

16TH SEPTEMBER 2022

I'm sure we've all taken some time for some quiet reflection over the last 10 days or so. It has been impossible to turn on the television, pick up a newspaper, scroll through social media or have a conversation this week without hearing or seeing something about Queen Elizabeth or our new King. It doesn't seem long at all since we celebrated the jubilee with the children at the end of the summer half term so we have taken some time in school to again reflect on a life so incredibly lived this week as we look ahead to the state funeral on Monday. Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 19th September for the State Funeral.



A special congratulations to the children chosen to be this term's prefects. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils whose attitude and effort at school at the start of the year has been exemplary:



Year 3 - Ismae
Year 4 - Erin
Year 5 - Francis
Year 6 - Aiden



In line with a government drive to improve attendance, we are working hard to improve our attendance this year after falling below 96% for the whole school last year for the first time in many years. Please do not be offended if the office team ask for evidence to support your child's absence: this is so that we can accurately authorise any absences they may have. Please note, I am still unable to authorise term-time holidays, for any reason.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 12th September 2022

Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	97.7%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	99.3%
Class 5	97.7%
Class 6	89.9%



Class 7	99.3%
Class 8	99.3%
Class 9	98.4%
Class 10	95.7%
Class 11	93.3%
Class 12	99.3%



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/>



Safeguarding

Please make sure your child knows who is collecting them each evening. If your arrangements change for any reason, please telephone to let the office know as soon as you can so we can get a message to them. Our staff are still trying to get to know you all and being approached by unfamiliar adults that children are not expecting can be quite unnerving.

Remember that you can come to talk to any member of the Safeguarding Team, in confidence, if you have concerns about the wellbeing of a child. Our safeguarding email is monitored out of hours and over weekends, school and bank holidays and, of course, if you are concerned any child is in immediate danger, we would urge you to call 999.

Safeguarding Team—safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk



Mrs J Hill
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Headteacher



Mrs L Trimbee
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead—Y3 teacher



Mrs V Clarke
Designated Lead for Mental
Health & Wellbeing—
Learning Mentor

Check List

I know that the start of a new school year, particularly for our new Year 3 parents, can sometimes feel like an overload of new information and things to do (I am experiencing the same thing as a parent this year too!) but please take a minute just to check you have done the following things:



- ♦ Signed up to ScoPay—for school dinner payments. Please sign up to this even if your child brings packed lunches as this is the easiest way of paying for school trips now that we are operating cash free in the office. Please contact the office if you missed your log in letter at the start of term.
- ♦ Logged into Teams. A number of children still have not accessed their Teams account this year to view their weekly homework sheets. Please contact Mr O'Donnell at school if you are having difficulty doing this.
- ♦ Installed the school app AND have notifications turned ON. This is our quickest and easiest way of getting letters and urgent information to parents, such as school closures, etc.
- ♦ Followed us on Facebook for our weekly round-ups and other news and useful links.
<https://m.facebook.com/gaytonjuniorschool/>

School Dinners

Next week we are on our Week 1 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>



Year 6 Transition

It seems silly to be talking about this already, but you are able to go online and apply for your child's place at secondary school for September 2023 from this week. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2022. Your child should have brought home information about the process this week.

Our experience has shown us that it is really important that you put down more than one preference for a secondary school, as sometimes schools are heavily oversubscribed and, without a second option, children are placed at schools in the city that are left with spaces after all places are allocated. *This can cause unnecessary worry for children during what is already a difficult time whilst parents appeal for places at other schools.*



Please keep an eye on secondary school websites to find out about open evenings and events this year. We will let you know of any we hear of.

Murray Park School in Mickleover would like to invite you to their Year 5 and 6 Open Evening on Tuesday 20th September from 6-8pm. Head teacher speeches are 6.15pm and 7pm.

KEY DATES 2022-23

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Monday 19th September	All Day	School Closed for Bank Holiday—State Funeral
Friday 30th September	All Day	Year 3 Markeaton Park Trip
Friday 7th October	Details to Follow	STEM Day
Friday 21st October	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 1
Monday 31st October	All Day	INSET DAY 3—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 31st October	All Day	DEADLINE FOR YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Tuesday 1st November	8:55am	Back to School—Autumn Term 2
Monday 7th or Wednesday 9th November	3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent/Carer Meetings with Class Teachers
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 8th-Friday 12th 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

Family Support - Marketplace Event

**Umbrella are holding their Annual
SEN Provider Marketplace
Moorways Sports Village and Water Park
Moor Ln, Allenton, Derby DE24 9HY**

10am-2pm

Friday 7th October 2022

Please come along and meet local service providers at this free event. Representatives from children's and adult services, care, play and leisure will be there to answer your questions!

This is a drop in session throughout the day.

Cafe on site, free parking for 3 hours .



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We have spaces available for parents and carers to participate in a Yoga and relaxation **taster** session during the day.



We have 2 times available 11 am and 1 pm.
Booking is essential for this.

Please contact the Family Support Team
01332 785658 / familysupport@umbrella.uk.net
for more details and to book a taster session.



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