



Newsletter—Week 20

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17TH FEBRUARY 2023

As this half term comes to a close and we reflect on the first half of the school year, myself and the team would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been wonderful being able to plan trips and experiences again for the children to enjoy and we appreciate that with the cost of living escalating, contributing to paying for these is not always easy, so thank you.

I'd personally like to thank the large team of staff we have here at school for all their hard work: a lot goes on behind the scenes in order for the school to open each morning and everyone plays their part in this, all of them going above and beyond to ensure that the children get the best experiences possible whilst they are here.

We have lots more to look forward to looking ahead into the spring and summer, when the diary is always jam-packed, so please keep an eye on the diary page as we add information to this.

Please remember that we all return to school on Monday 27th February at 8:55am after the holiday!

PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO PARENTS' EVENING, THERE WILL BE NO GYMNASTICS, HOMEWORK OR WARHAMMER CLUBS ON TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AND NO HOMEWORK OR LEGO CLUBS ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH. BRICKS4KIDZ AND YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL WILL START ON THURSDAY 9TH MARCH.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 13th February 2023—Average attendance 93.4%

Attendance has dipped 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	93.6%
Class 2	81.0%
Class 3	92.7%
Class 4	98.4%
Class 5	95.0%
Class 6	95.0%



Class 7	96.0%
Class 8	93.7%
Class 9	89.3%
Class 10	93.7%
Class 11	95.5%
Class 12	96.7%

Have a lovely half term.

Best Wishes
Mrs J Hill

Book Week

We have had to make some last minute changes to our Book Week plans! Children will now be able to visit the Book Fair during school time on the following days:

Monday 27th February—Year 3

Tuesday 28th February—Year 4

Thursday 2nd March—Year 5 & Year 6

The children will spend the week exploring a specific story and carrying out exciting activities to give them a deeper understanding of the book, as well as fun-filled and enriching experiences throughout the week.

In celebration of World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 2nd March**. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative costumes! Please don't feel any pressure to buy a costume just for one day: get creative – animals and pirates are very easy characters to create with bits you might already have at home!



Big Walk and Wheel

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20th-31st March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved!



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child/children to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child's specific needs, please contact Mrs Costema and we will make sure to look into how your child can take part.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

School Dinners

Our caterers have provided us with a slightly revised dinner menu for the remainder of the school year and are attached to this newsletter.

After half term, this will start on Week 2's menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.

Remember that dinner menus can be found on the Meals section of the school app or on the school website in the Meals and Snacks section under the Parents tab.

Allergen information can also be found here and menus can be provided for individual dietary needs on request. Please contact Mrs Wagstaff in the school office for more information.

National Apprenticeship Week—Tree Planting

Our thanks to JCB who came into school last week to plant a British Oak on the school field as part of their work to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week. We are extremely grateful to parent Neil Fowkes who helped to secure this for us.



Allenton Dental Care

Allenton Dental Care are taking on NHS patients and have asked us to share this with you. We know that this will be a popular offer so don't wait too long to sign up if you are currently without a dentist!



Contact them on 01332 700244

Lower School Collection

Lower School staff are concerned about the safety of younger siblings who are waiting with adults collecting children at the end of the school day, particularly when playing around the Learning Lodge, on the slope and around the Year 4 gate. As this area gets very busy when the Gayton children come out, please try and keep younger siblings with you at all times. Thank you.

Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 55 children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it**. Our thanks to Brian Bate for an additional £25 donation this week!



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2
Monday 27th February— Friday 3rd March	All Week	Book Week
Wednesday 1st March	All Day	Potential Strike Day
Thursday 2nd March	All Day	World Book Day—Fancy Dress favourite book character
Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March	3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents' Evening—NEW DATES
Thursday 9th March	All Day	Year 5 Museum of Making Trip—See Letter
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	All Day	Potential Strike Days
Friday 17th March	All Day	Red Nose Day—Details to Follow
Monday 20th—Friday 31st March	Mornings and Evenings for the fortnight	Big Walk and Wheel
Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip—See Letter
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	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for all pupils
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 1st May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th-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

2023-24 INSET DAYS

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

GAYTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

Monday- Glow In The Dark Dodgeball (Yr. 3/4 only)

Thursday- Football (Yr. 5/6 only)

STARTS
27TH
FEBRUARY

CLUBS RUN
3.30-4.30PM

£3.50
PER SESSION

AFTER
SCHOOL
CLUBS

To book a space on our clubs, please visit:

BOOK NOW



www.progressive-sports.co.uk/eastmidlands


Then, follow the links to 'School Clubs'

The sessions will be led by highly trained sports educators, who are fully DBS checked, have received full safeguarding training, and all staff are trained Mental Health Aware practitioners. Our staff receive 150 hours of minimum training a year

Progressive Sports operate across the East Midlands, delivering high quality PE and Sports provision, holiday courses and community based activities.

