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# Newsletter—Week 1

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We'd like to wish you all a warm welcome back to the new school year. We are almost too scared to say we are hopeful for a less disrupted year in case we jinx it, - but we're too excited about the prospect of getting back to what we do best at Gayton and enriching the curriculum with as many additional activities as we are able.



We are pleased to welcome back Ms Norchi, now Mrs Parsons, into Class 3. Mrs Parsons and her husband were married at the end of July, swiftly followed by Mr Chapman finally tying the knot after postponing his nuptials in 2021: I know you will join us in wishing them both lots of happiness in their respective marriages.

We received more good news just after our final newsletter went to press in July when we heard that Mrs Costema, our SENCO, had been nominated by the Local Authority Inclusion Services for a leadership award from the National Association for Special Educational Needs (NASEN). The nomination has been made for her, amongst other reasons, commitment to inclusivity, her drive to get the right support in place for our children and her support for others across the authority. We are incredibly proud and pleased that Mrs Costema has gained this recognition following years of dedication to the role at Gayton.



It has been lovely getting to know our new Year 3 children and their families this week. We have already sent out a few messages and letters to parents on the school app and can see that some of these haven't been read. This year we would like to trial sending **weekly** newsletters out using the app, so please make sure you are signed up to it and that the notifications are **on** so that you don't miss anything. Newsletters will be published on a **Friday afternoon** on the app, school website and our Gayton Facebook page.

**Please** make sure you send your child to school with a waterproof coat this term: we try to avoid keeping the children in at playtime if we can, but cannot allow them outside without a coat if it is drizzling slightly at lunchtimes.

Children may bring a healthy snack with them to eat at playtime if they wish: snacks such as vegetable sticks, cheese strings, yoghurt pouches, fruit or cereal bars. Children should bring their snacks in their bags, not their lunchboxes/sandwich bags please. Snacks can be left in bags or trays until playtime.



And finally, a reminder that we like to encourage the children to keep hydrated, as this helps them to concentrate better throughout the day. To avoid ruining work if there are spillages, we have a **still water only rule for drinks in the classroom**. Children can bring in their own, named water bottles—ideally with a sports cap or similar to drink from—which they should take home daily to be cleaned please.

Best wishes, Mrs J Hill

## PE Kit

Please remember that we would like to ask children to continue to come to school wearing PE kit (t-shirt, navy sweatshirt or cardigan, navy or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on days when they have PE. Being ready for PE means we lose less time from PE lessons getting changed in and out of kit and means we don't have to worry about where to store their PE bags during the week.

We also ask that children wear black trainer shoes instead of school shoes—this means the children will have appropriate footwear for completing the daily mile.

If you are not able to find anything suitable, please make sure your child brings their trainers to school each day to change into.



## PE Days

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Class 1	Thursday	Friday
Class 2	Monday	Wednesday
Class 3	Monday	Thursday
Class 4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Class 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Class 6	Monday	Tuesday
Class 7	Thursday	Friday
Class 8	Monday	Wednesday
Class 9	Friday	Thursday
Class 10	Friday	Tuesday
Class 11	Thursday	Friday
Class 12	Wednesday	Monday

## Drop offs and Pick ups

We like to encourage our Upper School children (Years 5 & 6) to wait in the area outside the Tech Lab at the front of school if they arrive before the main car park gates close in the mornings so that we know they are safe. As soon as the car park gates are closed, a member of staff will open the gates and let the children walk through the car park safely to the Upper School Entrance in the car park. **Please note that the car park gates do not close until 8:45am.**

We know that traffic around the area can be bad around home time, but I must also remind you that **collection time in the evening is 3:30pm.** Please make sure you let the office know that you are running late and that this is not a regular occurrence.

## Home Learning—Microsoft Teams



Our Year 3 children were given details of how to access Microsoft Teams on their first day back at school. Please check in their book bags if you haven't seen it yet!

Teams has proven to be a great way to complete and hand in homework tasks each week.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you will not be able to access this at home.

### What Have You Done at School Today?

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

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



#### KEY DATES 2022-23

Wednesday 14th September	AM	Individual & Sibling Group Photographs
Friday 21st October	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 1
Monday 31st October	All Day	INSET DAY 3—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 1st November	8:55am	Back to School—Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 21st December	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 22nd December	All Day	INSET DAY 4—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 9th January	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 1
Friday 17th February	3:30pm	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2
Thursday 30th March	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5
Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School
Monday 2nd May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 9th-Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday

### Free School Meals

It is difficult to avoid news stories about the cost of living going up at the moment, whether that is fuel, heating or food prices. At school, we understand that times are hard and we do not want any child missing out on any educational activity as a consequence of this. If you are finding things difficult, then please come and talk to us, in confidence. Remember that if your child is eligible for free school meals then they have access to free school trips and are entitled to school uniform. If your child is not currently on free school meals but you think they might be entitled to, come and talk to us—we can even help you fill in the form!

# 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.



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## 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\_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING***