



Teacher Training Day

Just another reminder that on Monday 20th November the **school will be closed to pupils** as this is a Teacher Training Day . Some of our staff will be in training in our school and some will be attending Butterknowle Primary School for Read Write Inc training .We will open as usual on **Tuesday 21st November** .

PE and Swimming

As school is closed to pupils on Monday 20th swimming will resume on Monday 27th November .Please not that this will be the last swimming session . Class Wear will have lessons in the Spring Term starting in January.

Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school from Monday to Friday ;we have had lots of children taking their PE kit home then forgetting to bring it back

Parental Consultations

Tuesday 21st November is our parental consultation night so hopefully we will see lots of you then. If you can't make your appointment please let school know so that an alternative time or date can be arranged.

Class Tees -Robin Wood visit

The Robinwood residential visit is only a few weeks away(December 6th-8th). Although parents and carers have been issued with all relevant information if you do need any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kidd. The children are very excited about this opportunity and I appreciate the fact that school staff are willing to spend time away from their own families to support this experiences of our pupils.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair arrives in school on Tuesday 21st November . This is open on the follow times

- Tuesday 21st 3.30pm-6.00pm
- Wednesday 22nd 8.30-8.55am 3.30-4.00pm
- Thursday 23rd 8.30-8.55am 3.30-4.00pm
- Friday 24th 8.30-8.55am 3.30-4.00pm
- Monday 27th 8.30-8.55am 3.30-4.00pm

Books can be purchased with cash or on line and by scanning the QR code . The code will also be available to scan in school .Children will also have the opportunity to look at the books and also to buy books during the school day . If you do send money to school with your child please ensure it is in a sealed envelope /purse with your child's name on it on it.

Remembrance Service

All of our children in school had worked on Remembrance prayer spaces and these had been installed in St Mary's Church ahead of the Remembrance service last Sunday .However as Sunday morning was dry and sunny Reverend Moji and Mrs Gallagher quickly assembled them on the village green so that everyone who attended the service could see the fantastic work the children had prepared ; this gave so many more people the opportunity to use the spaces for their own reflection.

Reverend Moji, who lead the service, was very grateful for the contribution made both by school and Gainford Scout group.

John, " I felt very proud to carry the flag pole for the service ,"



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Thea, "Everyone could see our prayer spaces and all of our work too,"

Ryan, "We had learnt about the soldiers from Gainford whose names are on the war memorial; it helped us to understand how the people of Gainford were impacted by the war. The soldiers were so young"

David and Sandra Pullan, local historians, who had both worked with Class Tees on our WW1 work were over the moon to see that the Remembrance stones made by the children had been carefully placed at the war memorial. There is still time to see the prayer spaces in church before they are taken down ;doors are open so please do call in .

National Anti-Bullying Week

Sarah Fells , Children, Young People and Families Missioner launched our Anti -Bullying Week work by leading a Collective Worship session with a focus on friendship.

We had lots of odd socks on show this week ,representing how different we all are and how important it is to celebrate our differences. Teachers worked with all pupils on assemblies and activities all with an anti -bullying focus. Children gained a better understanding of what bullying is and what actions they can take if they see bullying or are a victim of bullying .

Musical Performance

Class Wear have been really enjoying their music lessons with Mrs Coulls from the Music Service and amongst many other things they have been learning how to play the Ukulele. On Thursday December 14th at 10am Class Wear will be performing for our school . If your child is in Class Wear and you would like to see them perform you are more than welcome to come along .If your child currently has violin lessons with Ms Brookes we are hoping that they will also take part in this performance .

Speak Out to Stay Safe

Following on from the NSPCC 'Speak out .Stay safe' assemblies last week our Year 2 pupils and Class Wear pupils took part in a workshop delivered by the NSPCC. They learnt about the importance of speaking out to their trusted adults and about how Childline can support children.

Pippa , "We learnt about Childline and how they help children and we talked about our safe adults."

Camilla, "We know that we all have a right to be safe, to have food and shelter and clothes to keep us warm. "

Children in Need

Our school hall was a wash with colour this morning (Friday)as children came to school in their casual clothes , onesies and pyjamas! It certainly made a difference from our usual green! School Council would like to thank everyone who donated money or cakes for the Children in Need Appeal . Children from School Council ran the cake and biscuit stall and a total of £117.81 was raised. For a small school this is amazing !Well done everyone ! Mrs Reed , our caretaker, has had a very busy Friday vacuuming cake and biscuit crumbs up from across the school!

Maths Resources

Class Swale now have access to Numbots. A fun interactive way to reinforce maths learning including number bonds, addition subtraction and much more .Class Swale children will have a username and password in their homework folder. They can access the games via app or online by using this

link- <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/50329>

Year 1 and 2 children also have access to Times Table Rockstars which Class Wear and Tees have been trying out for the past fortnight. They need the same login as Numbots and again can access via app or this

link- <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/50329>.



