



PARENTS NEWSLETTER 18 MARCH 2016

Writing this today I am hosting training for newly qualified teachers and some teaching students from the faculty of education. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and it's good to know that Granta is playing a part in making sure that the teachers of tomorrow are skilled in special needs.

MDSA vacancies

We are currently recruiting for midday supervisors. Are you able to spare a couple of days or more? If you are interested please check the vacancies section on our website:

www.granta.cambs.sch.uk

Family Network Meeting

Further to my newsletter last month the family network meeting (for current and past families to get together) is set for 12 May 6:00 – 7:30. I am sending more details in a separate letter. As well as a chance to talk the event will include some shared activities such as British sign language, cooking, art and craft, boccia and e-safety. Come and share with some of the skills your children learn at school!

Staying safe on line

Some training that I have recently attended has highlighted several simple steps that can help us all keep our children safe on line at home. I know that it can be a struggle to make the most of the internet, gaming and social media whilst still maintaining privacy and safety. Did you know, for example, that webcams can sometimes be activated remotely? Or that gaming now presents one of the biggest worries about children and harmful adults being in contact? Well, don't despair but don't ignore it. There is lots of help available. Here are some websites for you to have a look at next time you are on line yourself:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.kidsmart.org.uk
- www.theparentzone.co.uk

Parking at the front of the school

Whilst we have very little control over the number of vehicles that bring and collect children from school, we are becoming increasingly aware of how crowded the front of school is becoming particularly in the afternoons. There is no easy solution but we are trying to consider how we can improve that situation. If you are a parent with any views, please do share them with me via your child's diary or by calling the office. Thank you.

Easter break

Just a quick reminder that the last day at school for pupils is Thursday this week (24 March) and that pupils return **on Tuesday 12 April**. I wish you all a lovely Spring holiday ahead.