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Nurture Inspire Flourish

Dear all,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas. The spring term has started very busily with a number of new clubs starting this half term. We hope that your children are enjoying netball and street dance club and also tennis at Pulloxhill.

Parents evening is scheduled to take place at both schools in the final week before half term. All dates and booking procedures will be sent home in due course.

Later in the spring term, years 3 and 4 are looking forward to residential trips to Stibbington and Germany. Further details and itineraries will be sent out later this half term.

We welcome a number of new staff to Greenfield, Morgan Leek and Stephanie Lucas to Ducklings and Louise Edwards to Wrens. An opportunity to meet the new staff in Ducklings will be organised shortly for parents of children in this class.

The AGM was held on Wednesday 10 January at Pulloxhill School during which reports were received from Simon Sadler on the financial status of the academy, and myself on educational standards, ethos and school life in general. Chair of Governors, Alan Euinton thanked staff for their hard work and reported on the positive experiences he has had whilst spending time with the children in schools, both as a class link and on a residential to Germany.

Unfortunately the open day which was scheduled for Wednesday 23 January has been postponed and will be rearranged for a later date. The new date will be confirmed shortly.

If you are dropping off/picking up your child from school, please can you remember to park sensibly avoiding yellow lines, not parking across neighbours driveways or double parking. We have received a number of complaints from parents and local residents and your consideration is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that the closing date for parent nominations to the governing body is Friday 19 January.

Annette McCullion

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A big thank you to everyone who donated items to the reverse advent calendar. The Preen reuse centre collected everything that was donated on Tuesday 19 December. Across the Academy we managed to collect an enormous quantity of items as you can see. Greenfield School even had to have a mid-month collection as they had received so many donations!! Preen were so delighted with all the donations it featured in their weekly vlog.



NATIVITY WINDOW SCENE - ST JAMES CHURCH

The children at Pulloxhill School created a nativity scene for the church window at St James Church, Pulloxhill for their annual display. The theme this year was 'Child in the Manger'. A big thank you to Mrs Jephson for putting together the display. We think it looked fantastic!



REMINDER - SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENTS

A reminder that the next Isle of Wight payment of £100 is due on Friday 26 January. Pulloxhill parents the final payment for the Stibbington residential is due on Friday 2 February. Where possible please make payments online using 'School Money'. Thank you.

HARLINGTON AREA SCHOOL TRUST



The HAST Board, Headteachers and HAST school staff continue to work hard to develop the priorities that were identified at the HAST conference in July 2015.

In particular, HAST has provided funding to focus on the more vulnerable pupils in our schools, enabling schools to access a Speech and Language Therapist and Educational Psychologists, and has purchased safeguarding software to enable schools to take a co-ordinated approach to children's safety.

Schools have worked together to align their curriculums and assessments, and HAST has funded the purchase of common resources for Science and Languages, to smooth the transition from both lower to middle and middle to upper school.

HAST has provided incentives to enable schools to recruit and retain the best staff, including funding training in specialist areas such as dyslexia, so that knowledge and skills can be shared across all schools. HAST is also assisting in the training and development of all teachers across our schools by funding a world class motivational speaker to work with all teachers in HAST schools at a joint training day in January 2018.

Finally, schools continue to provide cross-phase enrichment activities, such as the Learning Futures project, Bake Off, Art Exhibition, and a music festival is planned for February 2018.

KEECH HOSPICE SANTA DASH

A big thank you from Keech for all the money which was raised from the Santa Dash. Together we raised a huge amount for Children in Bedfordshire living with life limiting conditions. Keech raised an amazing £7195.93 hosting Santa Dash's across the local area.

ATTENDANCE

Greenfield School

Week ending 1 December 93%

Week ending 8 December 96%

Week ending 15 December 95%

Week ending 5 January 98%

Pulloxhill School

Week ending 1 December 96%

Week ending 8 December 96%

Week ending 15 December 97%

Week ending 5 January 93%

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

A reminder that if your child is due to start school in September 2018 or is moving to a middle school then the deadline for applications is 15 January 2018. Please see the Central Bedfordshire Council website for further details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9 February, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
19 February	Return to school after half term
19-21 February	Pulloxhill Year 3 at Stibbington
7-9 March	Greenfield Year 3 at Stibbington
20-22 March	Greenfield & Pulloxhill Year 4 trip to Germany
29 March, 3.30pm	Break up for Easter
16 April	Staff Training Day - school closed
17 April	Return to school after Easter holiday
7 May	Bank holiday Monday
25 May, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
4 June	Return to school after half term
4-8 June	Greenfield & Pulloxhill Year 4 trip to Isle of Wight
20 July, 3.30pm	Break up for summer holiday



Fundraising Quiz



to raise funds for defibrillators in the
villages

Flitton & Greenfield Village Hall

Saturday 3rd February at 7.30pm

*Teams of up to 6 – ticket price of £10 per person; we can
match people to teams if needed*

*Includes Chilli supper (for vegetarian option, please specify
when booking)*

Raffle - Licensed bar (so please no BYO)

*Open to all, but please reserve a table, as
space is limited.*

*To book, please contact **Helen Flynn** on
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***Simon Sadler** on 07341 550990 or
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