

Looking after the Grounds

I have been asked by the Governing Body to ask all parents and carers to ensure that younger children act responsibly around the site. The children work so hard to plant bulbs and grow plants and it is **very** upsetting for them when younger children pick the flowers or walk all over the plants at the beginning and end of the school day. We are **extremely** lucky and have a **superb** site, so please help us to take care of our wonderful grounds.



Dates for the Diary

April

Tuesday, 4th	3GA to Pizza Express
Tuesday, 4th	Parent/ Carer Activity Morning in The Den
Wednesday, 5th	Year 4 Bikeability
Thursday, 6th	Key Stings Concert
Friday, 7th	Easter Egg / Bonnet Competition
Friday, 7th	School closes

The Summer Term

Monday, 24th	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Tuesday, 25th	RDL to Peak Wildlife Park
Wednesday, 26th	The Nursery to the National Forest Farm
Thursday, 27th	RRD to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday, 27th	Year 4 perform at the Societas Sings Concert at the Victoria Hall
Friday, 28th	Pupils attend the Local Democracy Conference

May

Monday 1st	School closed for the Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 2nd	3GR to Domino's Pizza
Wednesday, 3rd	3GA to Domino's Pizza
w/b 8th:	Key Stage 2 SATs WEEK
Wednesday, 24th	The Spring Fayre
Friday, 26th	School closes for Half term

GLADSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Parent Consultations last week and to those of you who have made alternative arrangements with your child's class teacher.

As promised last year, we have been reviewing the way that we report back to you at the end of the school year and have been making some changes to our written reports based on the comments I received in my survey last July. I had almost 200 responses to my letter, with the majority of parents who responded preferring us to have a shorted written report with the option of an additional evening for those parents who had any specific questions they wanted to ask about the report.

We are currently in the process of finalising this new report which will come to you at the end of next term. In the meantime if you have any comments regarding the end of term reports please let us know.

Finally, I would like to remind you all that we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnett and Easter Egg Competitions this coming Friday to mark the end of the Spring Term. It is always a lovely end to the term – though the cleaners always dread the trail of feathers, eggs and baby chicks that litter the corridors and classrooms afterwards! We wish you all a lovely, sunny and warm Easter Holiday.

Best wishes,

Elaine Preston



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

As you know, I have recently completed by termly Home / School Diary check and I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to all parents and carers who are supporting our school policy and helping their child to hit the '5 times a week' target. The overwhelming majority of the diaries were excellent, so thank you from all of us at Gladstone.



Supporting the Salvation Army

On Friday the 24th of March we had the pleasure of welcoming Major XX from the Salvation Army to one of our assemblies. Major gave a short presentation about the history of the Salvation Army and explained to the children how they supported those in need in society. Hope, Ryan and Jaiden were also able to present a cheque for £348 from their fundraising efforts last half term. Major extended her thanks for this kind donation and reassured us that all of the money raised would go directly to the residents of their shelter in Trent Vale.

>> >> >> >> ACADEMY UPDATE >> >> >> >>

It appears that the hold up we have experienced regarding our conversion to an academy has been caused by the need to re-register a small plot of land at the front of the school. Despite the land having been used by the school since the Victorian times it was not on the original land deeds and this has had to be sorted out before we could become an academy. You will be pleased to know that the Land Registry Office will be dealing with this matter in the next 10 days, so it almost certain that we will finally convert to academy in the Summer Term.

SCHOOL & TRUST COUNCIL NEWS

The role of our Societas School Council members continues to grow. Each school has two children who represent the 'voice' of the children in each school. Alfie and Olivia have now attended two meetings for the Trust, where the children decided on their name 'RUGS' - the 'Really Useful Generation Students Group'. Apparently the children felt that as the adults had a 'M.A.T.' we also needed a 'RUG' !

The aim of the group is to 'Inspire Development Strategies for Learning Across the Societas Trust' and they have already chosen 6 images from all schools to be displayed on the Trust's website. The children are now working on planning some exciting activities for the children in all 6 schools to take part in. More news to follow.

Our own School Council continues to work hard in the background at Gladstone. They now have their own School Council Blog which will keep you up to date with news about life in school. You can find their first update at the address below. Please take a look.

www.gladstoneprimary.org.uk/new-school-council-blog

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations go to the X pupils who have achieved 100% for the Spring Term and the X who have achieved 100% for 2 terms. These children will be receiving a special prize next term. Congratulations also go to Class X as they have been named the class with the best attendance for the Spring Term and will win a free trip to Dimensions Pool in Burslem.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

You may have noticed that we have some new faces among our staff.

A special Gladstone 'Welcome' goes to:

Ms Lilly Bolton – Lear (Y3), Mrs Leanne Tunstall (Y6),
Mr Alex Ward (Y1) and Mr Stephen Reynolds (Y3).

