

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2017

30 HOURS OF FREE NURSERY CARE

Thank you to those parents who have advised us of their intentions of applying for the 30 hours free childcare as from September. We understand that there are some teething problems with the online applications for which Doncaster Council have reported and we hope will be rectified soon. We have been advised that the best way of applying at the moment is through the HMRC Customer helpdesk telephone number 0300 123 4097.

Remember!

- If you want to use the extra hours in September you must apply **before the 31st August**.
- There is no obligation to use the hours if you have been granted them but at least you have the choice!
- School closes for the summer holidays on **Friday 21st July** so try to get your eligibility code and information to the office as soon as you can.
- However, you can email your questions, queries and eligibility code information to info@gliacademy.org.uk as emails do get checked over the summer break.
- We hope to open the office for part time hours during the last week of August also for any families who have still yet to confirm their entitlement.
- If you have requested the 30 hours provision during transition days but have not confirmed your entitlement by the time your child starts, we will not be authorised to allow them to stay for free beyond 15 hours.

Year 1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Letters have been given out for Year 1's Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on 29th June. Please see your child's teacher if you have not had a copy. **Final date for payment is 23rd June**

Election voting Day

Thursday 8th June the **Little Grangers building will be used again for the voting for the Government Elections.**

Unfortunately, this means that again, Little Grangers children (2 year old provision) will have the day off school but children in the Early Starter Nursery Provision (Jeanette Parkinson's) will be able to have a further transition day in the main nursery, as previously when it was the local elections.



On Friday 26th May, Mrs Waterhouse's gardening club went to the Frenchgate Centre in Doncaster to see the garden they had designed for the Flower Competition. Courtney, Chloe and Gracie and their family were treated to VIP hospitality and were greeted by Toby Buckfield from BBC Gardeners World who congratulated them on the garden and awarded £500 to be donated to NSPCC and £250 towards the club. So congratulations to all, we are extremely proud.

New Entrance

We are delighted to inform you that the struggle to get your pushchair or even more than one person into the office reception should be no more in September, as work on the new office and reception starts in the Summer break. We ask that during the building work people refrain from entering school grounds.

Thank you!

Little Grangers – 2-Year-Old Provision

We are now taking expressions of interest for future places for Little Grangers our 2 year old provision. We are already taking names for September start dates! If you would like show your interest, call by the office for a form.



Nursery Admissions

Children born between 01.09.13-31.08.14 can already apply for September 2017. We do already have details of those who have applied already and will be in contact soon.

Children born between 01.09.2014-31.08.2015 can apply from August 2017, the council will send you details.

SATS

Thank you to all our year 2 children who worked very hard and tried their very best for the SATS tests. As one child said to me 'they were okay, I didn't stress, I just tried my best'. What a great outlook!

The news over the past few weeks has been extremely emotional and worrying times. As parents we will try and shield our children from anything that is distressing or will cause worry or upset. However, despite best efforts some children can pick up on the recent events. We have been given this link from Doncaster Council which may help to give parents some advice on how to deal with any questions, <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/> we of course, will be here to support any families where possible. Please do not hesitate to come and speak with a member of staff after dropping your child into class if you need to.



Hopefully, you received the letter from our PTFA – Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, Grown Up Grangers, giving details about the forthcoming Summer Fayre. During the half term they have been extremely busy organising ice cream vans and bouncy castles to make the day extra special. As the date draws closer, they would appreciate any donations of preloved toys for a stall or items which can make prizes for tombola's. (We will use the items that were kindly donated for the Bingo night too) Again, if you would like a stall of your own, this can be arranged. During the Christmas Fayre we had 3 stall holders who had lovely items for sale and they really helped to make the event special. If you have items to donate or would like to hire a stall, please enquire at the office.

Friday 7th July 3.30pm

Hello Again!

We are pleased to confirm that Mrs Gillies, Miss Long and Mrs Heyes will be back at work towards the end of July and for the new academic year, as they return from their maternity leave. How time goes!



or your mobile phone!




Please jot them down as a handy reminder

Wednesday 7 th June-	Class photographs
Thursday 8 th June -	General Elections so Little Grangers building will be closed.
Friday 16 th June -	Last day for orders for the Scholastic book club
Monday 19 th June -	Chartwells our school meal providers will be bringing their Smoothy Bikes so children can make a healthy smoothy drink
Friday 23 rd June –	New Reception for September 2017 parents meeting – details to follow
Wednesday 28 th June-	Year 2 Family Stay and Make with Right Up Our Street – 9am please join us
Wednesday 28 th June-	Nursery Family Stay and Make 8.40am and 12.15pm
Thursday 29 th June-	Reception Family Stay and Make Session 9am
Thursday 29 th June –	Year 1's trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 29 th June -	Year 2 will be visiting Pheasant Bank for the morning – further details to follow
Friday 30 th June –	New Nursery for September 2017 parents meeting – details to follow
Wednesday 5 th July-	Year 1 Family Stay and Make Session 9am
Thursday 6 th July –	Whole school transition day
Friday 7 th July -	Race for Life – further details to follow
Friday 7 th July -	Summer Fayre
Wednesday 12 th July -	School reports will be given out
Monday 17 th July -	Pupil Sports Day
Tuesday 18 th July-	Leavers assembly for our Year 2 children, 10am please join us.
Wednesday 19 th July –	Circus Skills workshop – a fun day for main school / nursery
Friday 21st July -	Last day of the academic year

We return to school on Wednesday 6th September as the 4th and 5th are training days.

**Learning and Opportunities: Children and Young People
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

September (20 Days)							October (20 Days)							November (19 Days)						
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 Denotes Bank Holidays
 Denotes School Holidays
 Denotes staff training day

Total: 195 days – 5 additional days will be set for professional development days for teaching staff

Individual Dates May Vary – These dates apply to all community schools - please check other schools.
 Admissions and Pupil Services, Doncaster Council, Civic Building, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU.
 Email: admissions@doncaster.gov.uk Tel. : 01302 737202 Published: March 2016

Autumn Half Term: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 27th October and Reopens on Monday 6th November

Christmas: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 22nd December and reopens on Monday 8th January 2018

Spring Half Term: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 9th February and reopens on Monday 19th February 2018

Easter: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 23rd March and reopens on Monday 9th April 2018

May Day: Academy is closed Monday 5th May 2018

Summer Half Term: Academy closes (PM) Friday 25th May and reopens on Monday 4th June 2018

Last day of the academic year is Friday 20th July as Monday 23rd July is a training day

Training Days: 4th & 5th September, 6th November, 9th April and 23rd July