

WEBSITE UP DATES

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Please note that the following policies have now been updated and can be found under the 'Policies' section of the school website:

Marking, More Able and Talented, Behaviour, Whistle Blowing, Touch in a Nurturing School, Compliments and Complaints, Anti-Bullying and Safeguarding and Child Protection Procedures.

At the moment Mr Egginton is completing the lengthy job of updating all of the curriculum links on the new site. If you can not find any of the information you require please let the Office know and we will be more than happy to provide a paper copy for you. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition.

Dates for the Diary

March

Monday, 13th	Year 6 to Manchester Museum
Tuesday, 14th	Junior Cadets start
Monday, 20th	Year 3 Police Day
w/b Monday, 20th	National Science Week
Tuesday, 21st	Year 1 Dinosaur Day
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 3 Police Forensic Day
Wednesday, 22nd	F.S. Mother's Day Service at 9.45 a.m. K.S. 1 Mother's Day Service at 1.45 p.m.
Friday, 24th	Year 5 Superhero Day
w/b Monday, 27th	Parent Consultations begin
Monday 27th	Pupils to R.E. Conference with Mrs Preston
Wednesday, 29th	Parents' Evening
Thursday, 30th	Recorders perform at the City Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall
Thursday, 30th	Grandparents Lunch for Reception pupils

April

Thursday, 6th	Key Strings perform for the whole school
Friday, 7th	F.S. / K.S. 1 Easter Bonnet and K.S. 2 Easter Egg Competitions.

School closes for Easter on Friday April 7th and re opens for the Summer Term on Monday, April 24th.

GLADSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

After the dull, dark misty days of January and February it is lovely to enter March and see all of the Spring flowers starting to pop their heads above the ground to signal the start of longer daylight hours and, hopefully, warmer weather !

As you all know, we are still awaiting the official documentation needed to become an academy, having been given a number of 'starting dates' over the past few months. At the moment our lawyers are very optimistic that our conversion date will be the 1st of May, but I will not be holding my breath just yet!

Despite the hold up we continue to work well with the other 5 schools: Goldenhill, Sutherland, Ellison, Ash Green and Summerbank. We have a range of events organised for the Summer Term - Societas Sings, at the Victoria Hall, and the Societas Olympics at Northwood Stadium. Year 4 will represent the school at the Victoria Hall and a range of pupils from Years 2 to 6 will represent us at Northwood.



The Headteachers and Governors from the 6 schools continue to meet regularly, alongside the Directors and Members of the new Trust. If you would like any more information regarding the Societas Trust please check out our website at www.societastrust.org.uk

Elaine Preston

Parent Consultations / Parents' Evening

Our Spring Term Parent Consultations will be taking place the week beginning March 27th. We will be using an appointment system again, offering you appointments during the day, or in the evening. Could I please ask that if you have to cancel your appointment for any reason that you let the Office know as soon as possible. As you know the daytime appointments mean that we have to arrange cover for the teachers to be out of class and missed appointments can mean that staff are left hanging around waiting for long periods of time.

Secondly, at your request, we will be extending our Parents' Evening to 7.30 p.m. as we know that many of you were finding the 7 p.m. finishing time too early.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROJECTS

Our new Worry Box is in the foyer. Children will be able to note down any worries and put them in the box. With the support of Mrs Annese the children will be checking the box on a weekly basis. We also have a Suggestion Box and one pupil suggested that some sort of a pupil voice would be a good idea. The School Council liked this idea and have decided to introduce a weekly blog on the school website. This will include information on what the classes have enjoyed learning about during that week.

We are currently in the early stages of organising a Societas Trust School Council and the children met for the first time last week. Two children attended to represent their school and the children decided which photographs from each school would appear on the Trust website. Our representatives are Olivia and Alfie from Year 4.

>> >> >> >> **BABY NEWS** >> >> >> >>

Congratulations go to Miss Hughes - Evans who has given birth to her first baby, a healthy baby boy, Ezra. Similarly, congratulations go to Miss Dyas who is due to go on maternity leave at May half term in preparation for the birth of her second baby. We wish both Miss Hughes - Evans and Miss Dyas well.

MOTHER'S DAY CHANGES

Unusually, our Mother's Day Services at the church will be held on the Wednesday this year rather than a Friday to ensure that all of our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Part time staff are able to come along and join in the celebrations. The service will once again be held at St Mary's and St Chad's Church and we thank Fthr Kevin and his congregation for leading the services and making us feel so welcome in their beautiful church.



>> City of Culture 2021 >>



As part of Stoke on Trent's City of Culture bid 2021, the Cultural Education Partnership are keen to get the views of a number of young people about how they currently engage in culture and what they would like to see more of.

Young people have helped to design the survey and it is aimed at young people aged 25 and under, with all young people taking part being entered into a prize draw to win High Street vouchers. **Please note under 16s would need parental consent to share personal information to be entered (this is stipulated on the surveymonkey).** The survey will take less than 5 minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/33QT5DB>

>>>> PARENT VIEW >>>>

Please remember that parents and carers are encouraged to fill in the Government's on-line 'Parent View' survey at the following web address: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. The questions are very similar to those you completed last year as part of our own in house survey and it should only take a few minutes to complete the survey.

