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Nurture Inspire Flourish
This month's value; Freedom

Dear All,

My last newsletter as Headteacher comes with many thanks. I want to thank all of the wonderful staff across the Academy who have worked so hard for all of our children. They are special people, please continue to offer your support and appreciation to them all.

We are also privileged to have a committed and talented Governing Body and Trustees. This group of volunteers commit their time and expertise to continue to improve the school. Thank you to Natalie Law, Parent Governor at Pulloxhill who has resigned. Marcus Stott has worked hard and improved the fire alarm system, he will be missed. Thank you Marcus. Jo Shortland has been the Safeguarding Governor for many years and offered her experience and time and is stepping down. We have appreciated all of her help and kindness.

I must give my personal thanks to Alan Einton. Alan has given me tremendous support as Chair of Governors. He is fully involved in the lives of the schools, giving generously of his time. He loves a residential visit and a 3g swing experience!

This is also a letter of goodbyes. I would like to wish Sarah Boyle every success in her new role as Headteacher of Silsoe Lower School. Sarah has been our Deputy Headteacher for 5 years and has worked hard to support our children with additional needs. I would also like to wish Nicola Linstow every happiness as she leaves Greenfield. We are very grateful to Kayla Grimsey who although she has only been with us for a term, has settled in and become part of the staff at Greenfield very quickly. Huge thanks for all her hard work. Anne Myers has worked at Greenfield in a variety of roles since 1997. She is looking forward to her early retirement and I would like to thank her for all the work she has done for the schools. Karen Ashby has worked hard to develop the teaching of computing across the schools. She has worked tirelessly in the pursuit of excellence. Karen has also been my right hand woman on all of our residential trips to France, the Isle of Wight and York. Her organisational skills are second to none. Thank you Karen for enabling all of these wonderful visits to take place. And finally a huge thank you from me, it has been a wonderful 22 years. The staff, the governors, the parents but most of all the children have made it all an incredibly enriching experience.

Thank you all!

Pictured below is the new Archdeacon of Bedford, The Venerable Dave Middlebrook, who joined us at Greenfield on Wednesday and presented me with a certificate for service to education from the Bishop of St Albans.



Congratulations to Kites on their wonderful leavers performance. They have been a fantastic class and we will miss them. We wish them every success and hope that they take a little bit of Pulloxhill in their hearts.

The Eagles leaving service at St John the Baptist was very well attended and each child was presented with a bible, organised by the church. Thank you to Rev Dave for presenting the Bibles and we wish him every happiness in his retirement. The leavers performance at Greenfield took a slightly different format this year and I particularly enjoyed the children's rendition of, 'When I Grow Up', from Matilda the Musical. We wish the Eagles, happiness in their new schools. They are a wonderful class and I am sure they will take away many happy memories of their time at Greenfield.

Thank you for all your kind words and gifts and a special thank you for the painting I was presented with at the picnic on Monday. For those that haven't seen it, see photo below.



I wish you all a restful summer.

Finally, I would like to wish Debbie Drawbridge every success as our new Headteacher. Congratulations Debbie!

Annette McCullion
Headteacher

PUFFINS & PENGUINS VISIT TO WREST PARK

Last Wednesday the Puffins and Penguins visited Wrest Park for a day of fun activities and games. We went on bear and bug hunts and enjoyed a wonderful Goldilocks and the Three Bears Story.



CHANGE TO MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

We have had confirmation from the Local Authority that the May Bank Holiday is going to be changed to Friday 8th May instead of Monday 4th May due to the VE commemorations. Please see amended academic calendar for 2019/2020.

HAST ART EXHIBITION - POPLARS NURSERY

The HAST annual art exhibition took place at Poplars Garden Centre learning zone on Saturday 6th to Saturday 13th July. Children across the Academy produced artwork which was on display for the week. This year's theme was 'Inspired by Famous Artists'.



