



# NEWSLETTER

September 2022

## WELCOME FROM THE GAP MANAGER

A very warm welcome to all our new and existing GAP Club pupils. As in previous years, we're looking forward to providing your children with a fun-packed year of activities, crafts, special events and of course our end of year summer campaign. This year, we created our newly formed pupil play consultants team who came up with the theme of 'Carnival' which was a fun-packed week for the kids at the end of last term. They got to play games, such as, Find the Ball, Hook-A-Duck, Ring Toss, Tin Can Alley, Dino Dig, Water Drop and much more. And of course, we can't forget our water balloon fun afternoon!

In this newsletter you will find all the information you need to get started, and restarted, at GAP for the new school year. The most notable change will be how we operate at the start of GAP to ensure we are managing the volume of pupils in a safe and smooth manner. More on that below.



I am also pleased to announce we have four new playworkers joining our 17-strong playworker team. Welcome to Louise, Jennifer, Polly and Izzy. They bring with them a range of childcare experience and we're excited to introduce them to the children.

As always, we will endeavour to provide a rich activity-led programme with a variety of structured play opportunities to keep the experience fresh.

So, there's lots to look forward to and we can't wait to welcome all the children to their after school club where they can unwind with friends after a hard working day at school.

Helen Beavis  
GAP Manager



### OUR PROMISE

To provide a.....

**Safe, Fun, Happy, Caring**

.....environment

This year we introduced the GAP Club Charter which everyone, from pupils to staff, signed. It helps us to remind ourselves how we should behave and how we want others to behave. It's always good to keep reminding ourselves now and again. It is posted around GAP for everyone to see and at our GAP reception for parents too.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- GAP Club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm Monday to Friday
- Year 3 & 4 (lower school) will now sign in at the GAP reception desk (round the side of the Year 3 block along the pathway running directly opposite to Oatlands Avenue). Please note: New Year 3 children pupils will be collected from their classroom at the end of the day for the first week by a GAP playworker until children feel safe and secure to take themselves. Please ensure all Year 3 & 4 pupils know what's going to happen and where to go. This is also where parents need to come when collecting their children.
- Year 5&6 (upper school) will continue to sign in at GAP in the school Dining hall so nothing changes for them from a sign-in point of view. Pupils should make their own way there.
- We will operate slightly differently in that we are now going to turn the atrium into our food hall. Year 3 & 4s will sign in and immediately enter the food hall to have their snack and drink. As soon as they are all finished we will then move them out into the unstructured activities area in the hall and move the Year 5&6s in. This will all help with the flow of pupils during the session. This part of the session will be from 3.15-3.45pm. After this, pupils are then allowed to choose which play area they would like to go to and we ensure they get from A to B safely and securely. All pupils **MUST** ask a member of staff when they want to move from one area to another..
- All payments are made via scopay and accounts will be updated by w/c 5th September. Each session costs £13 which includes a snack and drinks. A menu is located in GAP reception if parents or children want to see the options.
- Any children attending clubs will be taken and collected by a playworker so they

MUST come directly to GAP and sign in first.

- Whether attending a club or not ALL pupils must be signed out of GAP first and foremost. That means, if you want to pick your child up directly from a club then you must come and sign them out of GAP in the first instance so we know responsibility has been handed over.



Every year we invest in new equipment based on the activities we want to introduce or re-run but we are always extremely grateful for any unwanted dvds (PG) games or toys that are still in good condition but just not needed any more at home.

Below are just a few of the structured play activities the children can look forward to:

Hockey	Obstacle Course Games	Rounders	Dodgeball
Musical Chairs	Cricket	Table Tennis Knockout	Table Football Round
Ultimate tag	Bingo	Lip Sync Challenge	Bean Bag Toss
Water Balloon Toss	Rock, Paper, Scissors, Hula Hoops Game	Ring Toss	Physi-fun Games
Laser Tag	Kahoot Quiz Games	Musical Statues	Skipathon
Crazy Golf	Croquet	Balloon Keepy Uppies	Animal Races
Freeze Tag	Balloon Stomp	Limbo	Name That Tune

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- You must contact us by phone or email to report an absence, even if you have let school know. It helps in our duty of care and reduces unnecessary time on the phone.
- If you are running late then please do let us know, however, any child who remains at GAP after 6pm will regrettably have to be charged in line with our Ts & Cs.

## **GET IN TOUCH**

To contact us please call:

**07703 565 982**

Or email:

**[gapclub@cleves.co.uk](mailto:gapclub@cleves.co.uk)**

If you would like to speak with the GAP Manager directly, then please email  
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