

21ST JULY 2023

As another year draws to a close, it is time to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 children as they leave us for their next big adventures—we are sure they will be every bit as successful as they have been here and they all know where to find us if they need anything at all in the future!

My thanks to the Gayton team for their hard work over the year—we were extremely pleased to have achieved another good OFSTED grading in the Spring term and this reflects not only their efforts, but the children's too. Thank you, also, for your continued support.

In addition, we are also saying a fond farewell and good luck to Mrs Thorman who leaves us after 10 years at Gayton. Mrs Thorman will be greatly missed—she has been a highly valued member of our Gayton family during her time here, always on hand to loan a tent or give out some advice about phonics! We all wish her lots of luck with her new venture and can't wait to visit her glamping site in Wales in the near future!

Please avoid buying large school bags for your child over the summer as these take up so much room on pegs that, over the winter, coats end up falling onto the floor! Children do not need anything larger than a **book bag** with them as all they need to bring to school is a water bottle and their reading book.

Class Attendances—Academic Year September 5th 2022—July 21st 2023—Average attendance = 94.5%
Well done to Class 10 who were presented with our Attendance of the Year trophy today. They achieved an average attendance of 95.9% for the year—well done Class 10! **Please remember that I am still unable to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests next year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	94.2%
Class 2	94%
Class 3	95.2%
Class 4	95.6%
Class 5	94.3%
Class 6	93.7%

Class 7	95.1%
Class 8	94.9%
Class 9	92.6%
Class 10	95.9%
Class 11	94.8%
Class 12	94.1%

Have a lovely summer!
Mrs J Hill

Breakfast

Numbers have continued to rise this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 47 children over the course of the week **for those who need it.**

breakfast
fuel for learning

School Dinners

In September, we will start back on Week 1 from our new Autumn/Winter dinner menu. As per our letter last week, dinners will cost **£2.40** per day from September (£12 per week) and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.

 **Eat Culture**
Nottingham Catering

<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Gayton-Autumn-Winter-Menu-Week-1.pdf>

PE Kit

Please remember that we would like to ask children to continue to come to school wearing PE kit (t-shirt, navy sweatshirt or cardigan, navy or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on days when they have PE. Being ready for PE means we lose less time from PE lessons getting changed in and out of kit and means we don't have to worry about where to store their PE bags during the week.

Again, it would be most ideal if you could buy black trainer shoes instead of school shoes in your 'uniform shop' this summer—this means the children will have appropriate footwear for completing the daily mile. If you are not able to find anything suitable, please make sure your child brings their trainers to school each day to change into.



PE days for next year are listed in the table below for your child's new class. We have made the decision this year to continue swimming lessons for the children moving into Year 4 to give as many children as possible the chance to build on the great progress they have made with their water confidence this year and to allow them time to achieve the Key Stage 2 objective of being able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. Sports Premium funding will be used to pay for these additional lessons and we are grateful to the pool for finding us three additional slots to allow time for Classes 4, 5 and 6 to swim next year. This swimming session will replace one of the PE lessons in Year 4 so that they still have time for all of the other exciting curriculum topics that the Year 4 staff have planned for them across the year—the team will let you know whether the PE unit for each half term will be indoor or outdoor so you know what kit to send your child in.

PE Days

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE	Swimming
Class 1	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday
Class 2	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
Class 3	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
Class 4	Tuesday		Thursday
Class 5	Tuesday		Wednesday
Class 6	Tuesday		Friday
Class 7	Wednesday	Friday	
Class 8	Monday	Wednesday	
Class 9	Wednesday	Friday	
Class 10	Friday	Thursday	
Class 11	Friday	Thursday	
Class 12	Monday	Thursday	

Class 4 and 5 will be swimming right at the end of the school day, so may still bring a onesie to school to get changed into when they finish their lesson if they wish. Class 6 will swim before lunchtime so will need to change back into school uniform after their swimming lesson. **I am happy for them to wear PE kit on a Friday if they are more comfortable changing into this after their lesson.**

Dinner Debts

There are still a number of families with outstanding dinner debts. THESE MUST BE CLEARED PLEASE as our school budget cannot continue to fund unpaid debts. Payments can be made online or by card over the phone during the summer holidays. Thank you.



2023-24 DATES

Monday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Monday 4th September	9:30am—2:00pm	Pupil Premium Pack Collection—See article below
Tuesday 5th September	All Day	INSET 2
Wednesday 6th September	8:55am	Autumn 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 27th October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 6th November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 7th November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 22nd December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 9th January 2024	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 16th February 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 26th February 2024	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 28th March 2024	3:30pm	3:30pm
Monday 15th April 2024	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6th May 2024	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May 2024	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 24th May 2024	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 4th June 2024	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER



Class Photos

Class photo orders will be sent to home addresses.



Pupil Premium Packs

Pupil Premium packs will be ready for collection on Monday 4th September from 9.30am until 2pm from the Tech Lab at the front of school near the main gate (signposted). Please email admin@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk if you are unable to collect on this day to arrange an alternative.



Safeguarding Concerns

Please email safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk if have any safeguarding concerns over the holidays. This email will be checked regularly if you need help or support with anything over the summer break.

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with 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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