

Summer Term

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GRANBY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

As we rapidly move towards the end of the school year, the school is in the throws of preparing for the installation of an additional fire escape and a new boiler plant replacing the 60 year old Granby system. We have so much more demand on the electricity in school and a new supply is to be brought in. A lot of work has been completed on the front/little playground, to improve play; particularly ball play activities. In the case of the KS2 playground we are due to install a covered football area, with an astro turf surface; this is probably most exciting for the children. We are also making changes to the Nursery in order to prepare for the new full time nursery provision. As you can imagine, to get all this completed over the summer holiday will be extremely tight, we are going to try.

School restarts after the bank holiday on Tuesday 29th August.

Over the summer there are many schemes for the children. Granby is running the Holiday Club week, in the week beginning 14th August, which we run for a cost of £12 a day, £60 for the week.

The Libraries are hosting the Animal Antics Summer Reading programme running between 10am to 3pm, with special days taking place across the City libraries.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/183546/animal-agents-summer-reading-challenge-program-2017.pdf>

Some suggestions for the children to keep them interested and not saying "I'm bored." Get them into reading books: 'Books not tablets, especially at bedtime'.

Get the children outside as much as possible, the fresh air will do them the power of good and help them to sleep much better.

In the assemblies this week we have been talking about helping others and doing things to help. This could mean helping parents or reading or playing nicely with younger siblings.

Finally I would like to share the Hellos and Good-byes to Granby this year. We say goodbye to Miss Bingham who has worked in the Tigers for the last two years, we wish Jordan all the best in her new role. Miss James and Claire Lucas are moving on to other TA positions in the City. Finally we say good bye to Jan Smith who has been a dining supervisor for the last 11 years, we wish Jan all the best.

On our return Mrs Roper will be with us for a short time before the start of her maternity leave, we wish her luck and we will keep you informed of her progress. Mrs Grant will be joining us to cover Mrs Roper's leave.

Finally I would like to thank you for your support and to wish the Year 6 children who are leaving, to move on to their secondary education, good luck and best wishes.

Peter Fowler Headteacher

KEY EVENTS Summer-Autumn 2017

Summer Term : 6th June to 14th July 2017

Term ends	14th July 2017
Summer Club starts	14th August 2017
Summer Club ends	18th August 2017
Bank Holiday Monday	28th August 2017
Term starts	29th August 2017
Cubs home visits	29th & 30th August 2017
Cubs staggered induction days	31st August & 1st September 2017
Cubs normal timetable starts	4th September 2017
Year 6 Mount Cook trip	4th—8th September 2017
PTA Coffee Morning	8th September 2017
KS1 stop & share reading	13th September 2017
Full Governing Board meeting	18th September 2017
Year 2 SATS introduction meeting for parents	19th September 2017
KS1 Phonics meeting with parents	26th September 2017
Governors' Phase Forum meetings	2nd October 2017
School closes	13th October 2017
School re-opens	23rd October 2017

Reminder

Please inform the school office of any changes in personal details. For example, change of contact number, email address, home address or any other information necessary to keep us updated!

SnapMaps Safety!

Although the children in our school **shouldn't** have Snap-Chat or any other social media accounts we are aware that some do, so we are asking you to be extra vigilant with all of them but especially SnapChat at this time!

Snapchat have launched a new feature. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts! This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where you are.

There are 3 privacy settings:

1. **Ghost mode, where only you can see your position.**
2. **My friends mode, where any contact can see your location.**
3. **Select friends mode, where only those you choose can see you.**

ChildNet have posted a thorough explanation of Snap-Maps and how to ensure users stay safe! Please do read this! We would advise that you look at this with your child so that to ensure that their location is NOT freely shared! We have attached the link to ChildNet which will guide you through this process.

Internet Safety



<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>

Year 2 Warwick Castle trip!



The year 2 children had a lovely trip to Warwick Castle! The children were really brave and climbed up super high, even though some of them were wary! This meant that they had an amazing view of the castle grounds, the Spiders and Ladybirds went to different points at different times and had great fun spotting each other!

The weather was fantastic and this meant that year 2 could explore the grounds and had chance to watch The Mighty Trebuchet whilst eating lunch! The children watched the birds of prey show and got lost in the maze before returning to the coach! Overall it was a brilliant day and all of the children behaved beautifully!



Nursery places September 2017

We still have nursery places for the afternoons only. Please tell everyone you know to call the office if they would like an afternoon nursery place.

3C Trip to Aylestone Meadows

Year 3 have visited Aylestone Meadows for a Stone Age to Iron Age morning. Linda Broadhead, a Forest Schools leader, helped to run the morning activities at the site, along with the staff. Pupils took part in three workshops; weaving, making a bow and lighting a fire. At the end of the session, all pupils gathered round the fire pit, where a fire was lit and bread was toasted.

"The bow and arrows session was best because it was challenging, as you had to find the correct stick." Said Ethan.

Year 6 Harry Potter Trip!

On the 20th June, year 6 had an amazing end of year trip at Harry Potter Studios! The journey took at least an hour and a half on the luxurious coach. Once we had arrived, there were many members of staff checking all our bags and searching us. At first we were greeted by a member of staff, then we were gathered in to watch a magnificent clip about the success of the films. Peering all around the studios, we had lots of fun finding the golden snitches and answering all of the questions in the activity books. Experiencing different activities, we were shown the actual Hogwarts castle (a mini building used for the films). The most popular activities were witnessing how the movies were made. Most people were attracted to the forbidden forest (which was recently opened). Many creepy animals were discovered by the people who were screaming as they found out they kept on leaping out! "I had so much fun visiting the different sites!" quoted by Ellie-Rose, 6H. "If I had the chance to go again I would!" Quoted by Poppy, 6H.

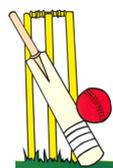


Written by Myla 6H.

Year 6 Cricket visits

On the 27th of June, pupils from years 5 & 6 went on a trip to Grace Road to see England play Pakistan in the women's cricket world cup. We all went at 10 o'clock and were given a card with 6 & 4 for when a team get over the boundary and a thing that goes around your neck with a card with the hand signals and a place where you can get autographs. We sat in the stands for half an hour and then it started with England batting and Pakistan fielding. At the end of the over England had 377 points to 0. At half time we had to go, we walked back so we were on time for home time. The scores were 377 England, Pakistan 267. Now a quote from Tom 6H, "I would go again."

On the 30th of June part of year 6 went to Grace Road once again to meet some of the South African players and get taught some things that we didn't know before. We started with some catching while the cricketers came out and helped us. We started with some under arm throws then we did an over arm bowl. Then we started to bat and we were put in fours, three fielders and one batter. The batter



had a tee and a ball and took it in turns to hit the ball. Then we played none stop cricket and then came together for pictured and headed home. Thomas 6H said "it was brilliant"

Written by Nathan 6H