



PARENTS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

On Wednesday pupils will be bringing home a small Easter gift from school. We had a surprise donation of a chocolate egg for each pupil via the Papworth Trust which is very kind. I am sure they will be enjoyed at home. For those pupils who do not eat chocolate I have purchased a small alternative.

Pupils return to school on Monday 16th April.

Music

In line with our focus on creativity this year we have invited drumming workshops into the school and have been overwhelmed by the positive welcome that parents have given to this initiative. Katie Black is arranging the practicalities so that sessions can start after Easter. She will be back in touch with you then. To start us off this week KS3 pupil Nathan and his friends from Linton Village College hosted a drumming assembly at Granta. Thank you Nathan for this great start.

Sport Relief

Thank you so much for your incredible support of Sport Relief at Granta. We have raised an amazing £703. This is more than we have ever raised for another charity before and pupils are very proud to have achieved it. Well done all!

Free School Meals threshold has lowered

Government has recently changed the threshold for families who may be eligible for free school meals. This will be a great help to families on low incomes who have just missed eligibility in the past.

Following a recent consultation by the Department for Education (DfE), there will be a **new income threshold** for all families receiving or going onto Universal Credit (UC).

From 1st April 2018, the new Income Threshold will be **£7,400 net (take home pay)**.

Any parents who have any queries regarding the changes or the claim process should contact the Education Welfare Benefit Team by either email at EWB.FSM@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01223 703200

Inhaler recall

We have received information that the following asthma inhalers are being recalled. If you have any of these at home please contact your GP surgery because some have been found not to deliver the required dose:

Title: Glaxo Wellcome UK Ltd Ventolin Accuhaler 200mcg PL 10949/0252 (Salbutamol Sulfate)EL(18)A/03

Seretide Accuhaler 50 microgram/250 microgram/dose inhalation powder, pre-dispensed PL 10949/0315 (Salmeterol/Fluticasone Propionate)EL(18) A/04

Reference: EL(18)A/03 and EL(18)A/04

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements come into force during May.

You may have heard about the GDPR on the news or at your own place of work. The regulations seek to make the use of personal data clearer and put some new requirements on schools and all organisations in terms of the storage, use of and destruction of any personal data held. This means that after Easter some of our processes will change and I will keep you informed as the term unfolds.

Graffiti at Linton Village College

You may be aware that Linton Village College was the victim of some extensive graffiti recently. The College's buildings and mini buses were attacked by spray paint, including offensive language. Both schools have been working closely with the police to support their investigation into this criminal damage at LVC, and across the village, and are confident that the perpetrators of these anti-social acts are soon to be confirmed. LVC are liaising with their insurers to resolve the damage caused but this may take some time. Given that the vandalism is at height and will need specialist removal to satisfy the loss adjusters it is difficult to remove immediately. We apologise for any offence caused.

New Parent Governor

I am delighted to let you know that Mr Hannington, dad to a child in Early Years, has been appointed as our new parent governor and has already attended his first meeting. I look forward to working together.

Bikeability recruitment details

Bikeability is an organisation committed to teaching children how to ride a bike safely and to have good road safety sense. We have had their services in school in the past for some of our older pupils. They have asked me to share that they are recruiting currently for trainers. Pay is £12 per hour and if you are a keen cyclist who would like to know more you can contact them on 01223 473820 or by looking at www.outspoketraining.co.uk

World Book Day

Our postponed world book day was a huge success, one highlight of which was a huge Wally Hunt from the "Where's Wally" books organised by Helen Pearson and Cath Harris. Thank you ladies for a great day of fun and thank you parents for some amazing character outfits.

Offer from Brigade our uniform suppliers

We're currently offering 15% discount on any "Direct to Parent" orders you place between 22nd March and 2nd April 18. This is the only offer we are running before the new school year starts in Sep 18. If you are planning to place an order this summer or need to top up your child's uniform then please take advantage of this offer before it's too late!

To place your order simply visit www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com. Enter the promo code **EASTSUM18** in the promo code box during checkout to apply the discount. Your order will be delivered within our current standard leadtime (currently 10-14 days).

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy break ahead

Best wishes
Lucie