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If your child likes to play on a device then this is a great app that has educational benefits .Both Numbots and Time Table Rockstars can be accessed via phone, tablet and pc.

Pre -Loved Uniform

Do you have any uniform in good condition that your child has grown out of ? If you do please send this into school as we like to have pre -loved uniform in stock should any parent or carer require it . Although we can order uniform for you from the uniform provider, Elizabeth Embroidery, please remember that clothing stores and supermarkets can often offer alternatives to this .

Volunteers for school

Do you have a few hours a week going spare or know someone who has ? We would love to recruit more volunteers to assist in classrooms . Mrs Honeywood is a volunteer helper who loves to listen to children read across the school. She supports in Class Swale with our younger children and thoroughly enjoys her Thursday mornings with us; the staff and children really appreciate her help .Mr Cover, who comes into school weekly with Daisy the 'reading dog' ,loves to see how engaged the children are with their reading when he comes to visit .Please do get in touch if you can help out.

We will see everyone on Tuesday

C Riley

Quick Reminder

Winter clothing

As the weather starts to become colder our lost property box usually starts to over flow with gloves, hats and scarves - rather like a volcanic eruption! Please label your child's clothing so that any lost property can be returned to the rightful owner.

No nut products please!

We do have a pupil in school with a nut allergy. Please ensure packed lunches are nut free and please do not send your child to school with nuts/nut products for a snack.



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Please check any birthday cakes to ensure that they do not contain nuts too!

Illnesses

If your child has an episode of sickness and or diarrhoea please keep them off school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness as this helps prevent the spread of infections.

Attendance w/e 17.11.23

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

A special well done to Class Swale for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	97%
Wear	95%
Tees	96%

Gold Headteacher Awards

Each week in our Celebration Worship assembly Gold Headteacher’s awards is presented to some children who have excelled when working towards our theme of the week

Awards were for handwriting /presentation

Class Swale	Bonnie Sam Lennie
Class Wear	Toby John
Class Tees	Kai Ivy

Diary Dates

Please see our full list of Diary dates for the autumn term at the end of this newsletter

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Multi-Sports

With Kyle for Y2-Y6 First session 12.09.23
Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm – places available

New Mini Disciples Club with Sarah Fells /Wendy Broderick

Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)-Our Parents Action Group

Our parent action group help us to raise funds for our school benefitting all pupils in school.

FoGs have been very busy planning activities for this term and the spring term. They are holding a Secret Santa for pupils and a Santa Run .

FOGs are planning a Big Summer Raffle for 2024 . If you can donate a prize or know of a business that could donate a prize please do let us know .

If you are interested in supporting our school and learning more about FOGS please contact school or drop FoGS an email gainfordforgs@gmail.com



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We are a Rights Respecting School

As part of Anti-bullying Week, in our Rights Respecting Assembly, pupils have been learning about and discussing Article 2 -no child should be discriminated against; Article 12 – children’s views should be listened to and taken seriously and Article 19 – children should be protected from violence and abuse.

HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and this week and Sycamore have come out on top! Well done!

OAK 251

WILLOW 286

SYCAMORE 309

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Tuesdays – After School Club	Multiskills After School Club starts 07.11.2023 – 6 Weeks	3.30pm-4.30pm with Kyle Swankie
Wednesdays - After School Club	Mini Disciples	3.30pm -4.30pm with Sarah Fells & Wendy Broderick
Monday 20.11.23	Teacher Training Day	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 21.11.23	Parental Consultations –Open Night	3.30pm -6pm
Tuesday 21.11.23	Book Fayre Arrives in school	The Book Fayre will be in school for the week
Wednesday 06.12.23 – Friday 08.12.23	Residential to Robin Wood -	Class Tees
Wednesday 06.12.23	Class Swale Nativity Performance	1.00pm
Thursday 07.12.23	Class Swale Nativity Performance	9.30am
Tuesday 11.12.2023	School Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 13.12.23	Whole School Pantomime visit (Darlington)	During school day
Thursday 14.12.23	Class Swale Christmas party	
Friday 15.12.2023	Class Tees/Wear Christmas Party	
Monday 18.12.23	Christingle Service	9.15am at St Marys Church, Gainford
Monday 18.12.23	Santa Run	During school day
Tuesday 19.12.23	Last day in school. Break up for Christmas	
Wednesday 03.01.24	Teacher Training Day	School closed to pupils
Thursday 04.01.24	Pupils Return to school	

CPD /Teacher training Days – school closed to pupils

Monday November 20th 2023

Wednesday January 3rd 2024



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Monday 15th April 2024

Friday 24th May 2024