



I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Head of School after a brilliant first month in the role. I would like to thank all the pupils, parents, staff and governors for being so welcoming and encouraging since my appointment. I am also really pleased to welcome Mr Bakker to our team.

June has been a jam-packed month for us at GCA. From Father's Day to Grafham Water; The Young'Uns to Walk Smart Workshops, we have welcomed numerous visitors into school and celebrated a huge range of successes as a result.

As we head closer to the end of this academic year, we are beginning to look forward to September. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July the children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher. As always, children will find out who their new teacher (and for some year groups who their new classmates) will be just prior to meeting them and enjoying some getting to know you activities. We believe that a clear and structured transition process is paramount to ensure a smooth and seamless changeover. Therefore, we are planning multiple activities for the coming week to allow children to get to know the adults they will be working with next year. There are a number of changes to the current teaching structure taking place next year. Such changes have been made in order to give teachers an opportunity to teach across different age ranges and to enable us to establish a new approach to Senior Leadership at GCA (you will hear more about this next week). Teachers for next year are:

- **Foundation Stage:** Miss Dalby and Miss Murray
- **Year 1:** Mrs Woo/Miss Desmond and Mrs Harman/Mrs Fox
- **Year 2:** Mrs Colthart and Miss Barradell
- **Year 3:** Miss Ivory and Mrs Vajzovic/Mrs Millard
- **Year 4:** Mrs Hemmins and Mrs Soulsby
- **Year 5:** Mrs Tester and Mrs Bright
- **Year 6:** Mrs Cook and Mr Bakker/Mrs Hamilton

Miss O'Hare will be working at the Bridge Academy next year, joining Mr Smith and Mrs Wood. We will be sad to see Miss O'Hare leave us at GCA but are pleased that we will still have the opportunity to work closely with her.

I would also like to wish a very sad farewell to Mrs Scott. Mrs Scott has worked at the school for the past 11 years, providing invaluable support to multiple children. She has also had a huge impact on sport across the school, running the football team and attending all sporting events. Mrs Scott will be hugely missed but we wish her lots of luck as she returns to her scientific roots.

Miss Tess Fielden

**Head of School**

**Godmanchester Community Academy**

### Attendance Figures

- Overall (Since September 2017) – **96.4%**
- June 2018 - **94.2%**



School success starts  
with attendance



### Quad-Kids Competition

Miss Barradell and Mrs Tester took two teams of year 5 and 6 children to St Ives Athletics club to compete in this year's Quad-kids competition. A total of 470 children competed throughout the day. Our children performed very well, with a few personal bests achieved. Two of our children performed particularly well; Liam Conway was the highest scoring boy and Leah Wagstaff was the highest scoring girl. All of the children brought tears to the eyes of a few spectators with their fantastic team-spirit, working together to support each other in the 600m event. We were very proud of you. Thanks also to Mrs Bright and Miss Barradell for running the Athletics club this term.



### Kwik Cricket Competition

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, a team of Year 6 children participated in a Kwik Cricket competition at Godmanchester Cricket Club. They played two matches, against Thorndown and Bury Primary schools and during both matches, they were competitive, showing fantastic teamwork between themselves and respect for their opponents. After fielding well in their first match, the team beat Thorndown by five wickets. In the match against Bury, the team played their best but unfortunately, narrowly lost to the better team. Well done to Godmanchester!

### Year 3 – Walk Smart

As part of their road safety education, Year 3 have been learning how to be safe walking in car parks; when crossing the road outside the front of school; and how to negotiate drive ways when crossing the road. They each received a Walk Smart activity book and pencil.



### Hunts Area Primary Partnership Football Tournament

The Godmanchester Community Academy Team took part in the Hunts Area Primary Partnership Football Tournament at Hartford Junior School on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. For the first time ever, a Godmanchester Community Academy team of Y4/5 footballers competed in a football tournament. Despite playing against teams which contained Y6 players, they managed to achieve some amazing results. They were undefeated throughout the tournament, winning two games and drawing one, and narrowly missed reaching the final by one point. Their brilliant football was matched by a fantastic attitude and sportsmanship. Well done Y4/5 football team for representing Godmanchester Community Academy in a professional manner.



