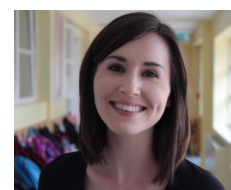


27TH JANUARY 2023

Please remember that, following our communication with you yesterday, **school will be CLOSED on Wednesday 1st February** unless you have booked your child a place at school due to having no alternative childcare and them having an EHCP, being a Pupil Premium child or due to you being a critical worker. Thank you for working with us within a tight time frame to put plans in place for next week. We really appreciate your support.

We are already looking forward to welcoming Mrs Hicks back to school after her maternity leave after the half term break. Mrs Hicks will join Class 4 on a part-time basis, working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will job share with Mrs Oliver, who has been doing a brilliant job in Class 4 in Mrs Hicks' absence. This means we get to keep hold of Mrs Oliver, who we have grown to love over the last year—she has become a very valuable member of the Gayton team and I am sure Class 4 are pleased that they won't have to say goodbye to her just yet either! Mrs Hicks will spend some time in school working with Mrs Oliver and the Year 4 Team before half term to make sure that she can hit the ground running when she returns on Wednesday 1st March.



Please remember that children should be wearing **plain black trainers** with their school uniforms so that they can take part in the daily mile. We have a number of children in school who are not currently following our school uniform expectations and we do appreciate your support with this.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 23rd January 2023—Average attendance 94.2%
 Attendance has improved slightly this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still unable to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	95.4%
Class 2	93.4%
Class 3	95.0%
Class 4	95.3%
Class 5	94.3%
Class 6	92.1%



Class 7	94.3%
Class 8	94.4%
Class 9	93.1%
Class 10	95.0%
Class 11	94.0%
Class 12	94.1%

Best wishes
 Mrs J Hill

Lost Property

We have a large amount of un-named lost property again. We are unable to keep such a large quantity of it in school without it becoming a health and safety issue. We will be popping the rail outside Lower School entrance again when the weather is good enough in the coming week for you to have a look through for lost items but I cannot stress enough that it *really is helpful to name all uniform so that it can be returned to children when they lose it!*

Community Meals at Harrison's Hub

As part of the new offer from the dedicated community space at Pride Park Stadium, Harrison's Hub, the Derby County Community Trust are hosting weekly community meals for families who will benefit from across the city. They have allocated three 'school specific' dates for partner schools' families to book on to, on **February 23rd and March 16th**. Food will be served from 4pm. As a partner school, this offer is open to Gayton families, who can sign up using the link below:



<https://www.derbycountycommunitytrust.com/form/community-meals-schools>

PE Kit

I have been reminding the children this week that PE days are not "wear what you want to school" days! We shared our PE kit guidance with you before the summer and it can be found online on the school website if you are unsure or need to refer to it to win an argument in the mornings! Children should look like they are in school uniform please:



Navy or black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts

Plain trainers

White polo shirt

Navy cardigan or sweatshirt, with or without school logo

(NO HOODIES OR TRACKSUIT TOPS PLEASE)

Midday Supervisor Vacancy



Are you looking for part-time work?

Due to changes in deployment of staff, we are looking for an addition to our friendly, hardworking team to support the midday supervisors and play leaders in engaging children in a range of fun, healthy activities over the lunch period.

Our middays work daily from 12:10 to 1:30pm and earn £3226 annually.

For more information visit:

https://dercili.webitrent.com/dercili_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?

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The closing date for the vacancy is Friday 3rd February at 12pm and interviews will be held on Thursday 9th February during the afternoon.

KEY DATES 2022-23

Wednesday 1st February	All Day	School Closed—National Strike
Friday 10th February	All Day	Final Y6 PGL Payment—£40
Tuesday 14th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 15th February	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Lea Green—See Letter
Friday 17th February	3:30pm	End of Spring Term 1
FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2
Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March	3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents' Evening—NEW DATES
Friday 17th March	All Day	Red Nose Day—Details to Follow
Wednesday 29th March	All Day	Year 6 School Nursing Team Visit—See Letter
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
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	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

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>



Breakfast

We were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 75 children this week at the start of our initial month of breakfast provision for those who need it. Huge thanks to Alfa IT Consulting Ltd, run by one of our own parents, who has kindly donated to the fund this week to help us keep this provision running beyond January.

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