



Head Teacher Newsletter November 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been so busy here at Gainsborough this term; with lots of amazing learning opportunities happening for your children. Year 1 have explored the local park and collected some leaves; Year 6 were wadding through the river at Depford Creek and Year 5 have been learning about citizenship. Educational visits, which are largely subsidised by the school, allow children to experience their learning in a creative way and forms part of their learning that happens in school.

It was great to see lots of you at parents' evening this term. It is important that we continue to work together to support the children to achieve the best they can be. Thank you for visiting the book fair we raised £753.70 for the school to spend on some fantastic reading books.

The children and staff supported Children in Need by wearing their pyjamas and "spotty" clothes and raised £295.98. We also supported Wear it Pink where we raised £398.41. Please check out the photos on our website (www.gainsborough.newham.sch.uk) in the events page and give us a like on our Twitter (@GainsboroughEko). Thank you for your support.

Gainsborough stars have enjoyed their celebratory activities this term. Thank you for supporting the children to attend school every day and on time as well as completing their homework (remember all homework needs to be in school on Thursdays).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please see overleaf at the pictures of children wearing our Gainsborough uniform. If you are replacing any items over the Christmas break please remember that 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. Anyone not wearing the correct school uniform will be asked to remove their item and wear one of our spare uniforms.**

Please also remember to 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 allowed in school, but small stud ear-rings and a watch may be worn. **These MUST be removed for all PE lessons.**

Key Dates:

- 30.11.17 – St Andrew's Day, children can come to school in blue and white, ready to celebrate all things Scottish
 - Whole school trip to Barking Playhouse for our yearly Pantomime
- 1.12.17 – Y Reception to Y6 – flu immunisation
- 7.12.17 – Y4 trip to the Houses of Parliament
- 8.12.17 – KS1 Nativity (9.15am)
- 11.12.17 – KS1 Nativity (2.20pm)
- 13.12.17 – KS2 Christmas Production (2.20pm)
- 14.12.17 – KS2 Christmas Production (9.15am)
- 15.12.17 – Christmas/Winter Jumper Day, Christmas dinner and Golden Ticket Day (children are off timetable)
- 18.12.17 – Christmas parties (pm)
- 19.12.17 – Break up for the Christmas Holiday@3.15pm

Thank you for your continued 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

Mrs Christall
Deputy Head Teacher

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.