



PARENTS NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

The number and quality of school events during the last few weeks has been truly breathtaking. Thank you to Julie Lloyd and 6th form for an amazing "brit awards" prom last Friday. There is an uplifting and inspiring video on our website for all to see and enjoy. Also, we have had great sports days, magic moments being won by Jacob in KS3, congratulations Jacob. There have been countless trips and special activities and several new pupil visits. We are looking forward to welcoming a large number of new pupils to Granta from September.

Chris Cole is retiring

After a working lifetime serving children and young adults with special needs, 12 years at Granta and the past year as deputy head teacher, Christine Cole is retiring this summer. I know that you will join me in wishing her every happiness and thanking her for her tireless support and encouragement. She will be very much missed.

Other staff changes

Amanda Kilgour and Jaz Wharmby are leaving the teaching team this term and my public thanks to them both for their work this year. I hope our paths cross again sometime in the future.

Amongst our teaching assistants, Kira from Fitzebra class and Luke from Early Years are leaving us to go on the next stage of their careers with aspiration to become teachers. Good luck to you both. Billie from 6th form and Fitzbra classes is leaving us to further her nursing career. Thank you Billie for everything. Roz from 6th form and KS3 and Donna from KS3 are both taking up opportunities in mainstream and also leave with all best wishes.

We have made successful appointments to replace our leavers and I look forward to welcoming them in my first newsletter in September. In addition, we also have a new officer joining our office team; a lady called Emma will be our communications officer and, amongst other duties, will be your main point of contact for any data privacy queries.

Wheelchair clinics

We are fortunate in being able to host many wheelchair clinics at school but respectfully remind families that our staff can not represent you and give advice on your behalf. I know that communications directly from the clinic have not always run smoothly and we will assist where we can but we do not make clinic arrangements and so do not usually have any additional information.

Additional free help during a power cut?

I have received information from UK power networks about a Priority Services Register (PSR) which may be of benefit to you. You can visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk for further information

Sponsored walk for Cancer Research UK

One of our parents has signed up to walk an incredible 62 miles to raise funds for cancer research. You can find out more and make a donation on just giving:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearch.uk.org/page/gails-giving-page45>.

Good luck Gail.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy summer ahead and a final reminder that pupils return on Thursday 6th September