### PTA Update

PTA Summer Fete - **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July (3:10pm - 5:30pm)**

Join us after school for an afternoon of fun, this will include:

- Bouncy Castle Extravaganza ( Unlimited play for £5)
- Pony rides
- Children's year group game stalls
- Clothes boutique
- Outdoor portrait photography
- Pizza van
- Hog roast
- Pop-up pub
- Ice cream van



An email will be sent out shortly with further details. If you need any further information or would like to assist in anyway please visit or like the Godmanchester PTA Facebook page.

### Sports Festival in the Park

Free family fun day at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, 11am – 2pm on Sunday 29th July.

The Sports Festival in the Park is a celebration of diverse sport activities available throughout the district of Huntingdonshire. It is an excellent opportunity for families of all ages to come and experience a variety of fun sport sessions for free. Bring a picnic or grab lunch at the café, whilst you enjoy a range of sports, including bubble football, archery, football, cycling etc. with your family and friends. Run by One Leisure Active Lifestyles team at Huntingdonshire District Council.



### Walk to School Week (Happy Hat Day)

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 we held a Happy Hat day competition as a way to end our Walk to School week and to remind pupils that it is important to wear a hat for sun safety. With over 30 entrants parading their hats in assembly it was difficult to choose a winner. All the entrants received a certificate. The classes who walked the most during the week were 1PD/DW and 4KS, so they won squash and biscuits for a picnic. Thank you to everyone who walked to make our school greener and healthier.



### GMC Fun Run

A huge well done to all the pupils and staff who joined in with the GMC Fun Run on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018. It is fantastic to know that so many of our pupils and staff took part in this brilliant fundraising event.

Shout Outs to: Ollie Bryan-Harris, Alissa Pegram, Aurelia Wrench, Jacob Wrench, Henry Reeve, Jack Reeve, Alice Considine, Jack Lunn, Miss Ivory, Miss Murray, Mrs Stanley, Mr Bakker, Mrs Tester, Mrs Harman, Mrs Bevan, Mrs Bryan-Harris, Miss Fielden.

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# Godmanchester Community Academy

## School Newsletter - June 2018

Head of School: Tess Fielden

Executive Head of School: Rod Warsap

### Year 6 visit Grafham Water

A wet and wild day was had by all. The sun shone as year 6 enjoyed a day full of rafting, canoeing, high ropes and the infamous Grafham challenge. As always, the children were a credit to the school and showed tremendous sportsmanship, co-operation and determination.



### AR Millionaires

James Hucklesby-Rivara  
Ruby Jordan  
Ollie Bryan-Harris  
Leah Wagstaff



### Stars of the week

**Foundation** – Victoria Ozarowski, Emily German, Maisie Kirkham

**Year 1** – Dessy Bothamley, Phoebe Foy, Ethan Lowden, Charlotte Moody

**Year 2** – Lacie Hemingway-Storey, Marcus Farrell, Freddie McAvoy, Tilly Littlewood, Matilda Kirkham

**Year 3** – Joshua Akintomi, William Fleming, Ashley Haylo, Noah Hicks

**Year 4** – All of 4JT, Jack Hobbs, Charlie Spring, Rayaana Butt, Richie James-Archer

**Year 5** – Sophie Farrington, Ben Waymont, Leah Wagstaff, Katherine Searle, Megan Woolner

**Year 6** – All of Year 6, Connor Summers-Foley



### The Young'Uns

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018, we welcomed The Young'Uns, a touring folk group, into school. Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed an hour long music workshop re-enacting the events of King Richard and the Peasants' Revolt. After sailing back in time singing Sea Shanties, the children took part in an epic rap battle. The children showed great co-operation and enthusiasm throughout. The Young'Uns then treated the whole school to a wonderful assembly full where the younger children got to listen to some of the music created during the workshops.



### Dates for your diary

- Creative Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Open Afternoon and Report Collection – 11<sup>th</sup> July – from 2.30pm
- Year 6 Fiver Challenge Stalls – 10<sup>th</sup>,3-4pm; 12<sup>th</sup>,3-4pm (on playground)
- Year 6 Production – 16<sup>th</sup> July -1.30pm; 17<sup>th</sup> July – 6.00pm
- Ivan Run – 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Talent Show – 20<sup>th</sup> July
- **Summer Term ends Tuesday 24th July**

### Dinner Money

Just a reminder that all lunches should be paid for in advance or on the day the meal is taken.

**The term payments are:**

- Per day £2.20
- Per week £11.00

