



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

8th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Oscar the reading dog will be here once a week on a Wednesday again this term.

Research shows that trained therapy dogs can offer enormous benefits to pupils in school.

They can help with emotional and social issues, can help calm or distract pupils and have been shown to reduce anxiety.

Oscar is a trained 'pets as therapy' dog. He does not visit classrooms, but rather children are encouraged to come to him. His walk areas are not in the main play areas.

We recognise that some children may be allergic or have a fear to dogs. Please contact the school office if you do not want your child to have any contact with Oscar.

A J Booth
Federation Headteacher

Mrs Proctor

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Proctor will shortly be leaving us. She has taken up a role with the Education Welfare Service and her last day with us will be Friday 22nd November. Mrs Proctor has worked at Gainsborough for the last 21 years and has been the school's Senior Family Support Manager for the last 10 years. She has helped a great number of our children and their families and will be sadly missed. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and we wish her well in her new role.

We are interviewing for Mrs Proctor's replacement next week and will let you know details in next week's newsletter.

Year 3 Trip to Burwardsley

The year 3 children thoroughly enjoyed learning about what life was like during the Iron Age on their visit this week.



Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

The year 4 children have had a busy week this week.

They have spent Friday learning about the Egyptians through drama and activities with a specialised theatre company and wore the t-shirts that they had decorated with Egyptian designs.

They also enjoyed eating lunch with their parents on Thursday.

SEND Drop in

Mrs Wright, the school's Special Educational Needs Manager will be available in the Community Room between 8.45am and 9.15am every Tuesday to meet parents/carers to discuss any additional needs your child may have and support we may be able to offer.



If you would like to see her on a different day or would prefer to speak on the phone, please call into the school office and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

Lunchtime Menu – Week 2 – w/c 4th November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Pasta Bake Jacket Potato	Beef Burger Vegetarian Meatball Pasta Bake	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes Quorn fillet	Chicken Korma and rice Cheesy Pasta	Chilli in Tortilla Boat Fish fillet and chips
Cheese Roll Ham Roll	Ham Wrap Egg Wrap	Cheese Baguette Tuna Baguette	Ham Wrap Egg Wrap	Ham Baguette Cheese Baguette

Cup Winners

- Class 1: Lewis
 Class 2: Karina
 Class 3: Robert
 Class 5: Matei
 Class 6: Dominik



- Class 7: Anna and Ava
 Class 8: Jack
 Class 9: Bethany
 Class 10: Paige
 Class 11: Sophia
 Class 12: Tahiyat
 Class 13: Annabel
 Class 14: Olek and Holly

Attendance Matters

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95.41%	
Overall school attendance last week		95.94%	
Nursery Mrs Spencer	94.3%	Class 1 Mrs Giblin	97%
Class 2 Mrs Clewes/Mrs Grocott	91%	Class 3 Mrs Kettle/Mrs Taylor	98.7%
Class 5 Miss Woolley	97.7%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	95.7%
Class 7 Miss Eccleston	93.8%	Class 8 Mrs Marsden	96.7%
Class 9 Miss Garside	97.1%	Class 10 Miss Hitchen	95.7%
Class 11 Mrs Taylor	96%	Class 12 Mr Williamson	92.7%
Class 13 Miss Lee	98.6%	Class 14 Miss Marshall	97.9%

Polite Reminder

Please remember that we are based in a residential area. The local residents like having our polite, well mannered children in their neighbourhood but please could we ask that you park respectfully and drive slowly and carefully as there are a lot of children at the start and end of the school day.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Stay and Read

On Wednesday 13th November parents and carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to stay and listen to your child read in class. The session will run from 8.45am to 9.10am.

Please enter through your child's classroom door and leave through the main entrance if you come to this event.

PTA (Parent/Teacher Association)

The school has been approached by some parents about creating a PTA to help raise money for school funds.

A meeting with any interested parents that would like to join the PTA has been arranged for **Thursday 14th November 2019 at 2.15pm.**

Dates for your Diary

13 th November	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Stay and Read
14 th November	2.15pm First PTA meeting
15 th November	Fluenz Spray R – Y6
15 th November	Children In Need – Wear Spots!
19 th November	POP Project
21 st November	Open Day 9 – 11am
22 nd November	Academy Photographs