



PARENTS NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

The very busy few weeks since my last newsletter culminated in a Laughter Specialist visit to school on Friday which included a Dolly Parton impersonator! Together they brought live music and country and western happiness to round off the week. It was planned to be an event for the classes currently receiving laughter specialist visits but I suspect a few others took advantage of the visit as well.

Also last week I enjoyed a lovely evening with a few families who came to the parent network event and two of our past families and students. Thank you to everyone who came. We all felt that it was a valuable evening and I hope it will be the start of similar evenings with the opportunity for past parents to keep in touch with each other and for current families to meet them too.

Free school meals

Your son or daughter may be eligible for free school meals even if you know they wouldn't want to change from their packed lunches. School could benefit from those applications and pass on those advantages to your child. For example, we could get more resources specifically tailored to your child's needs because the government gives extra money for pupils eligible for free school meals. If you believe your child may be eligible please contact Ann Badcock for a form. Thank you.

Changes to this year's fun day!

This year our summer fun day 17 June will be an internal event only because our big **family fun day** event will be held on **September 9th** which will be our school's 10th birthday! We will send a reminder slip nearer the time about the summer day arrangements but please bear in mind the school will not be open to families in June this year. Thank you.

Chicken pox

We have a small number of pupils in KS3 and Primary who have chicken pox currently. This is just to let you know so that you can be aware for your own child's supervision.

Policy review

We are reviewing our sex and relationships policy this term and you can find it on our school website. We would welcome any comments that you feel should be brought to governor attention. If you would prefer a hard copy to be sent home please contact Ann Badcock by calling 01223 896890.

Angus Shelton, KS4 teacher

Sadly Angus has decided to relocate to Devon and so he will be leaving Granta this July. Angus has been teaching at school since 2011 and will be missed. However I am delighted to welcome Ms Emily Willis to Granta from September. Emily is an experienced teacher and I am sure will be a real asset to the team.