

## HOLIDAY SURVEY

Stoke - on -Trent Local Authority would like to consult with all staff, governors and parents at all schools across the City, with regard to School Holiday preferences. Please answer the questionnaire as fully as possible to enable us to take account of your thoughts and opinions.

The findings of this questionnaire will be shared during April 2016 and may help to set the holidays for 2017 – 2018.

Please follow the link below to answer the short questionnaire:

<http://webapps.stoke.gov.uk/snapsurveys/schooltermdates/schooltermdates.htm>

## Dates for the Diary

*N.B. Please remember to check out the diary on the school website as this is the most up to date information regarding special trips and events.*

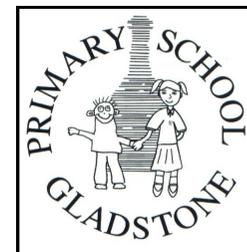
### April

Thursday 14th	Year 5 Bikeability all day for 2 days
Thursday 14th	1.15pm Key Stage 1 Family Learning 'Pirates'
Thursday 14th	Level 1 Bikeability for Year 4 after school for 2 days
Friday 22nd	Year 5 to the Regent Theatre
Monday 25th	Swimming starts
Monday 25th	Police Cadets' Passing Out Parade
Thursday 28th	Year 1 trip to Manchester Airport
Thursday 28th	Year 4 perform at the 'Societas Sings' Concert, Hanley

### May

Tuesday, 3rd	3GA to Domino's Pizzas
Wednesday, 4th	3LM to Domino's Pizzas
Thursday, 5th	School closed to pupils for Voting Day
w/b Monday 9th	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 13th	Year 6 Rainforest Day
Monday 16th	Year 2 Grammar and Spelling Tests all week
Wednesday 18th	Nursery children to Park Hall
w/b Monday 23rd	Year 2 Maths SATS Papers all week
Monday 23rd	NSPCC in to talk to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
Wednesday 25th	NSPCC Workshop for Year 5
Wednesday 25th	SPRING FAYRE from 3.45pm until 5.30pm
Friday, 27th	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM

# GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016



Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know last week we held our Parent Consultations. Thank you to those of you who have seen your child's teacher or made an appointment to see him/her before the end of term.

As part of the consultations we are asking all parents / carers to

complete a short questionnaire about your views of Gladstone and, at the request of parents, we have reduced the size of the questionnaire from 4 pages to just one, with the questions now coming directly from the Government's 'Parent View' survey. We take the views expressed extremely seriously, so I would like to thank everyone who has completed a survey and request that anyone who has not been able to attend the Parent Consultations to ask their child's class teacher for a copy before the end of term.

On a similar note, please remember that our school website often has lots of up to date information about forthcoming events, trips and special days. There is also the Headteacher's Diary page which gives up to date information about life in school. The web-site also contains a copy of the monthly newsletter as well as past newsletters. The school web-site address is: <http://www.gladstone.stoke.sch.uk>.

Finally, everyone at Gladstone would like to wish you all a sunny Easter break.

*Elaine Preston*



**School closes for Easter on Thursday,  
24th March and re-opens for the  
Summer Term on Monday, April 11th.**

### >>>> NEW SCHOOL BADGE >>>>

The children may have told you that we have been asking them to design a new school badge for the 'new' Gladstone Primary Academy. Every child in school has been able to enter the competition and we will be announcing the winner after Easter. In the meantime, please don't worry about school uniform as any changes will be introduced gradually.

### >>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT >>>

Thank you for your support at our last Non-Uniform Day. We raised £289 for the SENSE Society which works with deaf and blind children.

### Thanks to Mrs Hamer

Thanks go to our Local Councillor, Mrs Olwen Hamer, who has given the school £1,000 from her Ward Funding to develop an area of the school. We will be using this money to place a roof on the Jungle Hut. This will mean that we will be able to use the hut more regularly as an outside classroom.



### >>>>>> NEW BOOKS >>>>>>

As you know, over the year we arrange a number of fund raising events such as the fayres and various discos. You will be pleased to know that we have always used this money to provide additional resources for the children rather than build up large savings in a bank account! This year we have over £4,000 in this account and we have decided to spend it on new reading books across the school. These books will supplement the books in our reading scheme but will also provide lots of new books for the classroom reading areas so that all pupils will feel the benefit of our fundraising events.

### !!!!!! HOMEWORK !!!!!!!

Having read most of the Parent Survey forms received to date it has become clear that a lot of you are still concerned about the amount of homework being set for your children. Please be assured that we are taking your concerns seriously and that you will see a difference after Easter.

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS



On Monday I had the pleasure of presenting children from across the school with a range of certificates for their achievements.

Congratulations go to our Y3/Y4 Football Team who came second in the Crescent Football Competition, a super achievement. Similarly, a special 'Well done' to our Y5 / Y6 Football Team who represented Port Vale at the Regional

Finals last week. The boys played very well and finished 5th out of 14 schools - a super achievement. At the moment the boys are leading the Longton Town League, so fingers crossed for a successful end to the season! It was also a pleasure to congratulate 6 of our Year 5 pupils who have recently achieved either their Copper or Bronze Music Award for the clarinet. As some of you know in Key Stage 2 we subsidise music lessons for pupils who may wish to play a range of musical instruments and we are very proud of these girls who did extremely well.

Similarly, congratulations go to our Recorder Group who performed at the City Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall. Mrs Cantrell and Mrs Davies who trained and accompanied them were both very impressed with their skills and excellent behaviour.

We also had some Year 5 pupils represent us at the Respect Festival at the Bridge Centre. The children spent the day discussing important issues such as respect and tolerance towards those of other faiths. Both Miss Hughes-Evans and Mrs Rammell who accompanied them were very proud of the children and the mature attitude they showed during the day.

### ACADEMY NEWS

Due to unforeseen circumstances completely beyond our control it now appears that we will not transfer to become an academy until at least the 1st of May. We will keep you up to date with developments on our web-site.

