

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

Last term we also held a non-uniform day for our partner school in Africa. We raised almost £500. As you will see from the e-mail message below the donation was gratefully received.

DEAR ALL AT GLADSTONE,
LETTER OF APPRECIATION

WE WISH TO PROFOUNDLY EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND GESTURE FOR THE 500 POUNDS STERLING WE RECEIVED FROM YOU. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND WE PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS AND REWARD YOU A MILLION FOLD.
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR PARTNERSHIP AND MAKE IT MORE FRUITFUL NEXT YEAR AND YEARS TO COME.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROPEROUS NEW YEAR.

SIR JUSTICE BAZIM ELUMELU KSC

Safeguarding Updates.

As a school we take Safeguarding very seriously. All our policies are available on the internet for parents to access. Our new Child Protection Policy will shortly be available for you to read along with some other new policies. We will continue to inform you of any updates or changes in policies throughout the year.

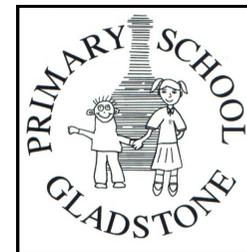
We live in a world where the internet is becoming more and more prominent in our children's lives and we have decided to have a school focus on internet safety this term. This will include updating our E-safety Policy and training for staff and parents. We will also be teaching the children about the internet and the importance of staying safe on line. Our training for parents is on the 28th January. Please speak to Miss Corbett for details.

Mrs Annese



School closes for Half term on Friday,
February 12th
and re opens on Monday,
February 22nd.

GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents / Carers,

At the start of the Spring Term may I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year 2016. I am sure that time seems to go by more quickly with each year, but that may just be my age!

You will be pleased to know that the children have all settled in to their school routines very quickly again after the Christmas Break and are working hard to

hit their individual targets. At the moment I am in the process of checking all of the Home / School Diaries so that I can say 'Well done!' to those children who hit our school reading target of 5 times a week. I am also enjoying looking at all of the projects that the children have completed over the Christmas Break. Thank you so much to everyone who supports their child at home as they complete these fun tasks — it really does make a massive difference to the children's understanding and enjoyment of their work in school.

As we start a new term we would also like to say a special 'Congratulations' to all pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. These children will be receiving special prizes during our special awards assembly next week.

Elaine Preston

Headteacher



Safety around our School

Over recent months we have had 2 reports of pupils having had 'near misses' with reversing cars on Bargain Booze Car Park. Worryingly, on both occasions, the driver of the car was a parent / carer of another Gladstone pupil. Even more worryingly, both drivers seemed completely unaware of the pedestrians walking behind their vehicle and the distress that had been caused. Can I please ask that everyone who parks around the school before or after school is particularly vigilant when moving their car, particularly during the Winter months when it is often quite dark. Our children are too precious to lose

Annual Copper Trail

The annual Copper Trail starts at the beginning of February. We will be asking the children to bring in any spare 1p and 2p coins they have and at the end of the Easter Term the class that has managed to raise the most money per child will win a visit to the Play Barn or Dimensions Pool in Burslem.



Supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind

Since the massive fund raising events we organised for the Guide Dogs last year the School Council has always been keen to continue the school's support for the charity. Mr Phil Woodall, a former Chair of Governors for 19 years and his guide dog Max would like to personally thank everyone who supported their fund raising event for this charity before Christmas. The total raised was £250. The main prize, a lovely Christmas cake, was won by our Clerical Assistant, Ms Sue Reeves, who was embarrassed to receive the prize from Max in front of the whole school on the last day of term!

A WORTHY WINNER

On an incredibly wet and windy night at the end of November a number of our pupils and parents represented Gladstone at the 'Longton Christmas Light Switch On'. The children (and adults) performed brilliantly in horrific weather conditions, so a BIG thank you goes to them all.

Congratulations also go to Alecia from Year 6 who won the Longton Colouring Competition and was the main guest star of the evening as she was asked to turn on the lights. Alecia received her special prize from Local Councillor, Mr Robinson at a special assembly at the end of term.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fayre. We raised a superb £1,574.37. Some of this money has already been used to buy all of the party food, prizes and children's Christmas gifts from Santa.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Thank you to those of you who attended one of our Christmas events. I am sure that you will agree that our FS / KS1 pupils performed brilliantly, and more importantly each one of them really enjoyed their special moment on the 'big stage'. Thanks also go to some of our KS2 instrumentalists who performed for parents at the end of the school day and to those of you who stopped to listen and 'cheer them on'. Our Christingles Services were also a lovely way to end the term and thanks go to Fthr Kevin and members of St Mary's and St Chad's Church for allowing us to visit their beautiful church for our KS1 and KS2 services. Donations received for the Children's Society were very much appreciated.

