



Learning to Succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Updates

Well, we have had a brilliant two weeks in our final half-term of the year. The children are really focused and engaged in their learning across school. The atmosphere in school is so calm and purposeful. Hopefully you have managed to book a telephone parents' evening slot, so that you can hear first hand how well your child is doing. School reports for all children will be issued before school closes for the summer.

Local Authority Review

On the 8th and 9th June we undertook a Local Authority Review. This involved between 4 and 5 advisers spending the two days in school, evidencing all of the improvements that we have made since our last full Ofsted in December 2019. Here is an overview of their findings:

Area	Strength	Next Step
Developing the teaching of Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality of phonic interventions across school and the subsequent impact • Phonics data strong 	
General Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good teaching evidenced across school in a range of subjects • Lessons evidenced effective use of questioning, modelling, focus on vocabulary, use of images, apparatus and differentiation • Children engaged in learning across school • The provision for children with Special Educational Needs is effective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to identify children who are not on track and plan bespoke intervention within the classroom and in addition to mainstream teaching • Improve the quality of personalised planning for disadvantaged learners
Subject Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum plans have been overhauled and are planned coherently and well sequenced • Clear progression of knowledge and skills • Consistency across classes (due to high quality planning) • Pupils very positive about their lessons and learning 	
Attendance and Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent absenteeism is decreasing • Attendance is improving • Number of lates is decreasing • Behaviour in school is good • Strong behaviour for learning • Children talk confidently and positively about the behaviour policy and the traffic light system. They are proud of their behaviour and feel that the system helps and supports them 	



Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective and robust systems and procedures are in place • On entry (to school) procedures for visitors are robust • Arrival processes for children are slick • Governors are proactive 	
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Uniform

Just a polite reminder to send your children into school in their uniform with no jewellery, including on PE days. For PE, long hair should be tied back.

Gates

Although restrictions have not altered for school, we would like to trial a new way of operating the gates **in the morning** only. Afternoon gate arrangements will not change. Starting Thursday 24th June, as a trial, you will be able to send your child/children into any Upper School gate for Upper School children and either Lower School Gate for Year 1 or 2 children. Reception Green and Yellow should still use their normal gate. Gates will open at the same time of 8:40am and close at 8:55am.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – all weather pitch near Sainsbury’s or the bottom Wooler Street Gate.

Year 1 & 2 – either the middle Wooler Street Gate onto the Lower School playground or the Wykeham Street Gate.

Collection at the end of the day will remain the same as we continue to review the situation.

Puberty Education

In Years 5 and 6, the children receive Puberty education in a series of lessons as part of our normal teaching. Information about this can be found on our website and letters are sent home prior to the lessons being taught with further information.

[Relationships Education - Gladstone Road Primary School \(gladstoneroadschool.co.uk\)](http://gladstoneroadschool.co.uk)

We are aware that an increasing number of children are reaching puberty in Year 4, particularly the girls starting their Menstruation cycle. For this reason, I would like to propose that in an age appropriate way, we teach puberty in the final half term of Year 4. Please could you let me know if you have any worries or concerns about this for me to consider before we go ahead. Further information will be sent to parents before the teaching starts to ensure you are fully informed.

Transition

On Friday 16th July you and your child will find out which class teacher they will have in September. On Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July, your child will spend the morning with their new teacher. Incoming Reception children will be invited in for a Stay & Play session. The current Year 6 children will have two mornings of nice activities to take part in.

Gifts & Cards

Some very organised adults and children have been asking if it is ok to bring in cards or gifts at the end of term. We’ve checked the guidance and this is absolutely fine 🎁❤️.

Until next time, you know where we are if we can help with anything. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes



Mr Garry Johnson
Head teacher