



## PARENTS NEWSLETTER 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

### Welcome back!

How lovely to see the children return to school today. I hope you all enjoyed a sunny holiday. I am pleased to share that by 9.30 the school was quiet and orderly with the children settling in quickly.

We have had some hiccups with transport this morning and the usual medical updates. If you have any messages relating to either please can I ask you to respond as quickly as possible so we can help to resolve them quickly. A reminder that any gels and creams (Vaseline/suncream/etc) need to have your child's name clearly marked on them. Thank you.

Today we say a big hello and welcome to Bradley, Anna, Amber, Subhan, Tom and John. I hope you all enjoyed your first day at Granta very much.

### Events

**Friday** is our Granta fun day, with creative and exciting activities for pupils to try and a tea party to celebrate 10 years of Granta at 4pm. A separate letter is attached. We need to have your permission for your child to take part in some of the activities so please do sign and return the slip tomorrow. Thank you. A reminder that there is an afternoon 'street party' (in school) between 2:00 – 2:45pm with a small selection of snacks. (Please can we ask for donations of biscuits/crisps or sealed bottles of squash. All items need to be shop bought and packaged). There is **no after school club on Friday** this week.

### Summer works

As a school we are committed to making sure that our wonderful facilities carry on providing a service over the holidays. This summer we have hosted 2 playschemes, held 2 swim days and hosted 2 swimming courses. We have had a lot of maintenance and improvement work done which you will notice when you visit. A special thank you to one of our parents Joanna who has overseen the new courtyard painted walls - lovely!

### Keeping up with educational changes

I think everyone will be aware that a growing number of schools nationally and locally are becoming academies. This is often an item on news bulletins and you may already have other children who attend an academy school. We remain a local authority (maintained) school. Our governing body are beginning to think about what opportunities might be available to our school if we were to consider becoming an academy; this is early days and no decisions are currently being made. However, if you have views you would like to share with me, please be in touch. You can contact me via the school office or by putting a note in your child's school diary.

### Hydrotherapy and school based swimming

In line with class changes at the start of the academic year, swimming at school will begin as soon as risk assessments are complete for the new groupings and any necessary alterations have been made. This means that swimming will be phased in over the next two weeks. Please be patient as we ensure that the service we provide is as safe and happy as you would expect it to be for your child.