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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely this week seeing families in the playground attending meetings within the school! We hope that you found meet the teacher evenings helpful and you are looking forward to a fantastic school year. We will organise the Year 4 meet the teacher evening as soon as we can. We've included on page 2 a few photos of children enjoying their learning and settling back in to pre-pandemic school life.

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Families can access the latest risk assessment on our school website or view it here: <https://tinyurl.com/ccjksajx>

Attendance reminders

We have started the school week with excellent attendance and have achieved 96.92% this week! Well done Gillespie!

In order to maintain this we remind families of our school procedures including:

- If your child cannot attend school you must call and inform the office by 9:30am. If we are unable to take your call please leave a message on the answer machine detailing reason for absence so we can ensure we use the appropriate code
- Registration starts at 8:55am. Registers close at 9:05am; children arriving after this time **MUST** sign in on the electronic system at the office
- Where possible, please arrange medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is difficult, later in the afternoon (after 2:00pm) would be preferable so that time missed in school is limited. You must provide a copy of the appointment letter to the school office.

Scooters and bikes

Gillespie is a healthy school and we actively encourage children to use bikes and scooters as a means to travel to school. Bikes should be stored under the bike shelter (please note this may be fuller than usual next week due to Year 5 Bikeability) and scooters are stored next to the toilets.

Admissions

Parents and carers can now apply for a primary or secondary school place for September 2022 through the e-Admissions platform. The application deadlines are:

- Secondary Transfer application deadline: **31 October 2021**
- Primary Reception application deadline: **15 January 2022**

The brochures are available on the main council website. They have also published two short presentations to help parents and carers with the application process:

- [Apply for a primary school place](#)
- [Apply for a secondary school place](#)

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

Parents of Year 6 are invited to a secondary transfer meeting on Tuesday 14th September at 3:45pm in the Year 6 classroom. A representative from the Islington Admissions Team will be here to run a short presentation on the process and give lots of useful information ahead of you making your application.

Class Assemblies

We are delighted to be starting our termly class assemblies for Years 1 to 6, to which families are invited to attend a presentation about the child's learning that term. Assemblies will be on Thursdays at 2:30pm. Please put these dates in your diaries.

21/10/2021	Year 6
04/11/2021	Year 5
11/11/2021	Year 1
18/11/2021	Year 2
25/11/2021	Year 3
02/12/2021	Year 4

Diary Dates

Saturday 25 th September 12-3pm	Gillespie Autumn Fayre
October	Black History Month
Thursday 7 th October	National Poetry Day
WKBG 18 th October	PSHE Wellbeing week
Tuesday 19 th October	Individual & sibling photos
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Half term
Thursday 4 th November	Reception – Year 4 flu immunisation



Go Hassan Go!

Please support our Year 5 teacher Hassan with his London Marathon next month raising money for Get Kids Going! Get Kids Going! is a national charity which gives disabled children and young people the opportunity of participating in sport. They support children with all disabilities and from all backgrounds. They ensure that any equipment which is out grown is recycled to other children, so supporters valuable donations are never wasted.



You can donate here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=hassan-khan-SAVMLMBONDS3332019-163460&pageUrl=4>

Wishing all of our families a wonderful weekend.
Yours sincerely, Mark Owen Headteacher

Gillespie Autumn Fayre

Saturday 25th September 12-3pm



Our Autumn Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 25th September for Gillespie staff and families (not the wider community this time). We want this to be a social and fun event to bring our community back together again! What we can bring to the event will be entirely dependent on how many are willing and able to contribute.

We are hoping to have food including a halal barbecue, cakes and sweet treats plus drinks and music. There will be face painting, games, activities, a fancy dress cat walk and fun to be had by all! There will not be a raffle or stalls selling books, toys or bric-a-brac as this will be saved for our Winter and Summer Fayre's; but we are pleased to say there will be a used uniform sale.

We need volunteers to help us both prior to the Fayre and during the Fayre as well as providing food/cakes to sell on the day.

Volunteering:

Before the Fayre:

We will need volunteers with vehicles to help purchase food and drink required for the day.

On the day:

Setting up beforehand, tidying up afterwards or running a stall during the event

The following stalls need running and setting up;

Games: *Hook-a-Duck, Football Shoot Out, Netball Trail, Connect-4-Challenge, fancy dress cat walk amongst others*

Food: *BBQ, Savoury, Pizza/Hot Dog, Cakes, Pop-Corn/Ice-Cream*

Craft: *Face Painting, henna, glitter tattoos*

General: *Tidy-up & Set-up*

*Other ideas welcome, please let us know!

We are also looking for a parent DJ!

Entry:

There will be an entrance fee on the day of £3 per adult and £2 per child (capped at £10 per family) this enables you to play all activities and games. Food and drinks will be additional, charges will be available at the stalls on the day.

If you can volunteer please contact Candice, Chair of FoG on

candice_bingham@hotmail.com

Please get in touch with her ASAP so we can organise stalls and rotas.

We cannot wait!



To protect our whole school
community and keep everyone safe...

please keep your child
at home if they have
coronavirus symptoms



Look out for any of these symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If your child has symptoms:

- keep them at home
- tell the school
- they must take a PCR test and self-isolate while waiting for the results.
- If your child gets a positive PCR test result, tell your school and keep them at home for ten days.

Find out what you and others in your household must do, how to get a test and more about self-isolation, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

