

Our Vision

We **ASPIRE** to be the best we can be.
We learn from our **EXPERIENCES**.
We **CHALLENGE** ourselves each day.
We respect and **CELEBRATE** our
Gainsborough family.

Head Teacher Newsletter July 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of another year; it's been a full one, with lots of great learning and achievements. Thank you to all who attended our Celebration Evening, Sports Day, Family Picnic, Family Disco, our end of year concerts and assemblies. They have all been great successes and a brilliant opportunity for children to celebrate the great learning they have done this year and our school.

There was a great turn out and the sun was shining for our annual Sport Day and Family Picnic. It brought our Gainsborough Family together and enabled us to reflect Our Community – Respect for All. Thank you to all who made it extra special.

We have so much to celebrate this year and continue to grow from a good to an excellent school – achieving better than national outcomes and keeping creativity alive throughout our curriculum ☺. Thanks to the children and staff for their focus, enthusiasm and hard work to ensure the best learning happens; and to you, for supporting the learning at home.

Please note – we do not allow children to bring toys to school, nor sweets or chewing/bubble gum. Recently we have had to deal with issues where children have. Please check that your child does not bring any of them to school. Thank you for your support.

If you have any concerns, information to share or questions please contact us. The feedback we get allows us to continually improve.

Many thanks

Deborah Strain

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Head Teacher

UPDATES
Goodbyes...



It's that time of year where we have to say goodbye to staff who are moving on: we wish Miss Liu much luck, good health and happiness as she heads for new ventures, thank you for your hard work at Gainsborough.

Miss Yasmin and Miss Hissy are also amongst staff leaving us for new ventures. Both are extending themselves and taking steps forward in their careers. Thank you for your hard work and good luck ☺
Big thanks!

And hello...

In September we will be saying hello to: Mr Jones (Y6), Mrs Parr (Y5), Mrs Watson (Y3) and Miss Capdevila (Y1) who will be joining us as teachers.

Our final week

JULY	17 th <i>EYFS End of Year Show</i>	18 th <i>Stay and Play for new Reception children Y6 to Southend</i>	19 th <i>Attendance/Prizes assembly EYFS/KS1: 2 – 2.30pm KS2: 2.30 – 3.05pm</i>	20 th <i>9.20 - Y6 Leavers assembly 1.30 – children finish</i>	21 st SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS (INSET Day)
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Children return to school on: Wednesday 6th September

Class Names 2017 – 18 British Landmarks

Year group	Teacher	Class name	Teacher	Class name
N	Ms Miah	Tower	Miss Miah	Bridge
R	Miss Hawkes	The Orbit	Miss Webb	The Gherkin
1	Mrs Agar	Bow Bells	Mrs Capdevila	Loch Ness
2	Miss Mathieson	London Eye	Mr Dean	Blackpool Tower
3	Mrs Carver	Hampton Court	Mrs Watson	Stonehenge
4	Miss Murphy	Houses of Parliament	Mr Leyenda	Durham Castle
5	Mrs Worgess	Big Ben	Mrs Parr	The White Cliffs of Dover
6	Mr Taylor	Snowdon	Miss Pitts	Ben Nevis
6	Mr Jones	Scafel Pike		

FUNDING

You will have read about the funding cuts that schools are facing. As we fast approach the final term of the academic year, we are reviewing and assessing the progress of the children and the learning opportunities across the year groups. We have prioritised extra teachers to support children with their learning at different levels. This means small class sizes and extra support where we can. We have also looked at our wider learning offer, we've had visitors join us in school and many classes have been out on trips too. We will continue to subsidise these trips, as we see them as so important to extending and supporting learning, although we may not be able to offer as many without asking for contributions.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school colours are **navy** and **white**. School jumpers (with the logo) can be purchased through Tesco school uniform and The Uniform Shop in East Ham. **All children at Gainsborough are expected to wear our school uniform**; it supports our sense of belonging and family. **Please label your child's clothes with their name.**

All children should have a **named PE kit** in school—this should also be school colours (navy and white).

Jewellery is not generally allowed in school, but small stud ear-rings and a watch may be worn. **These MUST be removed for all PE lessons.**

SCHOOL TIMES

The school gates open at **8.40am**. Please make sure that all children are in school by **8.50am** at the latest. School finishes at **3.15pm**. Parents should make sure that their children are collected on time. If there are any changes to your usual collection arrangements please phone the school to let us know.

Breakfast Club and Monday to Friday Club

Both these clubs now have more children than spaces. We are unable to take children who have not booked and paid for a space in either club. We will be sending out further information in September. Please see the school office for further details and to confirm your child's place for September. Both clubs will start (for those booked) on Wednesday 6th September.

Other after school clubs

When we have settled back into school in September we will be sending out letters with offers for our numerous after school clubs

Online Safety, Chatrooms, Musicly, Road Blocks, Pokemon Go

It's come to our attention that some children have been accessing chatrooms at home and chatting with 'new' people online. Please be extra vigilant and talk to your child about keeping all personal details private. There's lots of great information to support parents. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

What children do online and through social networking

Children and young people go online to connect with friends, and make new ones, to browse the internet for information, chat with others and play games. They may:

- search for information or content on search engines like [Google](#) and [Bing](#)
- share images and watch videos through websites or mobile apps like [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Vine](#) and [YouTube](#)
- use social networking websites like [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- write or reply to messages on forums and message boards
- play games alone or with others through websites, apps or game consoles
- chat with other people through online games, [BBM \(Blackberry Messenger\)](#), game consoles, webcams, social networks and tools like [whatsapp](#)

When online, children and young people can learn new things, get help with homework, express themselves creatively and connect with friends and family. There are also risks, but by understanding and talking about the dangers you can help keep your child safe online. The most important thing is to **never share personal information, including pictures, and always let parents/carers know what they are accessing.**

Be safe online.