

13TH NOVEMBER 2020

Lots of thank yous this week! First of all, **thank you** all for your support this week, particularly on Monday, and to all of those who sent their get well wishes for our member of staff—they were very much appreciated. We will always endeavour to keep school open when we can and the decision to close was a result of direction from Public Health England and one that was necessary to ensure we continue to keep school as safe as we can for our children and staff.

Another **thank you** to all of those who accessed Microsoft Teams and had a go at completing the tasks set by class teachers. This was a good opportunity to iron out any issues should we need to use Teams again in the future for remote learning. The number of children who have been using Teams since September to share their homework tasks with their teachers has been fantastic but we are aware that not all children are doing this yet. Please contact school if you have any unresolved issues.



Thank you to Mrs Aujla for organising another fantastic Book Week—my favourite Book Weeks are the ones where every year group focuses on the same text and The Jungle Book is a great story. The children have produced some fantastic work this week and have really engaged with the text. **Thank you** to all parents who have supported school by buying books from the Book Fair. We will announce next week how much commission we have earned to spend on new books to use in school.

And a final **thank you** to all those who donated money to Children In Need today. As with our Harvest Collection, you have gone above and beyond in showing your support for others during this difficult time. We'll announce how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

If your child has been in school this week, they will have taken home their Autumn Term report, which replace our Parent/Carer meetings with class teachers this term. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss with them further.

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

Our Neighbours

We'd like to remind you to be considerate of those who live around the school area. We have heard a few reports of parents shouting at home owners and parking inconsiderately. Please be mindful of this when you are on the school run, particularly when there are children around as it can unsettle them. The current situation is already causing a great deal of additional stress for many of us so please be mindful of this and, when you have the opportunity, be kind.

Choose
Kindness

School Dinners

Don't forget that from next week, Monday 16th November, we will be able to offer hot dinners to all children each day. We've worked with our caterers to design a menu that can be easily taken into classrooms in grab bags/boxes so that all children have the option of a hot meal.

All hot meals will be served with vegetable sticks, a pudding and a drink. There will be vegetarian and halal options each day.

As usual, children do not have to have a dinner every day—they are able to choose between a hot dinner or sandwiches on a day by day basis. Sandwich bags will still be available to order if you wish.

Week 1:

Monday—Hot Dog & Wedges

Tuesday—Chicken Burger & Diced Potatoes

Wednesday—Bacon Cob & Hash Browns

Thursday—Jacket Potato (with cheese, beans or both!)

Friday—Sandwich & Chips

Week 2:

Monday—Burger & Wedges

Tuesday—Fish Finger Sub & Chips

Wednesday—Pizza & Wedges

Thursday—Jacket Potato (with cheese, beans or both!)

Friday—Sandwich & Chips



Please remember that dinners and sandwich bags cost £2.20 and **must be paid for in advance**. Please contact Miss Ashworth (aashworth@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.

2021 Admissions

You may be aware that the admissions window for junior school admissions is now open until **15th January 2021**.

Sadly, this year, we are unable to do our usual tours and open sessions for prospective parents but if you are aware of other parents who may be interested in their children coming to Gayton, there will be a video tour coming soon on our website and, in the meantime I am happy to speak to them on the phone or using Microsoft Teams if they have any questions or anything they would like to discuss about their application. Please ask them to get in touch via email (head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) or by calling the school office.



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>

Please note: you need to opt in or out of this on behalf of your child—the school office are unable to do this for you.



KEY DATES 2020-21

Monday 9th November		Interim Reports sent home
Monday 9th— Friday 13th November	All Week	Book Week
Monday 30th November	TBC	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Friday 18th December	Staggered Finish Times	Break Up for Christmas

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 4th January	All Day	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 5th January	TBC	
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

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



Be the best you can be!

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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_____



If you are a parent or carer for a child aged between 0-19 and want advice or have any worries **you can text the Parents and Carers ChatHealth Service on:**

07507 327754

We can help with all kinds of things like:



Bedwetting/soiling/toileting



Concerns about hearing or vision



Feeding problems



Weaning



Emotional wellbeing



Behaviour



Speech concerns

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Parents with children up to the age of 19 can contact us and we will ensure the relevant practitioner will respond. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some "number masking" mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Text our confidential line **07507 327754** for advice and support