

11TH NOVEMBER 2022

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been into school this week for meetings with your child's class teachers. It was lovely welcoming you all into school—some for the first time—for these after such a long time. We try to aim to speak to 100% of our parents at this point in the year so, if you didn't attend, please contact the office to arrange a time when your child's class teacher might be free to see you before or after school one day, or let them know when might be a good time for them to give you a call.

Thank you also for your support in making purchases this week from our Book Fair. We made £XXX in commission which will enable Mrs Aujla to buy additional resources for our classrooms that are always greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Mrs Aujla for organising another wonderful Book Week. We can all highly recommend this book by Brian Selznick.

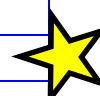
There are children arriving at school and waiting on the premises as early as 8:20am some mornings. Please be aware that staff are not on duty outside until 8:45am when doors open. Similarly, we are getting an increasing number of children who are not being collected on time at 3:30pm. Please allow for extra time if you are travelling to collect your child from work by car if it is raining as we find this always increases the amount of traffic across the city! I am sure many of you who commute will be aware of the impact the roadworks on Pastures Hill outside Littleover School are having on traffic around Hillsway and Burton Road also, so please allow extra time for these until the expected end of these works at the end of November.

## Class Attendances—Week beginning 7th November 2022

Our overall attendance for the week is **95.8%**. Thank you for your support with promoting better attendance in school: it is much appreciated so far. **Please remember that I am unable to authorise any holidays taken in term time and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines.**

Class 1	96.8%
Class 2	94%
Class 3	97.2%
Class 4	95.9%
Class 5	97.2%
Class 6	93.2%

Class 7	96.2%
Class 8	96.4%
Class 9	96.3%
Class 10	97.4%
Class 11	93.5%
Class 12	94.8%



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/>



### **Odd Socks Day—Monday 14th November—REMINDER**

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In 2022 it will take place on **Monday 14th November**. Please feel free to come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 14th November** to help us to raise awareness!



### **Prefects**

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 and with their homework this half term has been exemplary:



Year 3—Harkirat  
Year 4—Aarohti  
Year 5—Grace  
Year 6—Mila



### **Children in Need 2022**

We are again inviting children to wear a splash of yellow, something spotty or any Children in Need merchandise along with their school uniform on **Friday 18th November**.

Mr O'Donnell will create a giant Pudsey Bear with any change you would like to donate on the day.



### **School Dinners**

**Next week, we will be on our Week 2 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 2 Open Event—Wednesday 23rd November 2022**

The admissions window opened last week for applications for places for children starting in Year 3 in September 2023 if they are moving from an infant to a junior school. If you have a child in Year 2, please come and join us for a student-led tour of our school at either 10am or 2pm on Wednesday 23rd November. We are proud of both our school and our children, who are always keen to show off their school and explain why they think coming to Gayton is the best decision you can make for your child! Staff are always on hand to answer any trickier questions you might have and you can also pick up one of our new prospectuses on the day to take away with you.



**Closing date for applications is Friday 13th January 2023.**

If you wish to attend either session, please complete the form on the link below so that we know how many people to expect.

<https://forms.office.com/r/vzkiiFxRtq>



### Additional Bank Holiday

Please add Monday 8th May 2023 to your calendars as an extra Bank Holiday if you have not already, after it was granted last weekend as an additional Bank Holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

We do not yet know what this will mean for our Year 6 children who were due to begin their SATs tests on the 8th, but **as soon as we find out**, we will let parents and children know, particularly if it has any impact on the timings of the PGL residential on Friday 12th May.



### Smart Watches

Gayton Junior School has a clear policy on allowing pupils to bring mobile phones into school and the school policy makes explicit reference to **camera phones**.

Camera phones are becoming increasingly popular and built-in digital camera enables users to take high resolution pictures and send them instantly to other phone users or email addresses. They can also be posted on the internet or in chat rooms.

There is a potential for camera phones to be misused in schools. They can become an instrument of bullying or harassment directed against pupils or/and teachers.

While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, we discourage pupils bringing mobile phones to school due to the potential issues raised above.

When a child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip must be signed by a parent and the phone must be handed to their class teacher at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that we accept no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into school or school grounds.

*Should parents need to contact pupils or vice versa during the school day, this should be done via the usual school procedure of contacting the school office via phone or email.*

We are aware of a few children who are wearing smartwatches with SIM cards in school. These are not allowed in school for the same reason as we do not allow mobile phones. So that we are able to continue to safeguard all children, **please do not send your children to school wearing smartwatches if they contain SIM cards or have the ability to take photographs**. Fitbits or other activity trackers may still be worn but school cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to these items.



### Violin Lessons

Our violin teacher currently has a space for a child in Year 4 or above to join her for violin lessons. Please ask in the office if you are interested.



# KEY DATES 2022-23

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

<b>Monday 14th November</b>	<b>All Day/Week</b>	<b>Odd Socks Day/Anti Bullying Week</b>
Monday 14th November or Tuesday 15th November	8:30am—4:20pm	Year 5 Trip to Sherwood Forest
Wednesday 16th November	All Day	Year 6 Heart Dissection Workshops
<b>Friday 18th November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>
Wednesday 23rd November	10am or 2pm	Year 2 Open Day—see posters on entrance doors
Wednesday 23rd November	AM	Choir Competition—Derbion
Wednesday 30th November	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Social Skills at Home & School
Wednesday 30th November	9:15am—3:30pm	Year 4 Trip to Tutbury Castle—Details to follow
Friday 16th December	2:30pm	Year 6 Pantomime Trip—Details to follow
Wednesday 21st December	3:30pm	End of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 22nd December	All Day	INSET DAY 4—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 9th January	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 1
Wednesday 25th January	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Managing Behaviour & Expectations
Friday 10th February	All Day	Final Y6 PGL Payment—£40
Friday 17th February	3:30pm	End of Spring Term 1

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2
Wednesday 29th March	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Sensory Processing & Needs
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 2nd May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children</b>
Monday 8th-Friday 12th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 28th June	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





Swimming  
lessons  
available 6  
days a week

Stages  
1 - 5



call or email us to book  
your place

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[office@lsst.org.uk](mailto:office@lsst.org.uk)

Monday 10am – 7pm

Thursday 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 10am – 4pm

Thursday 1:30pm – 7pm

Friday 4pm – 7pm

Saturday 8am – 12pm

