

18TH NOVEMBER 2022

I know it seems far too early to be thinking about Christmas, but we have started to make plans this week and you will have already seen we are taking orders for our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 7th December. Please make a note of the key dates on the next page so you don't miss out on anything in the run up to the end of term!

Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter that had the commission amount from our Book Fair missing. We made £1216 in commission which will enable Mrs Aujla to buy additional resources for our classrooms that are always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support in making purchases again this year.

Thank you all for your support in donating to Children in Need this morning. We raised a Grand total of £230.54 to be donated to the cause from the school.



Please return any more parent/carer questionnaires to school by **Monday 21st November**—thank you to everyone who has already returned one. Your views are really important to us.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 14th November 2022

We have been heavily hit with a virus in school this week so overall attendance for the week is down, at 87.7%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise any holidays taken in term time and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines.

Class 1	94.2%
Class 2	90.7%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	95.7%
Class 5	89.7%
Class 6	79.7%



Class 7	76.3%
Class 8	61.4%
Class 9	78.4%
Class 10	96%
Class 11	96.1%
Class 12	94.7%

Best wishes
Mrs J Hill

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/>



Christmas Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th December is Christmas Dinner Day. Lunches will only be provided for those children who have ordered them in advance and there will be no other options offered on the day. The cost of the lunch will be £2.20 and will need to be paid in advance using ScoPay. We will provide crackers to pull.

On the menu this year is: **roast turkey**, stuffing, chipolata sausages, roast and creamed potatoes, vegetables and gravy. The **vegetarian** option is **Quorn™ roast** and the **halal** option is **roast chicken**. The stuffing and gravy are both suitable for vegetarians. For dessert there will be the option of an ice cream tub or a Christmas shortbread biscuit.

For those children with special dietary requirements, please contact Mrs Wagstaff in the office and she will arrange a suitable option for your child.

Please complete the slip below and return to school **no later than Friday 25th November 2022**. Unfortunately as these need to be pre-ordered with our caterers, we are unable to accept any requests after this date and your child will need to bring a packed lunch as an alternative.

You can download a letter and slip to return to school from the Letters section of the school app if yours did not make it home!



We are also making **Wednesday 7th December** our **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 5th December in the school hall when doors open at 8:45am each morning, this year raising money for Safe and Sound, 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 15th 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 14th December** at 2pm and 6pm. Please keep an eye out for letters home about ticket information.

On **Friday 16th December**, our Year 6 children will be visiting Nottingham Playhouse to see the pantomime Dick Whittington 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.

World Cup

The School Council have requested that children are offered the opportunity to watch England's opening World Cup game against Iran on Monday 21st November if they wish to and we have agreed to this. Pupils in each year group will have the opportunity to watch the game, with those who do not wish to watch being offered an alternative activity. Children may wear England shirts to school on Monday if they wish.



School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our **Week 3 Dinner Menu**. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/September-2022-Menu-Gayton.pdf>

KEY DATES 2022-23

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Wednesday 23rd November	10am or 2pm	Year 2 Open Day—see posters on entrance doors
Wednesday 23rd November	AM	Choir Competition—Derbion
Wednesday 30th November	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Social Skills at Home & School
Wednesday 30th November	9:15am—3:30pm	Year 4 Trip to Tutbury Castle—Details to follow
Wednesday 7th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day—£2 donation to Save the Children
Wednesday 7th December	12:15pm	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 14th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Production to Parents
Thursday 15th December	Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Christmas Discos
Friday 16th December	2:30pm	Year 6 Pantomime Trip—Details to follow
Wednesday 21st December	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 22nd December	All Day	INSET DAY 4—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 9th January	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 1
Wednesday 25th January	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Managing Behaviour & Expectations
Friday 10th February	All Day	Final Y6 PGL Payment—£40
Friday 17th February	3:30pm	End of Spring Term 1

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2
Wednesday 29th March	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Sensory Processing & Needs
Thursday 30th March	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 1
Monday 2nd May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Monday 8th-Friday 12th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term

MAY HALF TERM

Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday

Flu vaccination clinics



We now have flu vaccination clinics
available to book in Derby

If you completed a consent form, you should have
received a booking link. If not:

Please get in touch to book on

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