



## FAMILY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

What an amazing half term and we have so much news and information to share with you so please read on.....

The highlights for me this week have been the opening of our Forest Schools bridge and the school disco. Im sure your child's class will have their own personal favourite moments too. We start today with our leavers certificate assembly. Each year we invite our July leavers back to receive their exam and course certificates in front of the school and proud teachers and families. It's always a highlight of celebration and, for our KS3 and KS4 pupils, it's a source of inspiration.

### **Firstly a huge thank you**

- The Macmillan coffee morning and non uniform day raised an impressive £250. This event was organised and run by 6<sup>th</sup> form students as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.
- Our harvest assembly was generously supported and Jimmys Night Shelter were grateful to receive all your gifts

### **Learning disability health checks for pupils 14+ years**

We have received the following message from the Project Support Manager for Learning Disability (Health):

*It has come to my notice that young people across the Cambridgeshire region are not aware of the annual health check programme being delivered by their GP practice. And, sometimes the young person or their family is declining this appointment as they are already under the care of the paediatric department and feel their health needs are already being met.*

*People with a learning disability often have poorer physical and mental health than other people,. This does not need to be the case. An annual health check can help people stay well by talking about their health and finding any problems early, so they get the right care.*

We have some leaflets available giving more information. Please ring Val in the office (01223 896890) if you would like copies.

### **A quick note about year 6 transition letters**

Parents of year 6 pupils will either receive, or have already received, a letter asking you to nominate your secondary school of choice. Please be reassured that all you need do is to put Granta in the return and send it in; there is no risk of "losing" your child's place here. However, if you would like to discuss any other options please do get in touch.

### **No nuts please in packed lunches**

Please avoid sending nuts into school due to anaphylaxis allergy.

### **Forest Schools bridge is opened!**

Forest Schools is a Primary adventure and we are fortunate that we have a trained forest schools teacher at Granta. Through her dedication the building company Buglers have built us our very own wheelchair accessible bridge and also provided a beautiful gate based on pupil design ideas. The outside world has become accessible to all our pupils. We are truly grateful. Hussain, James and Bradley were the first lucky pupils to go over the bridge during the opening ceremony this week.

### **We would like to be able to email you more updates: we need your email addresses please**

As a lot of information now comes into school electronically it would be easier and more efficient for us to be able to send this on to you via email. We don't have email addresses for all of our parents; please can you contact Emma Jennings on [ejennings@granta.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:ejennings@granta.cambs.sch.uk) to confirm your details.

### **Does your child have sensory needs?**

The occupational therapy service run sensory workshops for families. If you would like more information please contact your child's OT or email the office and we will forward your enquiry on [office@granta.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@granta.cambs.sch.uk)

### **Autumn Disco**

The Friends of Granta School held their autumn disco this week and it was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who came. One parent commented to me on the night that she wouldn't miss the discos for the world, there is so much joy in the room. I can't improve on that description. If you haven't tried it yet then look out for the next one!

### **And finally, dates for your diaries next half term:**

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| Thursday 8 November   | Parents Evening                           |
| Wednesday 14 November | School Photos                             |
| Saturday 1 December   | Winter Fayre                              |
| Tuesday 11 December   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form/KS4 Performance (pm) |
| Wednesday 12 December | Panto (LVC)                               |
| Thursday 13 December  | Primary Nativity (pm)                     |
| Friday 14 December    | KS3 Performance (pm)                      |
| Tuesday 18 December   | Christmas Lunch                           |
| Wednesday 19 December | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Christmas Lunch      |

Best wishes for the half term week ahead

Lucie