

17TH NOVEMBER 2023

Thank you to everyone who came in this week to meet with class teachers or to those of you who made sure you caught up with your child's class teachers by phone: it is really great for us to be able to share how well your children have settled into their new classes and to look forwards together at plans for their learning over the next few months to give you an idea of their learning journeys. We hope you all found these meetings as useful as I know the staff have.

I know the children will join me in thanking their teachers and Mrs Aujla for planning such an enjoyable Book Week this week based around the theme of Remembrance. I have enjoyed seeing the different activities the children have been taking part in and listening to them enthusiastically telling me about their learning when I have seen them at break and lunchtimes this week. **Thank you** for supporting us with Book Fair purchases throughout the week and during Parents' Evening. Your support has earned us just over **£1000** in commission which Mrs Aujla will use to further boost reading resources across the school and this extra boost to resources is always much appreciated by staff and children.

### Class Attendances—Week beginning 13th November 2023

Our attendance for this week is **94.3%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated.

Class 1	96.9%
Class 2	94%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	87.7%
Class 5	95.3%
Class 6	95.5%

Class 7	90.4%
Class 8	93.8%
Class 9	94.5%
Class 10	94.4%
Class 11	99.3%
Class 12	93.5%



Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,  
Mrs J Hill

### Close Call—Rusdale Avenue

We were recently contacted by a family member of a resident on Rusdale Avenue who had the need to call 999 around school collection time. Frighteningly, the ambulance was unable to get down the road to the property due to the carelessness of those who had parked there to do the school run. **Please can I urge you all to ensure you are not putting others at risk when you are parking:** consider whether it is your vehicle which would prevent an emergency vehicle, such as an ambulance or fire engine, from getting through – all for the sake of walking an extra minute or two.



### Year 2 Open Event—Wednesday 23rd November 2023

The admissions window opened last week for applications for places for children starting in Year 3 in September 2024 if they are moving from an infant to a junior school. If you have a child in Year 2, please come and join us for a student-led tour of our school at 10am on Wednesday 22nd November. We are proud of both our school and our children, who are always keen to show off their school and explain why *they* think coming to Gayton is the best decision you can make for your child!

Staff are always on hand to answer any trickier questions you might have and you can also pick up one of our new prospectuses on the day to take away with you.



**Closing date for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.**

If you wish to attend either session, please complete the form on the link below so that we know how many people to expect.

<https://forms.office.com/r/vzkiiFxRtq>

### Children in Need 2023

Thank you for your support today. We raised **£173** as our school donation to this year's Children in Need appeal.



### Christmas Diary Dates—A Reminder

**Wednesday 20th December is Christmas Dinner Day.** On the menu this year is: **roast turkey**, stuffing, chipolata sausages, roast and creamed potatoes, vegetables and gravy. The **vegetarian** option is **Quorn™ wellington** and the **halal** option is **roast chicken**. The stuffing and gravy are both suitable for vegetarians. For dessert there will be the option of a Christmas shortbread biscuit or a spiced chocolate oaty cookie. The office will send out letters home soon giving details about how to order a Christmas dinner for your child.

**Wednesday 20th December is also 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, in addition to their school uniform—along with a £2 donation for the *Save the Children* charity please. As usual, the Office Staff will be selling Christmas pin badges and slap bands from **Monday 4th December** in the school hall when doors open at 8:45am each morning, this year raising money for Young Minds, their chosen charity. Badges are £2, slap bands are £1 and both can be worn with school uniform throughout December.



The School Council have requested **Christmas Discos** again this year. These will be held on **Thursday 21st December**. Lower School Disco will run from 5pm-6:15pm and Upper School Disco will run from 6:30pm-7:45pm. **All children MUST be collected by an adult please.** Tickets will go on sale nearer the time—please keep an eye out for details.

Our Year 3 children are busy learning their lines and songs for their **Year 3 production**, which they will be performing to parents on **Wednesday 13th December** at 2pm and 6pm. Please keep an eye out for letters home about ticket information.

On **Thursday 7th December**, our Year 6 children will be visiting Nottingham Playhouse to see the pantomime Cinderella as part of our Passport of Experiences. This will be funded by school and a letter with more details for parents will come home nearer the time.

### 2023-24 DATES

Wednesday 22nd November	10:00am	Year 2 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thursday 7th December	PM	Year 6 Pantomime trip to Cinderella—letter to follow
Wednesday 13th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Christmas Production to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 20th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	12:15pm	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st December	AM	Lower School Gold Reward Trip—Bowling
Thursday 21st December	Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Christmas Discos—Ticket information to follow
Friday 22nd December	AM	Upper School Gold Reward Trip—Bowling
Friday 22nd December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 9th January 2024	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 15th January 2024	Midnight	Closing date for Y3 applications for September 2024
Friday 16th February 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
HALF TERM		
Monday 26th February 2024	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 28th March 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 15th April 2024	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6th May 2024	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May 2024	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 24th May 2024	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
HALF TERM		
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 4th June 2024	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

#### School Dinners

Next week we will be on Week 2 from our Autumn/Winter Dinner Menu. Meals cost £2.40 per day and should be paid for in advance please.

[View Menu](#)



#### Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to 53 children. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish. *Please remind your children that this provision is for those that have not had access to a breakfast at home.*

Thank you.