REMINDERS

In preparation for the new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of a couple of items;

Uniform

The school uniform list and PE Kit list is as below. All items of clothing must be named. Nail varnish, jewellery and hair accessories (bows etc.) are not permitted. One small plain stud may be worn in the earlobe. A simple watch can be worn but not a fitness tracker or smart watch.

For Greenfield C of E School

Girls

Winter: Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress
School polo shirt with logo or white/red polo shirt
Red school sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
School shoes

Summer: Red and white checked dress,
white socks, school shoes or enclosed sandals

P.E. Plain black shorts, round necked white t-shirt, Plimsolls and socks.
Trainers are worn for outside games.

Boys

Winter/
Summer: Grey trousers, long or short
School polo shirt or white/red polo shirt
Red jumper or school sweatshirt
School shoes

P.E. Black shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls and socks
Trainers are worn for outside games.

For Pulloxhill School

Girls

Winter: Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress
School polo shirt with logo or white/blue polo shirt
Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
School shoes

Summer: Blue and white checked dress,
white socks, school shoes or enclosed sandals

P.E. Plain black shorts, round necked white t-shirt, Plimsolls and socks.
Trainers are worn for outside games

Boys

Winter/
Summer: Grey trousers, long or short
School polo shirt or white/blue polo shirt
Blue jumper or school sweatshirt
School shoes

P.E. Black shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls and socks
Trainers are worn for outside games.

At the beginning of September, all children across the Academy will be given a new school water bottle, which has been provided by FOPS & GSA. These are to be used daily and other water bottles will not be permitted in school.

Playground equipment

Children should be supervised before and after school in the playground at all times by whoever is dropping off or collecting. The use of playground equipment is not permitted at these times.

Car Park

A reminder that parents/carers are not permitted to park in the staff car park.

GSA

The GSA would like to thank parents and teachers for their support this year. We have raised in excess of £5000 with the events that we have held.

We are happy to announce that Harry Kirby won the design a logo for the GSA, with Ava Dunger coming a very close second. Thank you to Alan Euinton, Chair of Governors for judging it for us.

In order for a PTA to run, there is a minimum requirement of 3 committee members. The GSA has organised many events like film nights, story nights, treats and leavers gifts. We are always open to ideas and offers of help. Your PTA needs you! We are here as parents and teachers to enrich the lives of children in our school and with the budget constraints in school our work is vital, now more than ever. There will be vacant positions on the committee next year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Dionne and Kelly for their support and hard work. If anyone is interested in joining the GSA, please speak to Wendy Brown or email gsa@gpacademy.org.uk

Our next event is a Murder Mystery on Friday 11th October. Tickets are limited, so please book your places as soon as possible by emailing gsa@gpacademy.org.uk

Details to follow of meeting schedule for next academic year.

Enjoy the summer holidays and we hope to see you in September.
Wendy Brown



DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 July, 3.30pm

Break up for summer holiday

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

4 September

Children return to school

11 October

GSA Murder mystery with 3 course dinner

18 October,
3.30pm

Break up for half term

28 October

Staff Training Day

29 October

Children return to school

31 October

'Bake off' competition Harlington Upper School

20 December,
3.30pm

Break up for Christmas

3 January 2020

Staff Training Day

6 January 2020

Children return to school

14 February 2020,
3.30pm

Break up for half term

24 February 2020

Children return to school

3 April 2020,
3.30pm

Children break up for Easter

20 April 2020

Staff training day (school closed)

21 April 2020

Children return to school

8 May 2020

Bank holiday

22 May 2020,
3.30pm

Break up for half term

1 June 2020

Children return to school

17 July 2020,
3.30pm

Break up for summer holiday

Academic Calendar 2019/2020 (Set final – revised version June 2019)



School Holiday ■ Bank Holiday ■ Pupil Day ■ Training Day ■

September 2019							October 2019							November 2019							December 2019						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon		2	9	16	23	30		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue		3	10	17	24	31	
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed		4	11	18	25		
Thu		5	12	19	26		Thu		3	10	17	24	31	Thu		7	14	21	28	Thu		5	12	19	26		
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri		1	8	15	22	29	Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24		Sun		1	8	15	22	29

