

**>> >> POLITE REMINDERS >> >>**

- As we are now approaching the end of the Spring Term please remember that all outstanding dinner money needs to be paid in full. Thank you.
- Please remember that our school uniform requires all children to wear sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers. Brightly coloured shoes or multi coloured trainers or any other types of shoes should not be worn. Thank you for your support.

**Dates for the Diary - more to follow**

**March**

Thursday, 29th School closes for the Easter break  
World Book Day dressing up event

**April**

Tuesday, 17th 4LM go to the Brampton Museum  
Thursday, 19th 4SJ go to the Brampton Museum  
Wednesday, 25th 3GA and 3IR to Foxfield Railway  
Monday, 27th Year 5 Bikeability

**May**

Tuesday, 1st Year 1 themed day 'Around the World'  
Monday, 7th School closed for the Bank Holiday  
w/b Monday, 7th Year 2 SATS tests  
w/b Monday, 14th Year 6 Reading and Maths SATS tests  
Wednesday, 16th 3GA to Pizza Express  
Monday, 21st CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS  
Tuesday, 22nd Key Strings in for the whole school  
Wednesday, 23rd SPRING FAYRE  
Friday, 25th School closes for the Half term break

**June**

Monday, 4th School opens after the Half term break  
Wednesday, 6th Athletics at Northwood  
Thursday, 7th 3IR to Pizza Express  
Monday, 18th Nursery / Rec Sports morning  
Tuesday, 19th Key Stage 1 Sports morning  
Wednesday, 20th Key Stage 2 Sports morning  
Tuesday, 26th Year 1 to Chester Zoo  
Wednesday, 27th 5RE and 5HA to Swynnerton Park

**School closes for Easter on Thursday, 29th March  
and re opens for the Summer Term on Monday,  
April 16th 2018.**

**GLADSTONE  
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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term yet again. It has certainly been an eventful one, particularly as we seem to have been 'battered' by the weather on more than one occasion!

I am always proud that at Gladstone we continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, celebrating success in a range of subjects. This newsletter celebrates many successes and I hope that you enjoy reading about the achievements of our talented children!

Over the last term children from across the school have taken part in the City Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall, a special production of Shakespeare's Hamlet at the New Vic Theatre, a special Clay Project. 2 of our Science Ambassadors took part in practical Science activities at the Civic Centre and a number of our Key Stage 2 children represented us at a City R.E. Festival. As you will see on the next page, lots of children also represented the school in a range of different sports— from fencing to cross country running.



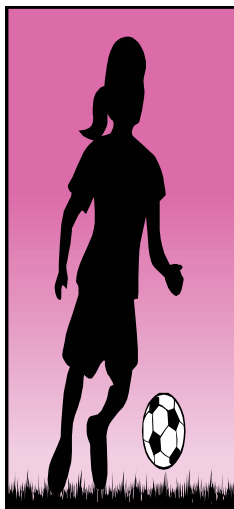
Many thanks also to those of you who were able to support the children at our 2 Mother's Day Services and those Year 1 parents / grandparents who came along to support the children for their Year Group Assembly.

After a busy term, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing (and sunny) Easter holiday.

*Elaine Preston*

## >>>> CAR PARKING >>>>

Please DO NOT park your car in front of the gates on Tideswell or Wood Street at the beginning and end of the school day. On a number of occasions staff, contractors or bus drivers have been unable to enter or leave the grounds due to parked cars. Similarly, it is worth remembering that the gates on Wood Street open outwards and the school will not accept responsibility for any vehicles clipped if parked too close to the exit gates.



## Well done to our Sports Teams

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in a range of sporting events over the past half term. Thanks also go to the staff who give so freely of their own time to train the children and accompany them to the various events.

The children have attended the following:  
Cross country at Sandon and the Discover Academy where Olivia in Y5 won and Jensen came 3rd and 2nd respectively.

Change for life - KS1 and KS2 pupils

Dodgeball KS2

Archery - Year 5

Fencing - Year 5

A Boy's Football Match KS2 - Eaton Park

A Girl's Football Match - St Teresa's

The Crescent Football Festival where the team was placed 2nd overall.

## >> >> >> E SAFETY >> >> >>

As noted in my last newsletter we are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are using social media sites such as Facebook and Youtube. Similarly, we are also picking up an increasing number of occasions when children are being unkind to friends either by e-mail or text at home in the evenings. We are treating any and all such cases seriously, but would ask all parents to ensure that they keep regular checks on their children when they are using their mobile phones at home to text, e-mail or message. After Easter we will be working with our P.C.S.Os to recap with the children what is and is not acceptable behaviour on line and we would very much appreciate all of your support regarding this matter.

On a similar note, after Easter, Mr Bloor our Computing Subject Leader will be leading an evening session regarding E Safety and Cyber Bullying. We are hoping that our local P.C.S.O.s will come along to support us as well as to answer any questions that you may have. Watch this space for more details next term.



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

As you know, last year we became the first school in the West Midlands to be named a Dementia Friendly School. We continue to support a range of organisations who support people living with Dementia and would like to share a letter received from one of our grandparents, Mrs Smith who has been using some donated materials to support the work of both the Dementia wards and Premature Baby Unit at the North Staffs Hospital.

Here is a special message from Mrs Smith:

*Thank you for the wool donation. So far this year 70 muffs have gone to North Staffs hospital for Dementia patients... the total sent to the hospital so far is 180. In the wool donation there was some 100% cotton. This was made in to 3 inch squares for the Premature Baby Unit. The baby lies on the square for a few days, then they are given to the mother to keep close to her and her baby has a new square. Baby wool was used to 'cat flap' hats so that premature babies can wear them, but they do not need to be removed for sensors and tubes. Mrs Julia Smith*

**PLEASE help this work to continue by bringing in any wool donations**



## EASTER BONNETS & EGGS

Congratulations go to the class prize winners for our Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg Competitions. The winners were as follows:

Nursery: Oliver, Jolene, Hope and Travis

Reception: Layla and Caitlyn

Year 1: Dalton and Jonathan

Year 2: Michal and Callum

Year 3: Rhys and Dante

Year 4: Rebbeca and Haydn

Year 5: Abigail and Serena

Year 6: Grace and Eloise

All of the children worked really hard and our lucky winners were able to take home a lovely chocolate Easter Egg as a special treat!

