

26TH MAY 2023

I hope you all have something relaxing planned for the week off. It is always nice to start a school holiday with a Bank Holiday weekend and, as the next term is a long one, it is important to recharge our batteries as a busy June and July approaches. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our current Year 3 children to Gayton and now we are busy preparing to greet our next cohort—time has certainly flown by this year! We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 5th June**.

The most exciting news in school over the last week was the arrival of our Activalls! These have been purchased with our Sports Premium grant and will be used on the playground during lunchtime as well as for brain breaks during lessons and also as part of fitness and agility lessons in PE. The children had great fun watching the staff go head-to-head during a demonstration in assembly this week!



Next term, as part of our Relationships Education and PSHE lessons, our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will be taking part in their 'Changes' lessons. A separate letter will come home with more information for each year group before this is taught. **We have not made any changes to the curriculum or policy this year.**

## Class Attendances—Week beginning 22nd May 2023—Average attendance 95.6%

We've had another good week for attendance this week—well done everyone! This will help us with our 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.**

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| Class 1 | 94.8% |
| Class 2 | 93.8% |
| Class 3 | 95.1% |
| Class 4 | 95.6% |
| Class 5 | 94%   |
| Class 6 | 93.6% |

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| Class 7  | 95%   |
| Class 8  | 95%   |
| Class 9  | 93.3% |
| Class 10 | 95.7% |
| Class 11 | 94.8% |
| Class 12 | 94.6% |



Best wishes,  
Mrs J Hill

## Arts Days

We spent two days this week focusing on the Derbyshire tradition of well dressing. First, the children learnt all about them and looked at some examples of locally-dressed wells from this year before designing their own individual and class versions. On Thursday, each class worked hard to complete the large class designs and put them on display on the grass at the front of school at home time so that you were all able to see the finished pieces when you collected your children. For anyone who missed them, here are our fantastic finished well dressings!

Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



Class 6



Class 7



Class 8



Class 9



Class 10



Class 11



Class 12



## Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service—Parental Advice

On Wednesday morning, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service launched a hard-hitting water safety video called 'Thando's Story', told in the words of Mr and Mrs Ndlovu who lost their much-loved son Thando in July 2021.

Thando's Story aims to encourage parents, carers and guardians to speak to young children about the dangers of open water, and directly warn young people in the hope that Thando's death will leave a legacy that will prevent future water deaths.

This is such an important message and one that, ahead of the half term holiday and warmer weather, is particularly important.

You can link to Thando's Story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Jz5t3BA6rQ>

| DIARY DATES   |                |  |
|---|----------------|--|
| Friday 26th May                                     | PM             | Break up for Half Term                                   |
| MAY HALF TERM                                       |                |  |
| Monday 5th June                                     | AM             | Back to School—Summer Term 2                             |
| Tuesday 6th June                                    | All Day        | Year 6 Castleton Trip—Letter to follow                   |
| Wednesday 7th June—<br>Friday 16th June—Date change | Testing Window | Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check                       |
| Thursday 15th June                                  | 12:15pm        | International Picnic Day—Bring a packed lunch!           |
| Friday 16th June                                    | AM             | Y4 Derby Arena Halle Orchestra Event—Letter to follow    |
| Tuesday 20th June                                   | All Day        | Year 5 Seaside Trip—Letter to follow                     |
| Wednesday 28th June                                 | 9:30-11:00am   | Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health |
| Monday 3rd July                                     | All Day        | Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip—Letter to follow     |
| Tuesday 4th—Thursday 6th July                       | All Day        | City-wide Transition Days                                |
| Thursday 13th July                                  | 9:15am-12:15pm | Lower School Sports Day                                  |
| Friday 14th July                                    | 9:15am-12:15pm | Upper School Sports Day                                  |
| Monday 17th July                                    | All Day        | Year 3 Adventure Farm Trip—Letter to follow              |
| Friday 21st July                                    | All Day        | Reward Day—Non Uniform for All Children                  |
| 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  |

### Breakfast

Numbers have continued to rise this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 120 children over the course of the week **for those who need it**. Please remind your children that this provision is for those who need the extra help with provision of breakfast—we have had some children coming for breakfast telling us they didn't have time for breakfast at home because they were running late and some children coming for a second breakfast when they have already eaten at home. Whilst we are happy to make sure all children are ready and well-fuelled for the day ahead in school, we cannot continue to fund breakfasts long-term at this high rate.

**breakfast**  
fuel for learning

### School Dinners

After half term, we will be on Week 1's 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/Week-1-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>



# JUNE NEWSLETTER

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## We've got our uniform

Order before the 31st of July  
to guarantee getting everything  
you need in time for back to  
school



## 8 WEEKS TO GO

With just 8 weeks to go before the start of the school summer holidays, this is the best time to pop in to purchase your school uniform ready for September. Allow plenty of time and order before 31st July 2023.

**BE SMART,  
BE PREPARED  
AND  
SHOP EARLY**

**Measure twice**  
*Shop once!*

save money and the environment by  
getting your measurements right  
first time!



**Make sure you're measuring right!**  
All of our sizes are in inches, grab  
some tape and follow the guide  
to make sure you get that perfect fit  
first time



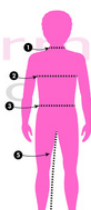
## UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Uniform swap shops are a new initiative gaining traction across the country that lets parents donate their old or unused uniform for the use of others who might need it more and helping the environment by keeping perfectly usable items from ending up in landfill.

Contact your school to see if they operate a pre-loved uniform swap shop and check out social media sites such as facebook for local groups that can help.

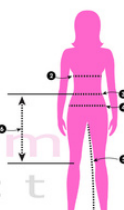
### MEASUREMENT GUIDE FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Our garment sizes  
reflect the size of body  
the garment will fit in  
inches.  
For example: If chest  
measures 32 inches then  
blazer size 32 will fit,  
however if you require  
a more roomier fit, select  
larger than 32



- 1 COLLAR**  
Measure around the base of  
the neck, where the collar sits
- 2 CHEST**  
Place the tape close under the arms.  
Measure the chest at the fullest part
- 3 WAIST**  
Measure around the natural  
waistline
- 4 HIPS**  
Measure around the bottom,  
at the fullest part

- 5 INSIDE LEG**  
Measure from the crotch to the  
hem of the trousers
- 6 SKIRT LENGTH**  
For skirt length measure from  
waist to knee





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