

### 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 October 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> half term of learning and many of you have joined us during our Reflection Week to share the great work done. 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.

We have had many classes go out on educational visits, including a trip to the park for our Reception children and a residential visit in Essex for our Y6s. All these experiences support the learning in the class and keep creativity alive throughout our curriculum ☺. This is a real strength in our school and one that supports the great outcomes for our children.

We have also had a visit from the Newham Mayor – Sir Robin Wales, and we were presented with medals and a silver plate for being the best school participants in the Newham Carnival – a great achievement! Photos will be in the Newham Recorder soon; they are already on our website ([www.gainsborough.newham.sch.uk](http://www.gainsborough.newham.sch.uk)) in the events page and on Twitter (@GainsboroughEko).

**Now** I need to ask for your support with a few things...

- Please support us by parking away from the school railings and driving carefully past the school at the start and end of the day. Both myself and Mr Scott (our Site Supervisor) have stood out on the road to ensure the safety of our children. There should be no stopping or parking on the yellow zigzags.
- 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 brought them in. Please check that your child does not bring any of them to school. Thank you for your support.
- To ease our congestion at the start and end of the day we are going to use different gates for the KS1 children and parents to go into their additional play area. These gates are further into the KS2 playground and will ease the flow at the main gates. Staff will be on hand to support with this.
- At the end of the day please allow children to line up on their spot before taking them home – you need to ensure the teacher sees them with you before leaving.

**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



**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		

**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.

**Key Dates** (further dates to follow):

- 30.10.17 – Children return after the holiday
- 2.11.17 – Children's assembly – Caring for the local environment
- 3.11.17 – Y1 to Memorial Park
  
- 9.11.17 – Parents' and Carers' Evening
- 10.11.17 – Y6 to Deptford Creek
  
- 16.11.17 – Non-uniform day for Children in Need
- 17.11.17 – School closed for the children** – staff learning and development day
  
- 23.11.17 – Anti-bullying assembly
  
- 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 and Golden Ticket Day (children are off timetable)
  
- 18.12.17 – Christmas parties (pm)
- 19.12.17 – Break up for the Christmas Holiday

