



Gainford CE Primary School - 'Learning Together on Life's Journey'

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Autumn Term Newsletter – September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good summer. I know you would like some information about our exciting new term at an early stage..... so please read on...

Meet the Teacher

This year we are providing an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's class teacher at an early stage. The aim is for you to have the chance to ask any questions you have and for the teacher to be able to explain what your child will be learning this term. The teachers will be able to explain how you might be able to support your child's learning at school and give you some information, for example, about homework and any planned trips. This is not a parents' evening since the teachers will be speaking to all parents at the same time.

If you are unable to come along and need to ask your child's teacher anything at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Meet the Teacher will start at 3.40pm and end at approximately 4.15pm on the following dates:-

Class 2 (Miss Batey) –Monday 11th September

Class 1 (Mrs Muir/ Mrs. Nicholson) – Tuesday 12th September (This includes information about phonics)

Class 3 (Mr. Martin) – Wednesday 13th September

Class 4 (Mrs. Kidd) –Thursday 14thSeptember

I hope you are able to attend one of the meetings.

School Meals for Parents and Carers

Last year parents were able to come along to school each Wednesday to have a school meal with their child. This is a good way to sample the delicious food that is served to the children. If you would like to

have a school meal on any Wednesday please get in touch with Shiela in the school office. The price of your meal will be **£2.40**.

One of the choices on a Wednesday menu is usually a 'Sunday Lunch'

After School Clubs

All school clubs start in the week beginning 11th September. At the time of writing there are spaces in the following clubs:-

- Recorder Club (Monday)
- Bowes Museum History Club (Tuesday)
- Cookery Club (Wednesday)
- Fun Club (Friday)

Please get in touch with Shiela if you would like to book a place for your child in one of these clubs.

Homework

Our school recognises the benefits of homework as an aid to enhancing children's' learning.

For homework to be successful, of course it needs support of parents and with this in mind I have attached a homework diary for your information. If you have any questions about homework please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Homework Diary (2017-18)

	Pre-School / Reception Class 1 Mrs. Muir/Mrs Nicholson	Y1/Y2 Class 2 Miss Batey	Y3/4 Class 3 Mr. Martin	Y5/Y6 Class 4 Mrs. Kidd
Monday	Home reading books to be changed Phonics	Home Reading Spellings / Action Words	Home Reading	Independent home reading. Learn table/s and spellings for test on Thursday and Friday
Tuesday	Home Reading Phonics books	Home Reading Spellings/ Action Words	Home Reading	Independent home reading. Learn table/s and spelling for test on Thursday and Friday
Wednesday	Home Reading Phonics books	Home Reading spellings/Action Words	Homework to be handed in Tables test Spelling and Phonics work Home Reading	Independent home reading. Learn table/s and spellings for test on Thursday.
Thursday	Home reading Phonics books	Home Reading Spellings/ Action Words School Library Book to be changed	Homework given out (Literacy or Numeracy or Topic Work) Home Reading	Homework to be handed in. Spelling Test Spellings given out for the following week

Friday	Home reading books to be changed Phonics books	Home Reading Spellings/ Action Words One piece of literacy, numeracy or topic homework to be returned on Thursday	School Library Book to be changed	Homework handed out for the following week - Literacy and Numeracy or Topic. To be handed in by following Thursday. Independent home reading. Library book to be changed
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	Pre-School /Reception	Y1/Y2	Y3/Y4	Y5/Y6
Library		Thursday	Friday	Friday pm
PE lessons	Monday and Tuesday	Monday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday pm Friday pm.
Swimming		Spring Term Monday pm	Summer Term Monday pm	Autumn Term Monday p.m.

It may be necessary from time to time to make adjustments to the above time -tables. Over the course of the year your child will be receiving some coaching from a secondary school PE teacher and on these occasions will need their PE kit on a Tuesday .

School Day

Just a reminder that the school day starts at **8.55am**. Your child should arrive at school no earlier than **8.45am** and there will be no supervision on the yard until this time. Should you need your child to be at school earlier than 8.45am please book them in to Breakfast Club which commences at **7.45am**.

Calendar of Events and Activities for this Term

Please note that more details will follow about many of these events and activities and some others may be added later on.

Date	Event or Activity
5.9.17	Children return to school
11.9.17	First swimming session Class 4 (pm). This is a 10 week block of lessons. 'Meet The Teacher' Miss Batey Class 2 Y1/2 First Recorder Club 12.9.1
12.9.17	Meet the Teacher Class1 Mrs Muir/ Mrs Nicholson First Bowes Museum History Club
13.9.17	Meet The Teacher Class 3 Mr Martin Y3/4 First Cookery Club
15.9.17	Attendance Presentation for Parents /Carers 2.40-3.25pm First Friday Fun Club
19.9.17	Class 4 Visit to Beamish Museum (all day)
13.10.17	Harvest Festival at 9.15am in St Mary's Church -all parents/carers/ grandparents welcome to come along .Children should remember their donation of produce for the Butterwick Hospice.
16.10.17	Class 3 Mr Martin Y3/4 Tag Rugby sports competition (pm)
17.10.17	Class 4 Y5/6 Mrs Kidd Multi-Sports Festival (pm)
20.10.17	Break up for Half Term
30.10.17	Pupils Return to School
30.10.17	First Junior Football Club

31.10.17	First Infant Football Club FoGS fundraising activity -Children can come to school in Halloween Costumes Please can your child bring in a £1 donation for this event.
10.11.17	Book fair arrives in school Friday Fun Club continues
16.11.17	Last day for Scholastic Book Fair
20.11.17	Last swimming session for Class 4
24.11.17	School reports to go out today Last Fun Club
28.11.17	Parent's Evening 3.45-7pm
1.12.17	Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
5.12.17	Nativity performance 1.45pm
6.12.17	Nativity performance 1.45pm
8.12.17	Whole school to go to Durham Gala Theatre to see a pantomime -Robinson Crusoe-
11.12.17	Class 2 -Y1/2 -Miss Batey Hockey competition (pm)
12.12.17	Class 3 Y3/4 Mr Martin Multi-Skills Festival
13.12.17	Class 1 Reception Festival(pm)
18.12.17	Expected date for Junior party (pm) Infants to sing at Luncheon Club (pm)
19.12.17	Christingle Service in St Mary's Church 9.15am Expected date for Infant party (pm)
20.12.17	Christmas Lunch
21.12.17	Carols Around the Tree at 2.35pm Break for Christmas Children return to school on Monday 8 th January 2018

Yours sincerely

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