

### Closure due to Voting

A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday, June the 8th due to the 'surprise' General Election. We apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause, but we have no control over this matter. The staff will use the day as an additional training day. Thank you for your understanding.

### Dates for the Diary

#### May

12th May	Year 6 Environment Day
16th May	Year 4 Assembly for Parents at 9.15am
w/b May 15th	Year 2 Maths SATS
17th May	Nursery children to Park Hall pond dipping
17th May	Beth Johnson Foundation to work with 5SC
17th May	2.45pm Dementia Bus on site
24th May	SPRING FARE starting at 3.45pm
25th May	Year 1 Exploring the World Day
26th May	School closes for Half term : Non Uniform

#### June

5th June	School opens
6th June	RDL to Park Hill Farm
7th June	Year 2 to Cadbury's World
8th June	SCHOOL CLOSED
12th/13th June	Big History Day in school
14th June	Year 3 to Llandudno
15th June	RRD to Park Hill Farm
19th June	Nursery/Reception Sports Day
20th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
21st June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
27th June	Assembly for Year 1 parents at 9.15am
27th June	3GR to Bearstone Farm
29th June	Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo
30th June	Year 6 Leavers Trip to Alton Towers

#### July

5th July	3GA to Bearstone Farm
w/b 10th July	Key Stage 2 Production. Dates to be confirmed when we know the dates for Y6 transition days
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



# GLADSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

A belated welcome back after the Easter holidays. It has been a lovely start to the new term, made particularly pleasant by the appearance of the lovely sunshine !

Thankfully, it seems that our long wait to become an official academy now seems to be over as we have been given a date of the 1st of July. We continue to work with the other schools and special mention goes to Year 4 who represented us so brilliantly at the 'Societas Sings the Musicals' at the Victoria Hall at the end of April. The children were superb ambassadors for Gladstone and sang beautifully to a packed audience as part of the 300 strong choir. 'Well done!' to the children and 'thank you' to those of you who came along to support them. At the moment we are planning our Societas Olympics, so watch this space for more details.

Talking of sport, it is interesting to note that this term we have more sports clubs taking place before, during and after school than ever before. Many thanks go to the staff who give up their time so freely, for providing these great opportunities for the children. As you know, we were one of the few schools in Stoke - on -Trent to be awarded the Gold Award for Sport last year, so fingers crossed that we can achieve the award again this year.

*Elaine Preston*



## THE SPRING FAYRE

Advanced warning that our Spring Fayre is on Wednesday, 24th of May at 3.45pm. PLEASE come along to support this important fundraising event and bring along friends and family.

Letters will soon be coming out about donations.

## ROAD SAFETY



School Crossing Patrol Officer

*We have been asked by Mrs Rowson, our Crossing Patrol Warden, to pass on a 'plea' from her as she is really concerned about the number of parents not using the crossing and crossing Anchor Road between stationary cars waiting for the lights to change. Lots of the children are now copying this and we are really concerned that there is going to be a nasty accident.*

*Mrs Rowson is one of the few Crossing Patrol Wardens left in our City as the Council has recognised just how dangerous Anchor Road is to cross. Please remember to cross WITH her on the crossing, setting a good example for the children.*

## >>>> Dementia Awareness Week >>>>

The week beginning the 15th of May is Dementia Awareness Week and, as a Dementia Friendly School, we will be working with a range of agencies to raise the awareness of those people living with Dementia.

On Wednesday, 17th of May at 2.45pm the Dementia Bus will be on site which will give you the opportunity to learn more about Dementia and the agencies that can best support those living with Dementia and / or their family and friends.

Also on that day Mrs Betty Machin and from the Beth Johnson Foundation will be working with 5SC alongside some people in the early stages of Dementia, to create a special mural for the Entrance Foyer

## COMMUNITY NEWS

As you are aware, at Gladstone we are very lucky to have, not one, but two Home/School Link Workers - Mrs Rammell and Miss Corbett. This term they have organised a number of really exciting courses for parents / carers such as:

Internet Safety for Parents

Swashbuckling Pirates

Craft

I.T, for Children

Parents' 'Cook and Eat'

'Adopt a School' - Year 3 alongside a local chef

The Silver Surfers Computer Club

Police Cadets alongside our local P.C.S.O.s

Over the term we will be developing the Community section on our web-site. Please keep an eye open for future courses as we want as many parents to be involved as possible!

## >> >> >> HEALTH AND SAFETY >> >> >>

To ensure that we keep everyone safe on the site could you please make sure that you remind your children about the following at the beginning and end of the school day:

- Children should not ride bicycles or scooters around the site. Once they reach the school gates we ask that everyone walks their bikes to prevent collisions.
- Dogs other than Guide Dogs are not allowed on site.
- Our grass banks are steep and could be dangerous if children play on them.
- The climbing frames should be ONLY be used when there is a member of the school staff present.