Week: 1

Date: 13th March, 17th April, 8th May, 5th June,
26th June, 17th July


Salad, Fresh Fruit, Bread and Water are available to pupils every day in all schools.  = Vegetarian


For Allergen information please ask a member of the catering team.



Gayton

Monday

 Veggie Balls served with Mashed Potato, Gravy and Minted Peas or Carrots


 Tomato & Basil Pasta served with Baguette Slice and Peas or Carrots


Halal Chicken Sausage served with Mashed Potato, Gravy & Minted Peas or Carrots

Angel Mousse & Fruit

Fresh Fruit Salad

Tuesday

 Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake served with Baguette Slice and Sweetcorn

 Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Mixed Salad and Sweetcorn

Jacket Potato served with Tuna Mayonnaise and Sweetcorn

Orange Muffin

Fresh Fruit Salad

Wednesday

 Roast Pork & Stuffing, Gravy served with Organic Roast Potato & Fresh Vegetable Medley

 Vegan Sausage, Stuffing & Gravy served with Organic Roast Potato & Fresh Vegetable Medley


Halal Chicken & Stuffing, Gravy served with Organic Roast Potato & Fresh Vegetable Medley

Lemon & Apricot Cookie Milk

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Beef Cottage Pie served with Peas

 Macaroni & Cheese served with Baguette Slice and Peas

Cheese or Ham Roll served with Mixed Salad


Fruit Crumble & Custard

Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday

MSC Salmon Cakes served with Oven Chips, Tomato Sauce and Broccoli

 Chinese Quorn Wrap served with chips and Broccoli

 Jacket Potato & Cheese, served with Baked Beans

Shortbread Biscuit

Fresh Fruit Salad



Main

Dessert




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Week: 2

Date: 27th February, 20th March, 24th April, 15th May, 12th June, 3rd July


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Monday

Tomato Mascarpone Pasta served with Baguette Slice & Carrots

 Savoury Homemade Pie with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes and Carrots


Cheese or Ham Roll served with Mixed Salad

Iced Mandarin Sponge

Fresh Fruit Salad

Tuesday

Chicken Korma Curry served with Flatbread, Rice and Sweetcorn

 Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Homemade Coleslaw and Sweetcorn

Ham or Cheese Roll served with Mixed Salad

Bakewell Cake with Custard

Fresh Fruit Salad

Gayton

Wednesday

Roast Turkey served with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding and Organic Roast Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

 Vegan Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding With Gravy served with Organic Roast Potatoes and Fresh Vegetable Medley


Halal Chicken served with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding and Organic Roast Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

Milk

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Homemade Sausage Roll served with Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans

 Cheese & Tomato Snack served with Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans


Halal Chicken Sausage served with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans


Pineapple Upside Down & Custard

Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday

MSC Fish served with Oven Chips, Peas with Tomato sauce

 Mexican Veggie Ball Pasta served with Baguette Slice & Peas

 Fajita Quorn Wrap with Oven Chips and Peas

Cornflake Flapjack


Fresh Fruit Salad



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Week: 3
Date: 6th March, 27th March, 1st May, 22nd May, 19th June, 10th July

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Gayton



Main

Dessert

Monday

✓ Veggie Chilli with ½ Jacket and Carrots

✓ Veggie Ball Pasta with tomato & Basil sauce served with Baguette Slice & Carrots

Cheese or Ham Roll served with Mixed Salad

Flapjack

Fresh Fruit Salad

Tuesday

Tandoori Chicken served with Rice and Sweetcorn

✓ Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Sweetcorn & Mixed Salad

Tuna Roll with Mixed Salad

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Fresh Fruit Salad

Wednesday

✓ Roast Chicken served with Gravy, Stuffing and Organic Roast Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

✓ Quorn Roast served with Gravy, Stuffing and Organic Roast Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

Halal Chicken served with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding and Organic Roast Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

Oaty Cookie Milk

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Pork Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding with Onion gravy, Mashed Potato & Peas

✓ Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding with Onion gravy, Mashed Potato & Peas

Halal Chicken Sausage served with Yorkshire Pudding with Onion gravy, Mashed Potato & Peas

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard

Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday

MSC Fish Fingers served with Oven Chips and Baked Beans, Tomato Sauce

✓ Cheese Snack served with Oven Chips, Baked Beans & Tomato Sauce

✓ Jacket Potato & Cheese, served with Baked Beans

Chocolate Krispie Cake

Fresh Fruit Salad



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