

>> USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA >>

We understand that in today's world many of you use Social Media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Governors have asked me to remind all parents and carers that if they have any concerns, questions or need clarification about anything they should contact the school directly rather than discuss them on Social Media. Quite often mistakes or problems can be sorted out quickly if we know about them and the full facts are available to everyone. Similarly, we would ask that parents are mindful not to make what can often be hurtful comments on such sites that bring the good name and reputation of the school, staff, parents and children in to disrepute. Facebook's own rules are very clear about the serious nature of comments that can be classed as untrue and libelous and the school will not hesitate to take the matter further if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Dates for July

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE

N.B. We will try to fit our Key Stage 2 Sports Day around the following and the 'wonderful' British weather. We will text you with full details.

Friday 1st	The Societas Trust Olympics at Northwood Stadium
Monday 3rd	The Y3/4 Hockey Team to the County Finals
Tuesday 4th	The school is CLOSED all day due to the N.U.T. Strike Action
Thursday 7th	3LM to Westport Lake all day
Friday 8th	2CB to Tatton Park
w/c/ Monday 11th	Pupils' Reports to parents / carers
Monday 11th	K.S. 2 Production at 2pm and 7pm
Tuesday 12th	K.S.2 Production at 7pm
Thursday 14th	Whole School Move Day
Friday 15th	2WP to Tatton Park
Monday 18th	F.S. / K.S. 1 Prize Day at 9.30 a.m. <i>(by invitation)</i>
Monday 18th	K.S. 2 Prize Day at 2 p.m. <i>(by invitation)</i>
Monday 18th	Discos for children from Nursery to Year 5
Tuesday 19th	Year 5 Attendance Prize Winners to Port Vale
Wednesday 20th	Gladstone's Got Talent <i>(in house for the children)</i>
Thursday 21st	6 p.m. Leavers' Disco / Buffet
Friday 22nd	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 22nd	Free Non-uniform Day

Gladstone Primary School closes for the Summer on Friday, the 22nd of July.

We reopen as Gladstone Primary Academy on Wednesday, the 7th of September.

GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016



Coming soon

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know we asked the children to design our new badge. There were lots of interesting ideas, but the overwhelming majority of the children wanted 3 things on our badge: the giant, the school building and a bottle kiln. Octagons will represent the unique shape of the classrooms. Our resident Graphic

Designer, Mr Dan Egginton (our Learning Mentor) has been working hard to put the children's images together and we hope that you like what will become our new badge. Children who won the 'design' competition for their classes and the overall winners will receive their prize on one of the Prize Days at the end of term.

The draft of the new badge is now being 'tweaked' and the final version will be forwarded to Timberland next week. We will let you know as soon as our new uniform becomes available to buy. As we have said, the **ONLY** changes we will make to the uniform is the badge and children will be allowed to wear the old Gladstone Primary School uniform until you need to replace it as a result of wear and tear, or the children out grow it.

Elaine Preston

>>> STAFF CHANGES >>>

The end of the school year is always a sad time, not only because we say "Goodbye" to any children leaving us, but often because we have staff moving on. You will be sad to know that a long serving member of staff, Mr Mick Gater, is retiring at the end of term having been at the former Woodhouse and Gladstone for over 20 years. Mrs Claire Tomkinson will also be leaving, having worked at Gladstone now for 8 years. One of our permanent Early Years Practitioners Mrs Tanya Hillman will also be moving on, having obtained a new post at Ash Green Primary School. Our temporary staff, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Summerfield and Miss Brown will also be leaving us. We wish all of the staff above every success and happiness for the future. We will miss them.

>>> A NEW PATH AT LAST >>>

You will be **more** than pleased to know that the Council has agreed to resurface the path which leads from Wood Street to our back gate. Thanks go to the P.A.C.T. team (Police and Communities Working Together) that meet regularly at Gladstone for making sure that this item stayed on the top of the Council's agenda.



SCHOOL REPORTS

As most of you are aware we do not have Parent Consultations this term. Instead, we send out a detailed written report for each child. These reports are planned to go out the week beginning Monday, July 11th, but we will send you a text message on the exact day they are handed to the children.

>>>> ACADEMY NEWS >>>>

As you may have noticed on the web-site we are still waiting to convert to an academy. Our original date was the 1st of April, but this must have been a joke as it has been moved back continually now every month since. :-). At the moment there is a backlog of schools waiting to become academies, so this does not mean that we will not become an academy, it is more the question of when. At our last meeting we were given the date of the 1st of September. To be honest, this does make the most sense and would give us a new start at the beginning of a new academic year. We will be rebranding from then as well, so all signage and the school logo will be changed.

SPORTING SUCCESS!



You will be pleased to know that we have just been awarded the School Games Gold Award for all of our sporting activities and achievements for the academic year 2015 / 2016. This is an incredibly hard award to achieve and we are very proud of the staff and children who have worked so hard to make this possible over the last year. Special thanks go to our P.E. Subject Leader Mr Glen Rammell who has worked tirelessly to make sure that we achieved this award.

PRIZE DAYS APPROACH

As you can imagine, with over 250 pupils and 40 staff attending each Prize Day it is impossible to fit the parents of every prize winner in to the Hall. As a result, we are only able to invite those parents whose child has received a main Class Progress Prize (e.g. book prize winners), Attendance Prize, shield or trophy. These parents will be sent a personal invitation to attend the event towards the beginning of July from Mrs Annese.

>> >> >> NEW APOINTMENTS >> >> >>

