

## LOST READING BOOKS

This year we have planned to spend almost £6,000 on new reading books for our reading schemes and general classroom reading books. Much of this has come from money raised at our various fund raising events, so thank you to everyone who has supported us. Sadly, it has come to my attention that more and more children seem to be losing their school reading book—sometimes as many as 10 a week go missing! As you can imagine we can not afford to keep replacing books at this expense to the school, so as a result we have no option other than to charge £5 for all books not returned or damaged.

## Dates for the Diary

### June

Monday, 6th	School re-opens for the Half term
Wednesday, 8th	Nursery trip to the Adventure Farm
Thursday, 9th	Year 2 trip to Cadbury World
Thursday, 9th	Year 3 Grandparents' Dinner Day
Friday, 10th	Year 6 Gangster Granny Day
w/b Mon. 13th	Year 1 Phonics Checks all week
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 trip to Llandudno
Thursday, 16th	Year 2 Assembly for parents at 9.15 a.m.
Friday, 17th	Eco Day - details to follow
Monday, 20th	Nursery/Rec Sports Day (weather permitting) 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday, 21st	Key Stage 1 Sports Day (weather permitting) 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday, 21st	3GA to Bearstone Farm (3LM date to follow)
Wednesday, 22nd	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (weather permitting) 9.30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, 23rd</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS</b>
Friday, 24th	Spirited Arts Day
Friday, 24th	Year 6 to Drayton Manor Park
Tuesday, 28th	Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday, 29th	Year 3 Assembly for parents at 9.15 a.m.

Dates for July are on our web-site

# GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2016



Dear Parents / Carers,

I am amazed at how quickly time seems to have flown by this Half Term. It certainly doesn't feel like 7 weeks since we started back to school after the Easter Break!

As you may remember, as we approached the Easter Break we were expecting to be becoming an academy as part of the Societas Trust on the 1st of April. Sadly, due to a number of delays completely out of our control, it seems likely that we will not become an academy until the 1st of July. As you can imagine, at this late stage in the term, it would make no sense at all to change the school logo, uniform and signage, so Governors have decided that we will 'rebrand' at the start of the new Academic Year in September.

This delay has not stopped the 6 schools from working together, however. Our Year 4 children have already performed at the 'Societas Sings' concert at the Victoria Hall at the end of April and next month children from Years 3 to 6 will take part in the first ever 'Societas Olympics' at Northwood Stadium. Our Year 2 and Year 6 staff have also met with colleagues from the other schools on a number of occasions and the 6 Headteachers, as well as representatives of the 6 Governing Bodies and School Business Managers have held numerous meetings over the past few months. Our fingers are now crossed for that July 1st date and I will let you know of any developments as soon as possible.

Elaine Preston

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Over the last 3 weeks our sports teams have taken part in a wide range of sporting activities and today, in our Awards Assembly, we have said a special Gladstone "Well done!" to all of them. Credit goes to every member of the following teams who has represented our school superbly well:

- The Mini Tennis Club
- Our Paralympic Contestants
- Our Tri Golf Team
- The High Fives Club
- Our Year 3 and 4 Football Team
- Our Year 5 Football Team
- Our Years 3, 4 and 5 Swimming Teams
- Our Years 3, 4 and 5 Hockey Teams
- Our Year 5 / 6 Football Team

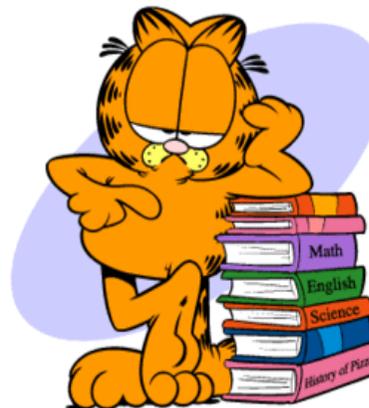


Congratulations also go to one of our Year 5 pupils, Loola, who has won the Co-operative store Colouring Competition, winning free tickets for Gladstone Pottery Museum for her family.

## >> >> CONSIDER OUR NEIGHBOURS >> >>

Please remember to be considerate when parking at the beginning or end of the school day - particularly, if you drop off or pick up on Wood Street or Tideswell Road. Sometimes cars block the streets and drives, which is obviously very frustrating for those residents affected. Similarly, please do not park immediately in front of the gates on Wood Street as sometimes staff need to leave early to attend training at other schools and quite often they can not get off the site as the gates would swing open on to any cars parked directly in front of them.

## HOMWORK REVIEW



As you know, over the last Half Term I have been asking for your views regarding the amount of homework that the children receive. Thank you to those parents who responded to my letter and shared their personal views. Most comments received centered around the Purple 'Brain Busters' research books and the tasks set for holidays. Ironically, as many parents wanted us to keep them both as wanted to change the system, so we hope that we have come up with a system that takes in to account both sets of parents.

Our Governors have now agreed to change our Homework Policy as follows:

The Purple Brain Busters will now come home once per half term, rather than fortnightly. As usual children will be asked to complete 'at least 2 tasks', though they may complete all 6 IF they so wish.

The holiday tasks will be given out immediately before a long holiday (2 weeks or more), but we will give the children 3 weeks to complete the work. This means that the children can complete them during the holidays or during the first week.



## >> >> >> SPRING FAYRE SUCCESS >> >> >>

Many thanks to those of you who came along to support our Spring Fayre. At the moment the total raised stands at £1,100, but this does not include the recent cake sales.





