visit the seaside, Warwick Castle, PGL, the National Adventure Farm, the Space Centre and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. More details on these trips will follow.



The School Council have been coming up with some great ideas for future Reward Days—please remember that these days are always non-uniform days, at their request!



We're still in the planning stages of a Platinum Jubilee Day but will definitely be holding our annual Picnic Day along with our celebrations on 27th May. Again, more details will follow nearer the time!

Our Year 4 children have the opportunity to play with the Halle Orchestra on 24th June! This will take place at the Derby Arena and the children will practice beforehand in their music lessons with the Derbyshire Music Partnership staff in school. The concert will take place at the Derby Arena and is an exciting opportunity for everyone to join in and experience playing with an orchestra in a large concert hall setting. Unfortunately, there are no audience tickets for the event—the children, from schools all over the county, playing along with the orchestra will take up all of the space in the arena.



We are aware that Eid celebrations may fall on school days in May and July. Please remember that we are only able to allow two authorised days for absence in any school year for religious celebrations. Any additional days taken would be unauthorised.

#### KEY DATES 2021-22

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Thursday 7th April	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
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 25th April	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip
Monday 2nd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed

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**KEY DATES 2021-22 CONTINUED...**

Monday 9th — Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 13th — Sunday 15th May	Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Monday 23rd — Tuesday 24th May	All Day	RE Through the Arts Activity Days
Thursday 26th May	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 27th May	All Day	Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day
Friday 27th May	3:30pm	Break Up for Half Term
<b>MAY HALF TERM</b>		
Monday 6th June	8:55am	Back to School
Tuesday 7th Junr	All Day	Year 6 Warwick Castle Trip
Thursday 9th June	AM	Class and Leavers' Photos
Friday 10th June	TBC	Year 6 Camp (re-arranged from Autumn Term)
Tuesday 14th June	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip
Monday 20th — Thursday 30th June	TBC	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 21st June	TBC	Year 4 Ukulele concert (Date TBC)
Friday 24th June	TBC	Year 4 Trip to Derby Arena
Wednesday 29th June	All Day	Year 4 Trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 1st July	All day	Sponsored Event (Date TBC)
Tuesday 5th — Thursday 7th July	All Day	Transition Days
Friday 8th July	All Day	STEM Day
Monday 11th July	3:30pm	Annual Reports Home to Parents
Wednesday 13th July	All Day	Year 3 National Adventure Farm Trip
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th July	6pm	Year 6 Production to Parents
Thursday 14th July	Morning	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 15th July	Morning	Upper School Sports Day
Friday 15th July	TBC	Year 5 Camp
Tuesday 19th July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 20th July	All Day	French Day
Thursday 21st July	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 22nd July	3:30pm	Break Up for Summer

# Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



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## How do I find out?

If you are a parent or carer and receive any of the benefits below, then your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190)
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



## What to do next?

We would encourage parents to check whether they are eligible, **even if they think they may not be; or if they have applied before and been refused.** It's a quick and easy process to apply. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, you can:

- ♦ Apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>
- ♦ Ask at the school office for details

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Gayton Junior School will also receive Pupil Premium funding from the government to use to support your child in school.



Be the best you can be!

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FORM

Please read carefully. Applicants must complete all sections.

### **SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS**

*(Please complete in block capitals)*

SURNAME\_\_\_\_\_ FIRSTNAME\_\_\_\_\_ MR/MRS/MISS/MS\_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL INSURANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO.\_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN) E.G. PARENT/GUARDIAN\_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION B:**

*Please give details of your child(ren).*

Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	Name of school

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_