

>> >> Punctuality and Attendance >> >>

Our Clerical Assistant, Ms Reeves has told me how pleased she is that, at the moment, we have very few children who arrive in school late on a regular basis. Thank you for your on-going support with this.

GLADSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY JUNE 2017

Dates for June / July
New dates in bold

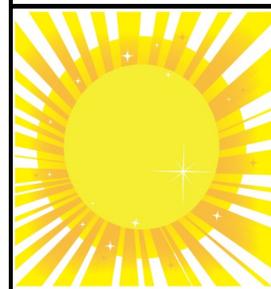
June

12th/13th June	Big History Days in school
14th June	Year 3 to Llandudno
15th June	RDL to Park Hill Farm
16th June	RRD to Park Hill Farm
19th June	Nursery/Reception Sports Day
19th June	Year 5 / Year 6 E-Safety Training
20th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
21st June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
22nd June	Y3 Year Group assembly at 9.15am
22nd June	Y5 to Little Moreton Hall
23rd June	Y5 to Little Moreton Hall
27th June	Assembly for Year 1 parents at 9.15am
27th June	3GR to Bearstone Farm
28th June	Societas Games at Northwood Stadium
29th June	Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo
30th June	Year 6 Leavers Trip to Alton Towers

July

5th July	3GA to Bearstone Farm
11th July	K.S. 2 Production 2pm and 7pm
12th July	K.S. 2 Production 7pm
13th July	Whole School Transition Day
14th July	New Intake Meeting
17th July	Prize Day - by invitation only
17th July	End of Year Discos Nursery to Year 5
19th July	Gladstone's Got Talent - pupils only
20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Prom
21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
21st July	School closes for the Summer Holidays

School closes on Friday the 21st of July and re-opens for pupils on Wednesday, 6th September.



Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome back after the half term break. I trust that you all had a good break and managed to find some sunshine. As you know, the sun seems to have disappeared since we came back to school, so fingers

crossed that it reappears for the many outdoor events taking place this coming term!

You may be pleased to know that, from September we will become a 'Cash Less' school. This will enable you to pay trips and dinner money on-line and you will no longer have to go to the cashpoint or write a cheque. We will be using 'SchoolMoney' - which is basically the same company as we use for our text messaging service. We will have the system up and running from 11th July to enable you to familiarise yourself with it before August 14th when it will become 'live'; accepting payments. Please don't worry that it may be confusing, Mrs O'Donnell our School Business Manager will be sending more information out the w/b 10th July.

I look forward to seeing you at the many events penciled in our diary over the coming months.

Elaine Preston
Headteacher

>>>> STAFFING CHANGES >>>>

Just to let you know that there will be some changes to our staffing from this coming September. Sadly we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Lisa Swift our Year 6 teacher and English Subject Leader and our Nurture Teacher, Mrs Carly Clowes. Mrs Swift will be moving to a new post as Maths Subject Leader at St Augustine's Catholic Academy in Meir and Mrs Clowes will be taking some time out to spend more time with her family. We wish both Mrs Swift and Mrs Clowes every success and happiness for the future and hope that they will not become strangers and will continue to call in and see us. You will be pleased to know that we have been able to appoint a new Key Stage 2 teacher, Mr Phillip Bloor. Mr Bloor is currently working in Year 6 at St Nathaniel's C.E. Academy in Burslem and we look forward to welcoming him to our Gladstone 'family' in September.

>>> SPRING FAYRE SUCCESS >>>

Many thanks to those of you who came a long to our Spring Fayre. The event was a major success and I am pleased to report that we raised an amazing £1256 for the School Funds.

The money raised will go towards buying sets of the latest virtual reality learning equipment for each Key Stage, as well as the prizes for our 2 Prize Days in July.

Gladstone Goes to the Polls !

As you know, last week a General Election was held across the country - giving some interesting results!

At Gladstone we held our own election, with each class voting for their preferred party.

On this occasion, the outcome of our in house election was a resounding victory for the Labour Party.

MORE ABOUT THE SOCIETAS TRUST

As you know, when we become an academy we will become part of the Societas Trust, a Multi – Academy Trust made up of 6 schools: Ash Green, Ellison, Gladstone, Goldenhill, Sutherland and Summerbank Primary Schools. At the moment staff from all schools are meeting regularly in a number of working parties to develop Teaching and Learning across the schools. We have 'Working Groups' for Assessment, Early Years, Inclusion, Professional Development, Curriculum Development, the School Business Managers and Newly Qualified Teachers. The Directors of the Trust - made up of representatives of all of the 6 schools - meet termly, as do the Education and Resources Committees and the Executive Committee, made up of the 6 Headteachers, the Education Director, Mrs Jill Fury and C.E.O., Mr Jon Lovatt. There really is a massive amount of work going on behind the scenes and it is a privilege to work with such a talented and dedicated group of professionals. Sadly, Mrs Fury will be retiring in July, but we will be welcoming Mrs Mary Hughes as the new Education Director for the Trust. Everyone at Gladstone is now very much looking forward to becoming an official member of the Societas Trust in July or August.

>>>>>> DINNER MONEY >>>>>>

For over 4 years we have not increased the cost for a school dinner. Unfortunately, as I am sure you are aware, the cost of food has increased. As a result we will have to increase the cost of a school meal from our current price of £2.00 a day to £2.20 a day – £11.00 per week. We will be sending more information out shortly asking you to state your preference for September. As far as we know, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a FREE hot school meal. *Mrs O'Donnell*

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

