



Godmanchester
Bridge Academy

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

NEWS FROM MR WARSAP HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we look forward to the last half term in our inaugural year, we are very excited about the months to come. The new school building is progressing very well and we will be organising another visit for the children next half term.

I am pleased to report that we have finalised plans for next year's class structure. We plan to have 3 classes from September 2017, which will consist of the following:

1 Reception class (4-5 year olds)

1 Year 1/2 class (5-6 & 6-7 year olds)

1 Year 3/4/5 class for Key Stage 2 children

Although some may feel it is not ideal to have mixed year group classes, there are a number of benefits in our case. Firstly, there will be a good level of adult support in each class, ensuring each child gets the individual support they need. Secondly, there will only be a small number of pupils in each class ensuring that the quality of education that each pupil receives will be first class and is suitable to the year group they traditionally fall in to.

In order to explain all the arrangements for the start of the Autumn term in more detail, I would like to invite you to a meeting for parents of all GBA pupils on 6th July. We will be sharing more information about next year and giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have, I do hope that you are able to attend.

As the weather is now warming up, please can you make sure that all children come to school with water, a hat and sun cream EVERY DAY. Thank you.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

This half term has been another busy one! As a Foundation Stage teacher I always find the Summer Term the most magical one, as the children consolidate their learning and make rapid progress towards the end of year goals. All the staff at GBA have been amazed and delighted by the progress all your children have made so far, you and they should be very proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the end of year assessment process in EYFS. As per national guidance, the children will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals through my observations and practitioner knowledge, but will not be formally tested. You will receive a report at the end of the academic year detailing you child's achievements.



On Tuesday 23rd May we went on our class trip to Hamerton Zoo Park. We saw many fantastic animals, had a ride on the train and finally spent some time playing on the park. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the white tigers, gibbons and giant tortoise. The children were all very well behaved and represented the school extremely well on our first big trip out. More photos of the day if you click [here](#).

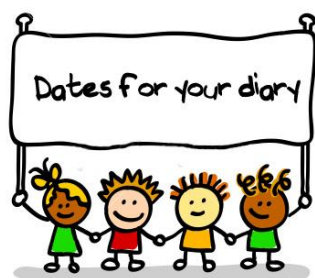
SPORTS DAY

This week the children enjoyed a very sunny School Games. All the teams worked together to compete in different activities. A big thank you to all the teachers for organising such a great day and thanks to all the parents and carers for coming and cheering your children on. What a great day! Have a look at the website - sports section for more photos of the day.



Please remember that the school is closed on Monday 5th June for a professional day.

Well done to Lilly David in Year 2 for getting Star of the Week for excellent friendship skills and supporting others!



Mon 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term
 Mon 5th June - Professional Day (school closed)
 Wed 6th June - New intake parent meeting
 Wed 14th June - Class photographs
 Fri 16th June - EYFS and KS1 Fathers Day party
 Wed 21st June - Science Day
 Friday 30th June - PTA Quiz Night (8pm GCA)
 Friday 30th June - PTA Cake Sale (year 2 hosting)
 Wed 5th July - Summer Fete - 3pm - 6pm
 Thursday 6th July - Parent meeting re Sept 2017
 Fri 21st July - Cake sale (year1 hosting)

PARKING



As a school we have no jurisdiction over parking on public roads, we can only ask that school users think about the consequences of poor parking.

If you are concerned about parking around the school site, please call the local police force by dialing the non-emergency number 101. We have also asked the swimming pool and the children's centre to pass these messages on to their users.

Godmanchester Community Plant Nursery has very kindly offered the use of their car park to parents and carers which is situated just off Park Lane on the left hand side. Please make use of their generous offer.

Poor parking is not only frustrating for our neighbours; it also puts the children of the school and other pedestrians at risk.