

## >>> REMINDERS >>>>

number that we are unable to authorise any holidays in term time, other than in extreme circumstances.

and your child / children that no types of swap cards are allowed at school other than on Fridays when we have our Swap Card Collectors Club organised by Mr Egginton

### Dates for the Diary

#### December

Friday, 1st	Year 1 Phonics Meeting at 2.30 p.m.
Monday, 4th	F.S. / K.S.1 Dress Rehearsal for K.S.2
Tuesday, 5th	F.S. / K.S. 1 Production 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	F.S. / K.S. 1 Production 9.30 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	F.S. / K.S. 1 Production 9.30 a.m.
Monday, 11th w/b 11th	The Nursery to visit Amerton Farm Party Week
Tuesday 12th	Musicians to visit a home for the elderly to perform 1.30–3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday, 14th	Musicians to Hanford Court Care Home
Friday, 15th	Nursery/ Reception Christingle Service in school at 2.30 p.m.
Friday, 15th	Choir 'Singing on the Balcony' 3.10 p.m.
Monday, 18th	KS1 Christingle Service 9.45 a.m. at St. Mary's & St Chad's Church A.m. K.S. 2 Musicians to Marrow House Care Home
Monday, 18th	K.S. 2 Christingle Service 2 p.m. at St. Mary's & St. Chad's Church
Tuesday, 19th	School closes for the Christmas Break Christmas Sweater Day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. <i>If you do not have a Christmas jumper please don't worry, any Christmas fancy dress will be fine.</i>

**SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 4TH 2018**

# GLADSTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,  
Last week we were fortunate to have a special visitor in school, Darryll Neita. Darryll is a member of the British Women's 4x100m relay team who won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

and, more recently, a silver medal at the World Championships in London. The visit was organised by Muller and Tesco and was for us by Joyce Shenton, the mum of one of our pupils, Woollam. A massive thanks to Joyce for thinking of Gladstone as a 'chosen' school. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with someone who has worked so incredibly hard to achieve so much and Darryll was a superb role model. I was particularly impressed with the questions that she asked and am sure that Darryll's story inspired many of our pupils. The other part of the prize was £2,000 towards training resources and training and we will keep you up to date on the way that this money is spent over the coming months.

*Elaine Preston*

## Christmas is g! Ho! Ho! Ho!

you are all more than aware will soon be upon us. As we activities planned a special come very soon. I have also December dates on this many of you have been asking ced warning about dates for l any performances.



## Christmas Fayre

next Sunday is Advent Sunday and this always marks the as for us in school. Our Christmas Fayre will be next November, starting at 3.45pm (or earlier once all Key available). Please come along and support us as all of the s towards school resources for the children, the party anta's 'gifts'.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you once again for your generosity and the support you have given to us with our recent fundraising events to purchase the Defibrillator. Your response has been wonderful! As you know, all classes in school have been busy over the last few singing activities to raise money and we have raised a **£888.50**. Four classes deserve a special mention: 2CB £53, 4LM £467 and 5RE £249. We have also received £500 from Councillor Olwen Hamer towards the cost. 'smashed' our target of £1,800 we will meet with the to discuss any other worthy cause they may wish to nk you once again for your support and generosity.

*Mrs Annese and the School Council*



It does not seem a year since the school was awarded Friendly status. I am pleased to say that we continue to of dementia projects. Dementia is something that affects many of us and it has been touching to see the support given some of the events we have held over the last year.

A massive thank you to Mrs Julia Smith one of our grand supported us in a unique way. Since last July Mrs Smith volunteers have sent 90 'Twiddle Muffs' (48 of them made to the North Staffs hospital to support those in need either in the wards. Most of the muffs are grey and purple to school and carry the message, 'With love from Glass Academy who support a dementia charity'. Mrs Smith informed hospital use 12 - 15 muffs a week and 80% of the material you, or anyone that you know has any acrylic wool (even small 25 g) please drop it in to your child's class teacher and w that it is passed to Mrs Smith.

## >>> Nurture Award Presentation

Last Thursday the whole school (from Nursery to Year 6) to celebrate the presentation of the Marjorie Boxall Quality Nurture. A number of special guests joined us for the award Mrs Bartley, Mr Irons and Father Kevin (school governors), (Strategic Manager for Inclusion for the L.A.), Mr Jon L (the Societas Trust) and Mrs Mary Hughes (Education award was presented by Mr Adam Riley, from the Nurture Network. We are all very proud of this achievement and staff, children and parents who made it possible.

