



### **Message from the Headteacher**

Well we have returned to school and brought the long-awaited summer weather with us! I think lots of us wanted a refund on the summer holidays as at times it certainly felt more like autumn than summer! However, with devastating forest fires and flooding in other parts of the world perhaps we should consider ourselves lucky to live where we do and enjoy a temperate climate.

The children have all made an excellent start to the school year and Miss Watson, Class Wear's new teacher, has also had a fabulous week with her class and has quickly settled into a new school too. It is wonderful to welcome the children back to school and to see them meeting up with friends they may not have seen all summer and to settle down to learning so quickly.

I did communicate to parents, carers and governors that we do not have RAA concrete in our school building. I have also heard that our Year 6 leavers have all started their new secondary schools; luckily their schools have not been impacted by any closures due to RAAC being found in their buildings. It has certainly been a stressful time for many school leaders and a very difficult time for those pupils having to start this term with on-line learning and for the families of these pupils too as this has caused so much disruption for them.

### **School Organisation for 2023-2024**

Just as a recap and for those parents new to our school here is our class organisation for 2023-2024

- Class Swale Preschool/Reception Year1/2 Miss Farley (Class Teacher) and Mrs Gallagher
- Class Wear Year 3/4 Miss Watson (Class Teacher)
- Class Tees Year 5 /6 Mrs Kidd (Deputy Headteacher)

Our fabulous Learning Support Assistants, Miss Collishaw and Mrs Maude will also be supporting children in school. Mrs Muir will also be teaching Forest School to Class Swale every Wednesday afternoon and on Wednesday afternoon I will be teaching French to Class Tees and Class Wear and Mrs Gallagher will be teaching Art. Your child's class teacher will shortly be sending home a planning sheet so that you can see what topics your child will be covering in school.

### **Raby Castle Visit**

Class Tees pupils will have an educational visit to Raby Castle next Thursday as part of their topic work. The visit will be for the whole morning and they will need to wear a coat. Children will be back in school for a slightly later lunch.

### **House Teams**

In school each child is put into a house team. Last year's School Council members voted on new team names for our house teams so we now have OAK, WILLOW and SYCAMORE. Children can gain dojo points/housepoints for school work, homework, helping others, exemplary behaviour amongst many other things and its always a tense moment in Fridays Celebration assembly to see who has won the housepoint trophy each week!



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#### **School Council /House Captains**

New School Council members and House Captains and Vice Captains will be voted in by the pupils in school so we should have these new appointments in place by next week. It's all very exciting! Pupil voice is very important at Gainford Primary School and our pupils are always keen to voice their ideas and opinions and help to bring about change in school.

#### **Wrap Around Care**

We offer Breakfast Club from 7.45 am and Afterschool Club up to 5.30pm. Please contact Mrs Linsley in the office if you need any further information. If you do need to book your child/children into Wrap Around Care can you please let us know as soon as possible as when numbers are high we need to employ a second member of staff to support. Likewise, if your child is booked in to one of the clubs but you need to cancel please inform us as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Quick Reminder**

##### **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.



### The school day

The school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.30pm. Unless your child is already at Breakfast Club please aim to have your child arrive at school so they can line up with their class and enter school at 8,55am. Our school gates open at 8.45am and children are welcome on the playground from then. We end the day at 3.30pm.

### Waterbottles

Please send your child to school each day with a waterbottle containing water only. These can be refilled across the day. Water is also provided on the lunch tables for all pupils (school meals and packed lunches).

### Lost property

Please label your child's clothing including PE kit, hats etc as this will help us return any lost property to the correct pupil. You do not need to buy name tags- even writing your child's name or initials on the clothing labels can help to reunite lost clothing with the correct owner. there is usually a large label on the inside of sweatshirts etc Uniform is expensive and our goal is to have a lost property box that is empty or at least one that doesn't resemble a mountain!!

### Attendance w/e 08.09.23

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 & Wear** for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	100
Wear	100
Tees	99.07

### 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 this week were for showing great effort and /or enthusiasm.

Class Swale	Harrison
Class Wear	John Pippa
Class Tees	Ryan C April

### 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 First session  
20.09.23

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

Many thanks to FOGS (Friends of Gainford School) for funding our fantastic Colour Run at the end of the summer term pupils, staff and parental volunteers had a wonderful time. This was a very memorable event for our Year 6 pupils to end their time at Gainford Primary before moving onto their secondary



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education. There are some photos on the website, and we will hopefully upload lots more very soon. A huge thank you!

If you are interested in supporting our school and learning more about FOGS please contact school or drop FoGS an email [gainfordfogs@gmail.com](mailto:gainfordfogs@gmail.com)

#### We are a Rights Respecting School

**Rights Respecting** – This week Mrs Kidd has led a Rights Respecting assembly with a focus on **Article 29**. The children talked about their right to an education and about how we should help them to develop their personalities and talents. This also focuses on respecting other people's rights and values as well as respect for the environment

#### 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 OAK team have come out on top! Well done to everyone in OAK!

OAK 152

WILLOW 140

SYCAMORE 119