



GASKELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th September 2020



Welcome back to Gaskell!

It was lovely to see all our children return to school on Wednesday looking so smart, grown up and excited to start in their new classes.

Thank you all for helping to make the last two weeks work so smoothly and persevering with us as we changed timings etc. It is absolutely wonderful to have all the children back in school. They have settled in really well and all seem very happy to be back with us in school. The children's resilience is shining through and they have adapted very well to all the things we have put in place to help to keep them safe.

It's going to be a different, but exciting, term with lots of hard work to do and exciting activities planned, so watch this space!

A big welcome to our new staff who joined us in September: Miss Langton in 2L, Miss O D'onnell in 3O, Miss Percival in 5P and Miss Nuttall at lunchtimes.

Just to let you all know that Mrs S Hussain and baby Zidane are both doing really well. Mrs Hussain is hoping to be back with us in December.

This Week's Stars!!

Teacher	Winner	Teacher	Winner
Mrs Blakemore	Hassan Iqbal	Mr Hawke	An-qi Ke
Mrs Bertenshaw	Muhammad Warraich	Miss Lulat	Seba Alwakad
Mrs Sewell	Mohamed Mohamed	Mr Cranage	Zunera Emaan
Miss Hughes	Lorena Toth	Miss Percival	Landa Osman
Miss Langton	Meriem Ouahid	Miss Varey	Raheela Ilie
Miss Thistlethwaite	Umme Aimen	Miss Andrews	Mylic Sheehy
Miss Mercer	Zakriya Khan	Mr Fogg	Rugayyah Shaffi
Mss Hillyer	Fadumo Mustaf	Miss Barlow	Barirah Khan Parveen
Miss O'Donnell	Arman Maneshi	Mr Naylor	Katie Rayment
Mrs Bennett	All of 4B	Lunchtime Star	Layton Tate

This Week's Winners

Class 5P and Class 5V have both won the attendance award this week! Well done to them! What a great start to the school year!

Watch this space...

Next week we will be announcing our Head Boy / Head Girl and House Captains so watch this space...

PE

Please remember that PE kits should now be in school as PE takes place twice a week. Kits should stay in school for the whole of this half term and then go home for washing in the October holidays. Please encourage and support your child to be responsible for their belongings as preparation for when they go on to high school.

Contact numbers and Email Addresses

Have we got your telephone number and email address? Have you been receiving texts from us? If not, please make sure we have your latest number **particularly if you've changed your number over the holidays**. It's extremely important that we are able to contact you, particularly if there is a problem with your child in school. We are asking for your email address so that we can send you any information via email. Please email office@gaskell.bolton.sch.uk with your child's name and class and your email address.



Urgent - Free School Meals

Please help your child and the school by claiming free school meals even if your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1. School gets additional money to spend on your child's education if you register for Free School Meals and you will also get a school clothing allowance too.

If you think you are eligible, you should **APPLY NOW** as this will **secure the funding (almost £2000) for your child within school**, which your child will not get if you don't apply. There are lots of ways you can apply.

You can apply online at:

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Freeschoolmealsandschoolclothingallowance.aspx>

Or you can telephone 01204 331590 and they will process your claim over the telephone, alternatively you can apply in person at the One Stop Shop before 30TH September.

If you are unsure whether you would be eligible, please see the office for more information.

Medication In School

Please can you make sure that if your child uses an asthma inhaler, that we have a spare (in-date) inhaler and spacer in school, which is clearly labelled which is handed in to the office asap.

Dinner Money

Please send your child's dinner money with your child's name and class clearly marked on it and your child can hand to Mrs Webster at the office. School meals are still £1.80 per day or £9.00 per week.

Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday.

Parents are also reminded that children must **stay** on their selected meal option i.e. packed lunch or school meal for the **whole of the half term** and **cannot swap** mid-term.

Important Dates for next week

Friday 16 th October 2020	Non-uniform day / Break up for Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2020	Return from Half Term

Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Kirk