January 2020							February 2020							March 2020							April 2020						
Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon		3	10	17	24	Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27		
Tue		7	14	21	28		Tue		4	11	18	25	Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28		
Wed		1	8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26	Wed		4	11	18	25	Wed		1	8	15	22	29		
Thu		2	9	16	23	30	Thu		6	13	20	27	Thu		5	12	19	26	Thu		2	9	16	23	30		
Fri		3	10	17	24	31	Fri		7	14	21	28	Fri		6	13	20	27	Fri		3	10	17	24			
Sat		4	11	18	25		Sat		1	8	15	22	29	Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		4	11	18	25		
Sun		5	12	19	26		Sun		2	9	16	23		Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26	

May 2020							June 2020							July 2020							August 2020						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24	31	
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		2	9	16	23	30	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25		
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Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		6	13	20	27	Sat		4	11	18	25	Sat		1	8	15	22	29		
Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun		7	14	21	28	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun		2	9	16	23	30		

Term 1 - 75 days Term 2 - 61 days Term 3 - 59 days = 195 days.
 Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on five of the 195 days. These five days will enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.

Training days set as follows:
 Monday 2 September 2019, Tuesday 3 September 2019, Monday 28 October 2019, Friday 3 January 2020 and Monday 20 April 2020



Cricket Summer Camps

Come and join the fun and games; different cricket activities each day!
Open to boys and girls aged 5-8 in the morning and 9-13 in the afternoon

DATES/VENUES/TIMES

Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August
Flitwick Cricket Club
Flitwick Road, MK45 5AA

Ages: 5-8-year-olds (at start of Camp)

Times: 9.30am – 12pm

Cost: £5 per day
(payable in cash on the day)

To register your interest go to:
<http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/syq81c>

Ages: 9-13-year-olds (at start of Camp)

Times: 12.30-3pm

Cost: £5 per day
(payable in cash on the day)

To register your interest go to:
<http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/2yq81f>

Please bring plenty to drink

Follow Cricket East  @Cricket_East  /CricketEAST

www.cricketeast.co.uk



Free

Get
biking this
summer

Summer Holiday

Learn to Ride & Cycle Confidence

Get kids riding in a safe, off-road environment, supported by local Sustrans schools officer Alister Barclay.

Choose a one-hour time slot and location that suits you, then contact alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk, 07917 084663 for further details and to sign up.

Saturdays at Priory House

Central Bedfordshire Council car park,
Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ

Saturday 3rd August
10:30-11:30 Beginners only

Saturday 10th August
10:30-11:30 Beginners & Improvers

Saturday 17th August
10:30-11:30 Beginners & Improvers

Saturday 24th August
10:30-11:30 Beginners & Improvers

Sundays at Watling House

Central Bedfordshire Council car park,
High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1LF

Sunday 11th August
10am-11am Beginners
11am-12pm Improvers

Sunday 18th August
10am-11am Beginners
11am-12pm Improvers

Sunday 25th August
10am-11am Beginners
11am-12pm Improvers



British Cycling Go-Ride for confident cyclists and improvers

Every Saturday morning at RAF Henlow 10am-12pm.
£3 per session. Sign up to the Youth Cycling @ RAF Henlow Facebook page.



THE PHAROAH'S CURSE



MURDER MYSTERY

Friday 11th October 2019
Cross Keys, Pulloxhill

7.00pm for 7.30pm start
£50pp including three course dinner
Dress code: 1920's or smart dress



NAME:

TEL:

TICKETS:	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cheque made payable to GSA (enclosed)
- Cash (enclosed)
- BACS - GSA / Acc 32591677 / Sort code 40-30-21

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

LEAD NAME (if booking as part of a party):

TABLE SIZE: 8 10 12

(If group less than eight then tables will be paired)

Monies must accompany the booking form. Please post or hand into the school office in an envelope marked 'Murder Mystery'. All money raised goes to GSA funds. Over 18's only. T&C's apply.