

>> >> POLITE REMINDER REGARDING UNIFORM >> >>

School Uniform, as stated in our School Prospectus is as follows: black / grey trousers, shorts or skirts; yellow, or purple checked dresses for the Summer months; a school polo shirt, sweatshirt or cardigan and PLAIN black school shoes or trainers.

N.B. shoes with brightly coloured trims and large coloured laces should not be worn. Similarly, girls should not wear very short shorts over black tights - though long, knee length culottes are fine. Could I also request that pupils do not have any 'extreme' haircuts e.g. tram lines or very closely shaven heads.

Dates for the Diary

March

Thursday, 5th: The Police in to Year 3 as part of their 'Detectives' Topic.

Wednesday, 11th: Y6 Parent Consultations

Friday, 13th: Mother's Day Services at St Mary's and St Chad's Church.

Monday, 16th: Junior Cadets Passing Out Ceremony

Wednesday, 18th: Year 3 Feargal Fly Day

Wednesday, 18th: KS2 Recorder Groups to perform at the Victoria Hall.

Friday, 20th: The Eco- Warriors attend the Eco Schools Showcase.

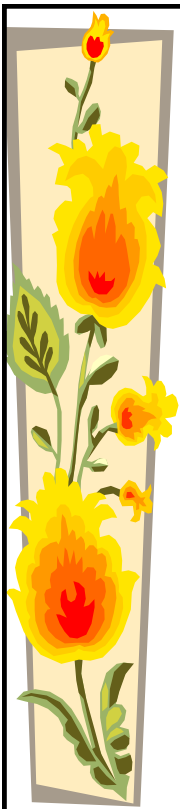
Wednesday, 25th: 3GA to Domino's Pizzas

Thursday, 26th: 3LM to Domino's Pizzas

w/b Monday, 30th: Parent Consultations

April

Thursday, 2nd: FS / KS1 Easter Bonnet and KS2 Easter Egg Competitions: **FREE NON-UNIFORM**



School closes for Easter on Thursday, April 2nd and re opens for the Summer Term on Monday, April 20th.

**GLADSTONE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2015**



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thankfully, the dark nights and freezing cold weather seem to be behind us and I for one am looking forward to some warm Spring sunshine – well, fingers crossed it will be warm and sunny!

Life in school is always very busy and there never seems enough space in our newsletter to share the many things that have taken place during the school week. To try to keep you a little more informed and up to date with the latest developments in school I am writing a Headteacher's Diary page each week which can be found on the front page of our website: www.gladstone.stoke.sch.uk.

I am hoping that this diary page will give you a quick snapshot of life at Gladstone and you will be able to celebrate the children's successes with us - e.g. the names of those children who have been awarded a Silver Star certificate for excellent work, competition winners and Attendance Prize winners. Please have a look each week.



Elaine Preston

Parents' Consultations

Our Spring Term Parent Consultations will be taking place w/b 30th March and Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday, April 1st. We will be operating our usual appointments system, so please keep a check on the bottom of those bags incase the letter 'goes astray'!



Dancing and Recorders

On Monday, 2nd March 16 Year 2 / 3 dancers represented Gladstone at the City Dance Festival at the Victoria Hall. The children had spent several months working alongside their dance teacher, Ms Michelle Moss, to prepare for their performance which took place in

front of thousands of anxious parents and grandparents! Their 'Cats' dance was excellent and we were all really proud of them. As I write, our KS2 Recorder Group is practising hard with Ms Walker and Miss Moore to prepare for the annual City Recorder Festival to be held on March 18th at the Victoria Hall. We know that the children always enjoy performing in this fabulous venue and I am sure that they will overcome any nerves and perform well.



>>>> MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES >>>>

Our annual Foundation Stage and Key Stage 2 Mother's Day services this year will be on Friday, March 13th at St Mary's and St Chad's Church. Children in the Nursery and Reception will be performing at 9.45 a.m., while our Year 1 and 2 children will perform in the afternoon at 1.45pm. If you are able to help us to walk the children up to the church and back please let your child's class teacher know. All help will be appreciated.

A CHANGE TO HOMEWORK

Our Year 3 and 4 children have been trialing a homework system and it has proven so successful that we will be rolling it out to the rest of the school after the Easter Break. Thank you to the many parents / carers who spend an incredible amount of time with their children at home completing the weekly topic challenges, their books are amazing!



>>>> NO SMOKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL >>>>

We have been contacted by a number of parents who are concerned about the number of other parents smoking directly outside the school gates on Anchor Road. This is meaning that most parents and their children have to walk through what they are describing as a 'cloud' of smoke to come in to the school premises every morning and at the end of the day. As you know we are a 'Smoke Free Zone' and though the memorial bench on Anchor Road is technically not on our premises we are asking that parents / carers do not smoke directly outside by the gates out of consideration to other parents and their children. *Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter.*

BAGS, COATS AND SPACE

As the space in our cloakroom areas is rather limited I am asking the children to bring smaller bags to school for both their P.E. kits and everyday items such as pencil cases and books. At the moment some children are bringing 2 large bags and there simply isn't the space to store them safely. This leads to heaps of coats and bags at the end of each breaktime and *lots* of lost property! Thank you for your help.

