



# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Did you know that children who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve better results by the time they leave school? Reading for pleasure has many other benefits too. It can:

- increase vocabulary and comprehension
- empower you to empathise with other people
- aid sleep readiness
- reduce stress
- lower blood pressure and heart rate
- help mental health and wellbeing

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

All children at Gainsborough are encouraged to read widely and for pleasure and in addition to their school reading book, they have access to our online reading resource, Bug Club.



Your child will have brought home login details and information about how to access online books that their teacher has allocated to them which match their reading ability. If your child has lost their log in details, then get in touch with us and we can send them to you.

Bug Club is a fantastic resource for those pupils who are just starting out on their reading journey too, as it will read aloud to your child. It also helps children to develop their comprehension skills by asking questions about the text.



This is such a busy time of year for everyone and given the benefits of reading listed above, what could be better than curling up quietly for 20 minutes with a good book?! Or why not take time out over the Christmas holidays to visit the library? Every Christmas Eve, the Icelandic people practice something called 'jolabokaflođ', which translates to 'Christmas book flood'. Jolabokaflođ involves giving books as presents on Christmas Eve, so that friends and family can spend the cosy night in curled up with a good story. What a fabulous idea!

Have a relaxing weekend,  
Mrs J Nurse  
School Principal

### Home learning

When children are self-isolating because a family member has tested positive or in the case of a class bubble closure, children are required to continue their learning from home. It is important that any disruption to your child's education is minimised and home learning is **not** optional. You will be contacted by school to be informed of how to access our remote learning.

## Lunchtime Menu – Week 1 – w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry and Rice Jacket Potato	Beef Burger Tomato Pasta Parma Rosa	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes Quorn fillet	Pork Pasta Bolognese Pizza and Wedges	Fish fingers and chips Popcorn Chicken and Chips
Cheese Roll Ham Roll	Ham Wrap Tuna Wrap	Cheese Baguette Egg Baguette	Ham Roll Tuna Roll	Ham Baguette Cheese Baguette

### Nursery News

This week has been hectic in nursery, as we have been filming our nativity play. It did take quite a while to film, with a number of takes before we got it right! However, the children sang beautifully and the main characters all remembered their lines – well done, everyone! Here are some photographs of the stars and shepherds with Mary, Joseph, the donkey and inn-keeper. We hope that you all enjoy the performance online!



This week we have also enjoyed lots of Christmas activities – making paper chains, decorating snowflakes and threading gingerbread houses. Today lots of the children wore their favourite Christmas jumpers.

Next week we will be watching an online pantomime, making party hats for our Christmas party on Wednesday and enjoying Christmas dinner on Tuesday. We have lots to look forward to!

### Reception News

This week we have been sharing lots of Christmas stories and talking about the different ways we celebrate Christmas.

We have been writing our Christmas lists for Father Christmas. The children have been using their phonic knowledge to write down the sounds they can hear in the words.

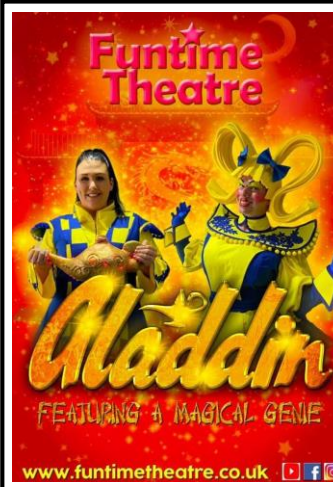
In maths we have been busy counting Christmas objects and writing the matching numeral.

The children are busy creating Christmas crafts to bring home next week. They have made a beautiful tree decoration and gorgeous Christmas wreaths.

We have finished filming the Christmas performance. It looks amazing and the children all shine in their roles. We can't wait for you to see the finished production.



Don't forget Reception's Christmas party on Wednesday. The children can come in party clothes; please make sure it is still something sensible that the children can manage themselves.



### Aladdin

The children will have the opportunity to watch an online performance of Aladdin in school next week for a donation of £1 which the PTA will use for purchasing new reading books.

### Out of Hours COVID Phone Line 07783 301863

We now have an **out of hours** telephone number for parents to report the results of a **positive COVID test of a pupil** only. Parents should continue to contact school via the school landline or admin email address to report any other information including test results of family members. Call or text to leave the following information:

**Pupil's name,**  
**Pupil's class,**  
**Date that symptoms first started,**  
**Result – Positive**





## Cup Winners



- Class 1: Oscar for showing excellent listening and sitting skills on the carpet this week.
- Class 2: All of Reception for an incredible school performance.
- Class 3: Chloe and Nathaniel O for super dancing.
- Class 4: Jamie and Daniela for brilliant dancing.
- Class 5: Lilly-May for being responsible, trustworthy and helpful!
- Class 6: Kashif for his part in the Christmas performance.
- Class 7: Keane for his positive attitude towards his learning. Keep up the hard work!
- Class 8: Hubert for super progress this term.
- Class 9: Brooke for a great attitude towards learning.
- Class 10: Leon for excellent attendance and effort in class.
- Class 11: Alfie for working really hard in history.
- Class 12: Tayla for her willingness to help in class.
- Class 13: Harry for having a great attitude towards learning.
- Class 14: Tahiyat for increased effort in his writing.



### Attendance Matters

National average Primary School attendance		<b>96%</b>	
Overall school attendance to date		<b>96.11%</b>	
Overall school attendance last week		<b>96.80%</b>	
Nursery Mrs Spencer	<b>97.8%</b>		
Class 1 Mrs Smith	<b>93.3%</b>	Class 2 Mrs Hampshire	<b>98.6%</b>
Class 3 Mrs Clewes/Mrs Grocott	<b>98.4%</b>	Class 4 Miss Eccleston	<b>98%</b>
Class 5 Miss Woolley	<b>97.3%</b>	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	<b>96.7%</b>
Class 7 Mrs Kettle/Mrs Taylor	<b>95.9%</b>	Class 8 Miss Garside	<b>97.0%</b>
Class 9 Mr Williamson	<b>97.4%</b>	Class 10 Miss Hitchen	<b>96.1%</b>
Class 11 Mrs Taylor	<b>97.5%</b>	Class 12 Miss Lake	<b>91.7%</b>
Class 13 Miss Lee	<b>98.1%</b>	Class 14 Miss Marshall	<b>98.7%</b>

### Home Activity

#### **Crab Carry**

When bad weather has you dreaming of sunnier times on the beach, play 'crab carry'. Teach your little one how to walk like a crab by placing their palms and feet to the floor while raising their stomach up to face the sky. Staying in that pose, let them see how long they can balance something like a bean bag on their belly. Crab races are also another fun option.



### Christmas Cards

Due to the current restrictions we are unable to accept Christmas cards in to school this year. Please do not allow your child to bring in cards for their friends, teachers etc.



In order to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, we suggest, if your child wants to send a card, that they send just one to the whole class, which can be displayed for everyone to see.

### Dates for your Diary

w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Virtual Pantomime 'Aladdin'
15 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup> December pm	EYFS/KS1 Party afternoon
17 <sup>th</sup> December pm	KS2 Party afternoon
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Children return to school

### Message from staff regarding Christmas gifts:



Whilst we are all very grateful for the lovely gifts that we receive from families at Christmas, this year we would like to kindly request that any gifts are donated to a local charity instead. The staff are donating to 'Chance'. Thank you.