

13TH OCTOBER 2023

Thank you for your support with our fundraising for Young Minds on World Mental Health Day on Tuesday this week: we are pleased to report that, as of this morning, we have raised a total of £113 to help them to provide vital support for young people across the UK.



Unfortunately, I have to remind parents, once again, about the dangers of performing three point turns at the top of Gayton Avenue by the school gates. Doing so often means cars mount the pavements and we frequently see parents coming close to knocking over children who are walking to school, making us fear this is an **ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN!**



Your child should have brought home their school photograph proof this week, with information about how to order prints online. Please note that the last day to place an order is **THURSDAY 26th October**.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 9th October 2023

Our current overall attendance for the term is **95.2%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated so far.

Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	89%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	98.7%
Class 5	91.3%
Class 6	97.2%

Class 7	98%
Class 8	90.3%
Class 9	96.1%
Class 10	98.4%
Class 11	99.3%
Class 12	91.4%



Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Halloween Discos

We will be holding our Halloween Discos again this year, as they continue to be a popular request of the School Council! There will be two discos—one for Lower School (years 3 and 4) and one for Upper School (years 5 and 6) on **Thursday 26th October**. Children are welcome to dress up if they wish! **Children MUST BE collected by an adult please as the nights will be dark by then.**



The Lower School Disco will run from 5pm until 6:15pm and the Upper School Disco will run from 6:30 until 7:45pm. Tickets will go on sale (£2 per ticket) in the hall when doors open each morning from **Monday 23rd October** and *there will be enough tickets for everyone, so please don't worry.* There will be a tuck shop open on the night where children can buy sweets and drinks if they wish—they will need no more than £1 for this!

National Online Safety App for Parents

Digital wellbeing is about how the internet and technology can make us feel. This includes recognising the impact being online can have on:

- Our emotions
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Physical health and wellbeing

Technology and the internet should be there to enhance and simplify our lives rather than be a cause of distraction, worry or upset. However, not all online experiences are positive for young people, and this can have a negative impact on how they feel about themselves, their friendships and relationships and even how they see the wider world.

Our PSHE curriculum covers online safety on a rolling cycle and we always include additional lessons around national Safer Internet Days to continue to raise the profile of this with the children in school. Additionally, we ensure staff receive regular internet safety training to keep up with the ever changing online trends that can cause potential risks to our children, however safe they may seem.

To support you, as parents, last year we subscribed to National Online Safety which has provided training for staff to gain a school accreditation and parents can also download the app to access a huge variety of resources. Please search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/ Google Play Store and select Gayton Junior School when you register.



Flu Immunisations

The team will be visiting school on **Wednesday 15th November** and are offering the nasal flu vaccination to children in all four junior year groups.

Please click [here](#) to complete the consent form. **The deadline for this is Wednesday 8th November.** One consent form per child is required. **There is an option to consent or decline the vaccination so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.**

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 - option 5.

For more information about the vaccination, please view their [leaflet](#).



After School Clubs—Week beginning 23rd October

Monday 23rd October - Y3 Homework Club—ON!
- Girls' Football Club—ON!

Tuesday 24th October - Cookery Club—ON!
- Warhammer Club—ON!
- Homework Club—ON!

Thursday 26th October - Clay Creators—ON!
- Choir—**CANCELLED!**
- Homework—**CANCELLED!**
- Warhammer—ON!
- Lego—**CANCELLED!**



2023-24 DATES

Friday 20th October	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Creswell Crags— See Letter
Thursday 26th October	Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm	Halloween Discos—new!
Thursday 26th October	PM	Deadline for School Photograph Online Orders -new!
Friday 27th October	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all pupils
Friday 27th October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
HALF TERM		
Tuesday 31st October	Midnight	Deadline for applications for Year 7 places for September 2024
Monday 6th November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 7th November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 15th November	TBC	Flu Immunisations for Pupils—new!
Friday 22nd December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
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
HALF TERM		
Monday 26th February 2024	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 28th March 2024	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
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 HALF TERM
HALF TERM		
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



School Dinners

Next week we are on Week 1 from our Autumn/Winter Dinner Menu. Meals cost £2.40 per day and should be paid for in advance please.

[View Menu](#)



Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to 112 children who needed it each. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish. Please remind your children that this provision is for those that have not had access to a breakfast at home. Thank you.

