

>>>>>>> POLITE REMINDERS >>>>>>>

We have a number of litter bins dotted around the school grounds. Please help us to keep our grounds clean and tidy by ensuring that children put all litter in the bins (or their pockets) at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you.

On a similar note, for obvious reasons, please DO NOT dispose of dog waste in our school bins.

Children should not use the climbing frame in the Year 1 yard unless supervised by a member of staff. Thank you for your support in this matter.

If you have not been able to attend Parent Consultations please get in touch with your child's class teacher who will be pleased to make an appointment to see you. Thank you.

GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dates for the Diary

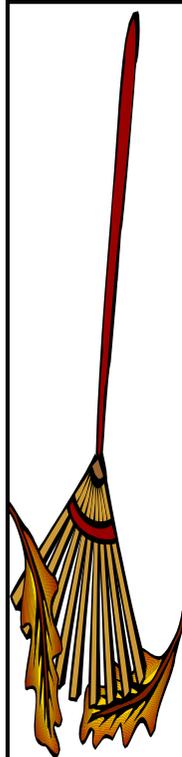
November

Monday 10th Nov.	Photographer in school
Tuesday 11th Nov.	Photographer in school
Thursday 13th Nov.	Yr 5/6 workshop from Childline
Monday 17th Nov.	Presentation of Cheque for 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'
Wednesday 19th Nov.	Y2 to Hanley Fire Station
Wednesday 26th Nov.	Y3 Roman Day

December

Tuesday 2nd Dec.	Nursery trip to Shugborough
Wednesday 3rd Dec.	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 5th Dec.	Christmas Fayre

We have lots of other exciting things organised for December. We will let you know all of these dates in our special Christmas Newsletter later this month!



Dear Parents / Carers,
I am sure that the children have told you about a very special visitor who came in to see us towards the end of last half term. Her name is Kate and she is a guide dog for the blind, as well as being an incredibly intelligent and beautiful Golden Retriever. Kate accompanied two special visitors to Gladstone, Mr Dave Reynolds and former Chair of Governors, Mr Phil Woodall. All three of them

spent a whole day with us, going in to every class to talk to the children about the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind. With the help of School Council Representatives each class then went on to arrange their own fund raising event. As you know, the response was overwhelming, raising a total of £1,300 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind charity – enough to sponsor 12 puppies! A special mention goes to 6RE who raised a magnificent £450 on their own! As you can imagine, both Mr Reynolds, Mr Woodall (and Kate) were overwhelmed with your generosity and will be coming in to school later this month to receive the cheque.

We celebrated this amazing total at our Harvest Service and it was certainly a lovely way to end the Half Term.

Elaine Preston



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As you know this year is the centenary of the start of World War 1 and staff are planning a number of events during the weeks beginning 10th and 17th of November to make sure that we remember the sacrifice so many local people made for their country. At the beginning of the week we will be developing a number of displays — one in our entrance foyer and one at the very front of the school by the Anchor Road gate. We have purchased 600 poppies and all children, staff and governors will be placing a cross, labeled with the name of a soldier from the Longton Cenotaph, on the grassed area at the front of the school. There will also be silhouettes of soldiers from that time. The display inside the building will again recognise the names of each individual soldier and should look stunning as we are hoping to drape the children's hand made poppies over our balcony. We have also ordered one of the poppies currently at the Tower of London, but that will not arrive until late in the Spring Term. We will also be planting a WW1 memorial tree beside our main doors to create a more permanent reminder of the centenary events. Children will also be receiving a special bookmark. The cost of the poppy crosses is £2.50 each, so to help us with costs we will be holding a special 'Wear Red' Non —Uniform Day later in the term where we will be asking for all donations to go to the cost of the poppies, which in turn will go directly to the Longton Branch of the Royal British Legion.

+++++ NEWS FROM NIGERIA +++++

As you may remember our school is twinned with the Nelson Mandela School in Abuja in Nigeria. Over the Summer months we heard word that the school had been going through a difficult time as there was a threat on Ebola in the area and as a result of terrorist activity a bomb had exploded just 200m from the school, with many people hurt. As a result the school had been unable to open for the new term in September.

Obviously, it has been a difficult time for our friends, but you will be pleased to know that we have just received the good news that Nigeria is now considered Ebola free and the school is open as normal. Our Y5 children are in the process of e-mailing their friends so we hope to keep you up to date with their news over the coming term.

War Poem

I thought I would share with you this wonderful poem, written by one of our Year 5 pupils, Alecia.

Choirs of shells
Yelling and screeching
The hymns of the bombs.
Darkness fills their eyes,
Only a light from their mind
Glimmers brightly
Then, as time goes by,
Their life is gone.
Lying in the trenches
The sounds of guns
Saying goodbye.



