

Coming soon ... a new website!

As you know, this term we have rebranded our school signage and uniform in anticipation of our conversion to an academy at some point this term. As part of that process we have also been working very hard on a new website which should become available towards the end of this term. In the meantime please check out our website on a regular basis as we are always adding new information. Please remember to check out the Headteacher's Diary page as this is updated each weekend as this will keep you well informed about a range of issues and shares the news about the many events that have taken place in school.

Dates for the Diary

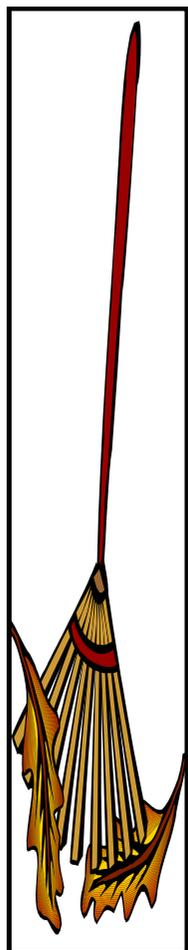
October

w/b 31st October Photograph Day
w/b 31st October Fundraising Week for Dementia

November

Tuesday 1st	3GA to Bearstone Farm
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Wednesday 2nd	Parents' Evening
Thursday 3rd	Year 6 to Blists Hill Museum
Friday 4th	3GR to Bearstone Farm
w/b 7th	Parent Consultations continue
Monday 7th	Little Library Van here all day for F.S.
Monday 7th	3.30pm: Film Night SOLD OUT
Monday 7th	Harvest for the children
Tuesday 8th 2.45pm	Y2 SATS information Meeting
Tuesday 8th 5pm	Y2 SATS information Meeting
Thursday 10th	5KH to Hanley Museum
Friday 11th	Nursery Rhyme dressing up day for the Foundation Stage
Friday 12th	5SC to Hanley Museum
Tuesday 22nd	Y1 Knights and Castles themed day
Wednesday 23rd	Y3 Romans themed day
Wednesday 23rd	Christmas Fayre 3.45—5.30pm

We have lots of exciting things organised for December. We will let you know all of these dates in our special Christmas Newsletter which goes out at the end of November. For advance notice for dates in December please check out the calendar on our website.



GLADSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016



Dear Parents / Carers,
Now that there is that cold 'nipp' in the air and the leaves are starting to fall from the trees, it reminds me that it is also time for us to celebrate our Harvest Festival. This year we have decided to support a cause that I am sure has affected (and still affects) many of our

families — Dementia.

You will be pleased to know that Gladstone Primary has been awarded Dementia Friendly status and we are very proud that we will be the first school in the whole of the West Midlands to be accredited with this award. Our whole staff have already received training and over the coming months the children will be taking part in a range of activities aimed at helping them to better understand and support those vulnerable members of society who live with Dementia, or those carers who support someone with Dementia.

As a result of this, our fund raising events for Harvest this year will raise much needed funds for a local charity, the Dementia Action Alliance. Each class has decided how they would like to raise funds and we will be having a special 'Fundraising Activity Week' when we return from the Half Term Break.

Elaine Preston

>>> Parking >>>

Can I please ask that you do not park close to the corner of Tidewell when collecting children at the end of the school day. Quite often we have coaches dropping children off from trips and each Thursday and Friday the swimming coach brings our children back from their lessons. The bus drivers are becoming increasingly concerned that they are almost finding it almost impossible to swing their coach in to Tideswell and, for obvious reasons, it would not be appropriate for them to drop the children off on Anchor Road by the crossings. Similarly, take care on Wood Street as this is the gate the coaches use to exit the site and if cars are parking in front of the gates or too close to them it prevents cars and buses from leaving the grounds.



>>>>>> BABY NEWS >>>>>>

Congratulations go to Miss Goreham, one of our Key Stage 2 Educational Associates, who is now the proud mum of a beautiful baby boy named Harry. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that both 'mum' and baby are doing very well.

>>>> WEEKLY READING TARGET >>>>

At the moment I have almost finished my half termly check of the Home / School Diaries and just wanted to say a big 'thank you' to those of you who help their child / children to reach their reading target, supporting and encouraging them to read at home at least 5 times a week. I am hoping to have looked through all of the diaries before Half term and aim to have given out lots of special gold Headteacher's stickers. I will also have written a personal comment on each diary, so please make sure that the children share this with you. :-)

Year 6 Fun at Standon Bowers



Last week I had the pleasure of visiting our Year 6 children mid way through their one week residential visit to Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre. The children always tell us that the week is the highlight of their year as they take part in a range of activities such as: bridge building, archery, climbing, high and low ropes activities, map and compass work. They also spend a day at Alderley Edge walking and caving.

It is always an action packed week and the children are kept very busy from 7 a.m. until lights out at about 10 p.m.. They also have duties to perform and learn how to work in a team. I am sure that all of the children come away having completed an activity that they never thought they would never do and will have over come some fear or another. (I know that the staff often feel the same when they have been caving!)

Thanks go to the children who, I have been told, were extremely well behaved throughout the week - even when tired and a little grumpy - and the staff who give so freely of their own time to accompany the children and take care of them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to our Y5 / Y6 Boys' Football Team who won the Crescent Football Tournament this week. I have been told by Mr Rammell that the boys played brilliantly and, judging by how excited they are, I know that they are **very** proud of the big silver trophy that is sitting in our foyer!

