

2ND DECEMBER 2022

And just like that, it's December already! I've popped our Christmas information box back onto the next page of the newsletter in case you missed it last time—please make a note of the key dates so that you don't miss anything as there is lots to remember!

Our Year 4 children visited Tutbury Castle this week and I was delighted to hear from our staff and one of our parent helpers how complimentary the tour guides had been about our Gayton children during the visit: they were incredibly impressed with their excellent manners and fantastic subject knowledge and were a real credit to the school and their parents—well done Year 4!

## Class Attendances—Week beginning 28th November 2022

The annual winter illness period is now upon us, meaning overall attendance for the week remains lower than our target (95%), at 94.1%; this is typical for this time of year when bugs and germs are more rife. **Please remember that I am unable to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines.**

Class 1	96.8%
Class 2	92.8%
Class 3	91.7%
Class 4	94.2%
Class 5	94.7%
Class 6	96%

Class 7	95%
Class 8	98%
Class 9	95%
Class 10	90.7%
Class 11	90%
Class 12	91.3%



There was a very near miss between a parent who was walking with her child **ON THE PAVEMENT** with her child this morning outside the school gates. The car in question was performing a three-point-turn (**something we have asked you repeatedly to STOP doing in this area for this very reason**) and mounted the pavement without taking due care and checking that there were no pedestrians walking near to the car. **PLEASE stop doing this before there is a really nasty accident.**

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. Please remember to send a packed lunch if you have not ordered a Christmas dinner for your child. We will provide crackers to pull!



Wednesday 7th December is also 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 and reindeer headbands are £2, slap bands are £1, stickers are 50p a sheet and all 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 Monday 12th December in the morning when doors open before school and for each day that week. Tickets cost £2 and there will be enough for everyone ☺

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. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will watch their dress rehearsal on Tuesday 13th December so please make sure all costumes are in school before then.

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 came home yesterday.

### Snacks & Water Bottles



Please remember to send your child with a healthy snack for playtime. 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. We have been having issues lately with children eating food that is meant for their dinner at playtime and some snacks going missing from lunch boxes so children are not allowed access to their lunchboxes and sandwich bags once they have left them on the shelves or the trolleys ready for lunchtime.

In lessons, we like to encourage the children to keep them hydrated, as this helps them to concentrate better throughout the day and helps to keep them well. 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.



### School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our **Week 2 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 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—See letter for details
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
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children</b>
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

# It's Christmas Time!

## It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**

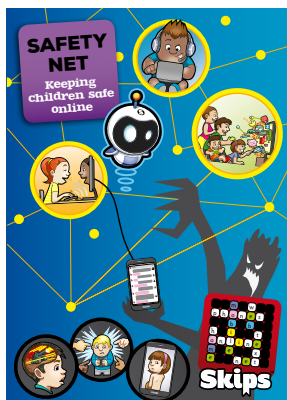


**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**



**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

**Schools** please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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