



Gorton Primary School – Newsletter 3 - 2021

Message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As school reopened on 8th March, we were delighted to welcome back our pupils from our second school closure within 12 months. The past 12 months have been challenging as a number of our practices and procedures have had to change as we follow government guidance, rules and restrictions. As the vaccination programme rolls out and national restrictions begin to lift, we continue to follow all guidance and advice to keep all pupils, staff and parents safe. In the last 4 weeks we have seen excited and happy children return to school eager to learn, and we have taken the time to explore arts and crafts and learn about different countries and cultures. Pupils have enjoyed our topics and are proud of the work they have produced.

This evening you will have received an Easter Bag with fun activities for your children to complete over the Easter holidays. We have also put a little Easter egg inside each bag from school as a present to all our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during these difficult times. On behalf of all the staff here at Gorton primary School I would like to wish you all a Happy and Safe Easter and we are looking forward to seeing you all back at school on 19th April.

Ms R. Williams



Important Events

- **Monday 19th April – School re opens**
- **Tuesday 20th April – Year 1 dress in your best holiday clothes.**
- **Thursday 22nd April – Reception Screening**
- **Friday 23rd April – Nursery dress as a fairy-tale character.**
- **Friday 23rd April – Reception beach party.**

Arbor Payments

Reminder:

School no longer accepts any cash; all payments must be processed through **Arbor**.

If you do not have an Arbor account, please contact Miss Dunning in the school office who will help you set it up.

You can update any personal information or Arbor this way school can ensure we have the correct phone numbers and home addresses for you.



Attendance

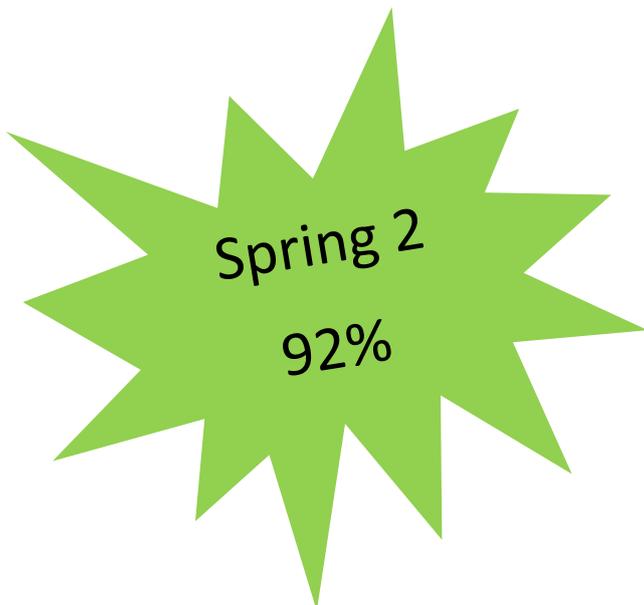
As you will be aware, we are having a big push on attendance here at Gorton Primary School. For the past 2 years we have been well below national figures for attendance and this needs to improve. As pupils have had a significant amount of time off with school closures and self-isolation it is important that everyone attends school every day and on time as we have noticed that a large number of pupils are becoming persistently late arriving to school every day. Since returning to school we have seen a massive improvement in attendance and we want this to carry on.

For the summer term we will be launching our **Attendance Challenge** to encourage everyone to come into school every day and on time. We will have activities and prizes for pupils with good attendance in our next 2 half terms.

These will be:

- All pupils with 96% attendance or above for Summer Term 1 will take part in our attendance movie day at the end of the Summer 1 term
- All pupils with 96% attendance or above for Summer Term 2 will take part in our attendance Disco at the end of the Summer 2 term
- At the end of the summer term all pupils with 100% attendance for the whole of the summer term will receive a special certificate and one of our 100% attendance bears

Attendance is important to us and we thank you for your support in this matter.



Attendance Ladder





Easter Activities

Today is the last day of term and it has been fantastic to see our pupils again after reopening school on the 8th March. We have been participating in Easter Activities today to celebrate the start of Spring. Below are some of the pictures of our fun day we have had in school.

