

NORTHAMPTON GREEK SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2008

Just to remind you that we return to Greek School on Saturday, 3rd May, 2008.

I would like to hold an **AGM for all parents on Saturday, 10th May, 2008, starting at 10.15 am.** This should last no more than an hour at most. I would like to see as many parents as possible as we have a lot of things to discuss. This will also be a good opportunity to bring to our attention any issues that you would like to discuss.

Greek School Party held 15th March, 2008.

Our first Fancy Dress Party was a resounding success and was much enjoyed by the children from Greek School and their families and friends. This was very well attended by members of the Greek community as well as members from the council offices. We had, for the first time live music from the Alexoyianopoulos brothers. They played bouzouki and sang traditional Greek songs. The money raised for them was donated back to the Greek School. Many thanks for their contribution to us.

Thanks to all the children and adults who made a huge effort to come in fancy costume – it was an evening not to miss! Well done to all of them and thank you for those children that took part in some dancing.

Many thanks to Anastasia Gratsa-Smith, Georgia Piki and Stavros Grivas for going out of their way in organising the event and for sorting out the food and the music. Many thanks to Koulla for organising the lucky-dip and raffle. Also, I would like to thank all who gave their help and to those who gave donations in making this evening so successful.

The event helped raise £573.15 for Greek School funds. This money will be spent on teaching and providing resources for our children at the school.

Times and Dates

Summer Term

Greek School starts at **10 am** prompt and finishes at **12.45 pm**. We do stress the importance of arriving on time. Late arrivals cause disruption to the lessons. If possible, **please try to bring your children so that they arrive 15 minutes before teaching starts.**

Greek School will open on the following Saturdays:

May 3rd, 10th and 17th.

June 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

July 12th and 19th.

We shall be closed on **24th and 31st May** for the half term holiday.

We finish and end the academic year on **19th July, 2008.**

We return to Greek School after the Summer holidays on Saturday, 13th September, 2008, at 10 am.

Fees

Fees are still £2.50 per session per child. Please remember that missed sessions still have to be paid for.

As there are nine sessions in the Summer Term, the cost will be £22.50 per child.

Sunday, 30th March, 2008.

At the Greek Orthodox Church on this Sunday, we had a number of children from the Greek School whom attended Church and each read out a poem in Greek to celebrate both of the following celebrations. These celebrations both in Cyprus and Greece are celebrated religiously with national holidays and parades.

- National Greek Celebrations 25th March 1821 – The revolution for freedom in Greece.
- The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.
- 1st April, 1955 – Cyprus Freedom and Independence against the British Rule (the powerful British Empire that bought the island from the Turks in 1878).

Well done to all children who took part and remembered their lines! – It was most welcomed and appreciated by those present at the church. We also went round with a basket for donations to our school and managed to raise in total £20.04.

However small, thank you all for your support.

Hope you all enjoy the holidays and Happy Easter.

One last note and request for help on the first session back at Greek School to help with the cleaning and sorting out of the cupboards. If anyone could spare their time it will be much appreciated.

If any of you would like to contact me for anything, please do so on my mobile: 07766091862.

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