



PARENTS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

The school diary is as busy as ever in the lead up to the end of term. Four 6th form students completed a silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition last week, congratulations to them all. They arrived back to school in very high spirits. This week we will enjoy Primary (Tuesday) and Secondary (Wednesday) Sports days and parents evening on Thursday. I hope you all enjoyed reading your child's subject school report sent home last week. Preparations for September are well underway although new pupils will join us over the summer holidays so some last minute changes are inevitable.

HCPT

As in previous years the HCPT organisation has been in touch about future opportunities for children and young people to join them in a trip to Lourdes. Over the years several Granta families have been involved and feedback has been very positive. Granta is not in any way involved in the organisation and if you are interested you must contact HCPT directly. They have sent me this extract for you to read:

"HCPT is a national charity with almost 60 years' experience that arranges for about 2,000 children with special needs aged 7-18 to enjoy a holiday in Lourdes at Easter. www.hcpt.org.uk "Groups are organised on a local basis and are very much like small families. Typically, there are about 15-20 people in a group, including a nurse and a chaplain. We make sure that each child has at least one individual helper of the same sex. The local Cambridge group has been going to Lourdes with HCPT for the last 25 years. In 2016, our trip will be from around Saturday 26th March – Saturday 2nd April. Children's fares are all covered by fundraising activities so there is no cost to families.

If you are interested in learning some more about the trip, please email group104@hcpt.org.uk or call Fabio Galantini (07795 475728 or 01223 214871) or John O'Sullivan (07836 778419)"

Swim days

An event we do arrange ourselves is summer swim days. We trialled this last summer and although take up was small, we are offering it again. This might be of particular interest to families whose child has physical disabilities and a hydrotherapy physio plan. If that is your child then you are invited to come and swim with them on 4th August and/or the 1st September in our hydro pool. I am delighted that our physiotherapists will also be here on that day to explain your child's plan to you and help you learn how to support them in the water.

On the morning of 7th August we are offering a Granta 'splash' swim morning for those children who do not have a hydrotherapy physio plan. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Separate booking letters will be sent out next week for you to book a place on any of these events. They are all free to Granta families.

Transport

Finally a message for 6th form pupils from September from the local authority regarding transport. It is very important all families of pupils years 12, 13 and 14 read the letters being sent centrally from the local authority. All enquiries should be made to the LA directly.

Best wishes
Lucie