

# Autumn Term

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# GRANBY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we have had some visitors in school from OFSTED, the schools' inspection service. As explained in the parent information sheet, the Section 8 inspection is to confirm whether the previous "Good" judgement for Granby is still appropriate. Any change to the judgement would require a Section 5 inspection where a larger inspection team comes to the school on a second day. Di Mullan, the Inspector and Emma Ing, the Regional Inspector for the Midlands, were happy to recommend that Granby did not require a further inspection day.

The report itself will be made available to us, parents and the School, in about three weeks. As parents you will be in receipt of it 5 days before it is published on the OFSTED website. We always do our best to meet the national standards and are hoping the report will continue to speak favourably of the school. The inspectors were delighted with the response to Parent View and the willingness of parents and children to talk to them about the school. The 50% response rate on OFSTED's Parent View is exceptional. May I assure you the children did you, and us, proud, as they do every day. May I also publicly thank our Governors who through their dedication and commitment to the school make our school so successful.

Coming back to more day to day issues, as you are probably aware I have been covering Maddy's absence on the crossing for the past seven weeks. I have enjoyed seeing you and the children every day, but I have also been appalled by the standard of some driving. Every day I see at least two cars driving mindlessly through red lights, with some even accelerating through the lights on amber. Please do mention to me or Maddy if you do witness cars putting Granby's children in danger.

Finally, please can I encourage all parents to use the crossing, rather than 'jay-walking' between cars whether they are stationary or not. My concern is that older children will

copy this behaviour, believing it to be 'grown-up', compromising their safety. Aylestone Road is very dangerous and requires a lot of road sense to use safely, your help in respect of this will be greatly appreciated and will save lives.

Thank you

Peter Fowler

Headteacher

### KEY EVENTS Autumn Term 2017

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Term : 29th August to 19th December 2017

30th October	Governors' Pay & Personnel
31st October	Hallowe'en events
1st November	Key Stage One Stop & Share: Maths
6th November	PTA meeting Governors' Finance, Premises, Health and Safety Committee
10th November	Hi-5 Netball Tournament
14th November	Health & Safety Audit
15th November	Year 3 trip to New Walk Museum
17th November	Children in Need Day
1st December	Year 6 trip to Warning Zone
8th December	PTA Present Room
12th December	Flu immunisations R—Y6

### School performances

At Granby, we try to give every child the opportunity to take part in a performance each year. This year, performances will be as follows:

**Foundation**— Cubs, Foxes and Tigers will all perform together at Christmas. Reception children will have more speaking roles; nursery children more singing roles.

**KS1**—Year 1 and 2 children will perform together. Year 2 children will have more speaking roles; year 1 children will support more with singing.

**Year 4** — will deliver this year's Easter performance.

**Year 3 and 5** — will jointly deliver a musical Christmas show. Year 3 children will have speaking roles; year 5 will support with singing.

**Year 6** children will be the stars of their very own Leavers' Show in the final week of the school year.

Year groups who have enjoyed singing roles this time, are likely to have acting roles next year; and vice versa.

### Tickets

We have to make sure that we can keep everyone safe when they come to watch their children perform. We have to consider fire routes and how we would get someone out if they were taken ill whilst here. We have to consider how we will deal with wheelchairs, pushchairs and people with restricted mobility.

For these reasons, we are going to try a ticketing system this year and would value your feedback after Christmas about how you think this has worked. We will then consider whether this should become a continuing arrangement.

The important features are:

- There will be 2 tickets available per family. If there are subsequently spares, these will also be made available.
- We cannot accept pushchairs at performances.
- Tickets will be ordered via ParentMail and sent home in the child's book bag.
- We expect fewer parents to attend performances during the school day or at twilight (3.45pm performances) so those parents will have a better view than those attending the evening performances. Please choose your performance carefully!

Performance dates and times are listed on this page. We hope that we are giving working parents enough notice to book some time off work.

As always, please let us know your thoughts, suggestions and ideas.

### PTA update



We have the Halloween events taking place on Tuesday evening with the Reception & Year 1 party happening first from 3.30 until 4.30. Children will need to bring their costumes in a **clearly labelled bag!** Teachers will get them changed and ready to party!

The Year 2-6 disco will follow from 5pm until 6.30pm. We will be serving hot-dogs and our usual tuck shop offering of sweets, drinks, crisps etc. Please refer to the Parentmail communication with all the details.

We also have our next PTA meeting ( and Annual General Meeting) on 6th November at 7.30pm. As always, we look forward to seeing both our regular members and any new members who would like to join. We would however like to clarify that the PTA organises family fund-raising events outside the core school day and our meetings focus on these areas, rather than issues concerning regular school activity.

### Lost Property



From next week we will have a new arrangement for lost property, so look out for a ParentMail with all the details! In the meantime can we ask again that you **PLEASE**

**NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING!** This does include coats, shoes, PE kits, hats, scarves gloves...**EVERYTHING!**

Thank you!

### Christmas Plays — dates



5th December	Y3 & 5 Christmas Play 2.00 pm
6th December	Y3 & 5 Christmas Play 3.45pm & 6.00 pm
13th December	9.30am Foundation Stage 2.00pm Key Stage One
14th December	9.30am Key Stage One 2.00pm Foundation Stage
15th December	9.30am Foundation Stage 2.00pm Key Stage One