



GRINLING GIBBONS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 26th April 2018

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful and pleasant break over Easter and that you are refreshed and ready for another fun-packed term! We have lots of educational as well as enjoyable activities to come and look forward to warmer weather and brighter days. Please see the letter from our Executive Headteacher overleaf. Thank you to each and every one of you once again for your continued support within our school community.

All the best,

Mr. Dean Gordon, Head of School

Value of the Month:

Aspirations

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM 2018



INSET DAYS (School closed to Pupils):

Friday 25th May and Friday 20th July

Monday 16th April – Thursday 24th May

Polling Day (Nursery Closed): Thursday 3rd May

May Day will be taken on Monday 7th May

Half term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Monday 4th June – Thursday 19th July

LAST DAY: THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2018

TRIPS

◇ Monday 30th April - Year 1 to Creekside

◇ Thursday 3rd May - Reception to Horniman Museum

◇ Monday 14th May - Nursery and Reception to ZooLab

◇ Friday 18th May - Year 6 to Zap Space

◇ Tuesday 22nd May - Reception to Wildlife Centre

◇ Wednesday 23rd May - Year 6 to Matilda

◇ Wednesday 23rd May - Year 5 to Greenwich Planetarium

◇ Thursday 24th May - Year 6 to Horniman Museum

Please ensure that you give prompt permission for your child to go on the trips and make payment, if applicable.



CHEESE!



CLASS PHOTOS

On **Friday 27th April** the children will be having their class photos done, could you please ensure they are dressed in full school uniform and are looking their best!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, your child will be a persistent absentee. You will then be referred to the Local Authority Attendance and Welfare Officer, who will contact you directly.

The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child attends the school at which they are on roll. A failure to do this, could result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority, and a penalty being issued.



LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers of the Fairlawn, Grinling Gibbons, Haseltine and Lucas Vale communities,

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the online partnership review questionnaire. One thing that I need to get better at, is making sure that I let you all know about the partnership work that happens across all our four schools. I'm going to write a piece for your news letters every half term, but if you want to ask any questions in the meantime, do ask me when you see me in the playground/on the door.

We have worked together, as four schools, since September 2016. There is a lot of cross partnership working that has happened since then. Here are a few things that we have been doing:

- all four schools meet once a year to look at your children's learning to see if we all have the same high standards;
- sometimes (not often) some staff have supported at partner schools where there has been an emergency staffing issue;
- the leaders of our Inclusion teams meet at least once a term to share good practice and support each other with any issues they may have;
- our maths leaders are all involved with projects related to maths mastery and they quite often meet and discuss the best way to teach maths;
- our English leaders work closely together to support each other with the teaching of reading and writing (including the writer in residence at Haseltine);
- myself and the heads from all four schools meet every three weeks to share good practice and plan partnership working;
- our executive business managers work together to explore the best way of making savings across the four schools;
- we often share resources (recently we shared some whole class sets of texts across the schools); the Head of our Teaching School (where we train people to be teachers and support existing teachers with their professional development) works with all the heads to provide opportunities for all our staff.

I strongly believe that our partnership makes us stronger and gives opportunities for our colleagues that they may not have if we were all stand alone schools. This ensures all our teachers and support staff access outstanding professional development and therefore, your children are exposed to good or better teaching for learning.

Best wishes to you all,

Jeanette Brumby

Executive Headteacher

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