



The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation



Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another week crammed with exciting learning and fun activities. Your children love to learn new things and are so excited to share their learning with me or another member of the senior leadership team. Mr Wills loved reading some of Year 3's amazing writing this week. Year two had an excellent time at the Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

Our achievement assembly on a Friday is always a wonderful way to celebrate the learning that has gone on during the week. Today was no exception! Your children are brilliant learners and rightly proud of their achievements.

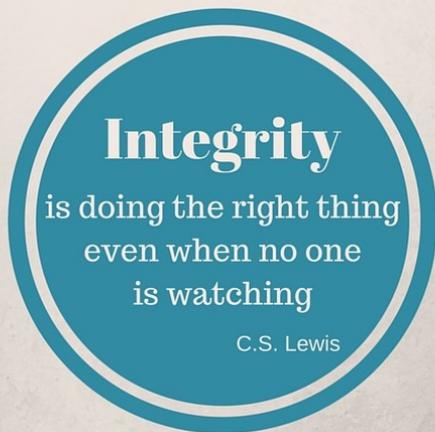
Please see overleaf about lost property. We will need to recycle or dispose of any lost property at the end of this half term. Many items are not named and have been at school for a while.

NEXT WEEK IS SATs WEEK. Year 6 must be in every day and on time. Breakfast will be served on Monday to Thursday for the Year 6 children from 8am.

I wish you a very restful and enjoyable weekend ready for learning again on Monday.

Ms M.T. Harracksingh

Head of School



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are always delighted to see so many of our children looking smart in their school uniform. This is a gentle reminder that we expect all children to wear the correct school uniform.

Black or grey trousers (no leggings) or skirt; white polo t-shirt or shirt ; black or grey socks; black shoes or plain black trainers with no other colour on them and our school jumper, **BLUE** Summer dress

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Uniform is no longer available from the school office. It can only be purchased from White Hall Clothiers in Lewisham.

START OF THE DAY

Just to remind everyone that the bell rings at 8:55am to start our school day.



Please ensure that your child is in their line by this time so they can walk into the building for registration.

It is so important that **ALL** children are on time for school!

SUNHATS, SUNSCREEN AND WATER BOTTLES

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure sun-cream is applied to your child before they come to school They can also bring a sun-hat/cap and water bottle too but all items must have their name on them!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check lost property if you have lost anything.

Any uncollected items will be recycled, donated or disposed of on 25th May.



Key Dates

Half-term:

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Spring Term 2- 2018

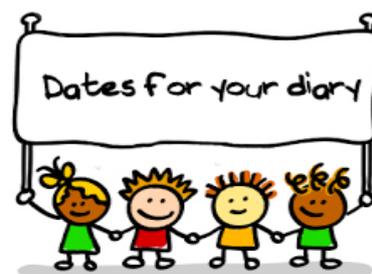
Inset day (SCHOOL CLOSED) – Monday 4th June

Sports Day – Wednesday 4th July

Reports out – Thursday 5th July

Summer Fair – Friday 13th July

Carnival and last day – Friday 20th July



YEAR 6 SATs NEXT WEEK

Year 6 will take their SATs on Monday to Thursday . Please ensure they are here on time every day.

Breakfast will be provided for all year 6 children from 8am.



**Dear Parents/Carers of the
Fairlawn, Grinling Gibbons, Haseltine and Lucas Vale communities,**

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the online partnership review questionnaire. One thing that I need to get better at, is making sure that I let you all know about the partnership work that happens across all our four schools. I'm going to write a piece for your news letters every half term, but if you want to ask any questions in the meantime, do ask me when you see me in the playground/on the door.

We have worked together, as four schools, since September 2016. There is a lot of cross partnership working that has happened since then. Here are a few things that we have been doing:

- all four schools meet once a year to look at your children's learning to see if we all have the same high standards;
- sometimes (not often) some staff have supported at partner schools where there has been an emergency staffing issue;
- the leaders of our Inclusion teams meet at least once a term to share good practice and support each other with any issues they may have;
- our maths leaders are all involved with projects related to maths mastery and they quite often meet and discuss the best way to teach maths;
- our English leaders work closely together to support each other with the teaching of reading and writing (including the writer in residence at Haseltine);
- myself and the heads from all four schools meet every three weeks to share good practice and plan partnership working;
- our executive business managers work together to explore the best way of making savings across the four schools;
- we often share resources (recently we shared some whole class sets of texts across the schools);
- the Head of our Teaching School (where we train people to be teachers and support existing teachers with their professional development) works with all the heads to provide opportunities for all our staff.

I strongly believe that our partnership makes us stronger and gives opportunities for our colleagues that they may not have if we were all stand alone schools. This ensures all our teachers and support staff access outstanding professional development and therefore, your children are exposed to good or better teaching for learning.

Best wishes to you all,
Jeanette Brumby
Executive Headteacher