



Autumn Term 2015

Friday 16th October 2015

Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 4 Glaphorn C. E. Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have celebrated a successful Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church, Southwick, which is the culmination of lots of events over the last fortnight. We had a very successful orienteering day last Wednesday in Short Wood involving 220 children from local schools and I know our Year 4 and 5 pupils greatly enjoyed the experience of going into the woods alone to work out the best route and getting suitably muddy! A big thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help make it a success. We held a Harvest Day last Monday and the children had a busy time harvesting, cooking, painting, composing poetry and much more as part of the event. They enjoyed eating their cooking in the Harvest Feast in the afternoon! The World Conker Championships took place in Southwick on Sunday, complete with our 'Bonkers for Conkers' team - photos of this event and the others can be seen in the photo book in the entrance area and will shortly be available on our school website.

Our first half term seems to have whizzed by, with one more week of term left before our half term break. School finishes on Friday 23rd October and restarts on Tuesday 3rd November. We are looking forward to welcoming Ms Jay Brewer to our staff team after half term. Jay will be joining us as a Designated Teaching Assistant in Red Kites class, covering maternity leave for Mrs Suzanne Caswell. A big thank you to Mrs Sue Hamilton who has been doing the role up this point!

My diary is already filling up over the next few weeks with prospective parents looking around the school for children due to start school in September 2016. If you know anyone with children due to start school next September (if the child turns 4 between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016), do please suggest they have a look at our school website www.glaphornschool.uk.org and give us a call to arrange a time to look around. If your child is due to start, don't forget to apply for a school place by 15th January 2016!

Finally, we are delighted to be officially awarded a Gold Award for our Sports Provision within school. All schools, large and small, are judged on the same criteria and it has taken a lot of hard work from our staff, particularly Mrs Taggart and Miss Gregory, and our Y4 and Y5 Sports Crew, to achieve this top award. It is in recognition of both the sports provision we provide within the school day and the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer. Well done to all our pupils, Sports Crew, our dedicated teachers and our external sports coaches!

Katherine Towns, Head

Clerk to Governors Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a Clerk to Governors. For more details, see

http://www.glaphthornschool.uk.org/p_Vacancies.ikml

This is a post for a professional Governing Body clerk and so we are ideally looking for someone with experience of this role, who is already working in other schools in this capacity.



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Robins: Finn Wilson and Finnian Stephen-Smith

Barn Owls: Leyton Bailey, Eliza Harrison, Elyssa Burrows and Adam Ford

Nightingales: Molly Sutterby, Oliver Dixon and Annie Park

Red Kites: Oscar Morgan, Tamzyn Noone, Leila Poyser and Kody Wilkinson

End of the Day

If you and your children stay and play after the end of the school day in the playground, please can you ensure they tidy up all the equipment before they leave. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

This half term finishes on Friday 23rd October. **School reopens on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Our **Nativity performances** will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 2 p.m. and Wednesday 16th December at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase (much) nearer the time!

Craft Days will take place on the following dates:

Robins - Friday 4th December

Barn Owls - Wednesday 2nd December

Nightingales - Tuesday 1st December

Red Kites - Thursday 3rd December

We traditionally have lots of parents coming in to help on these dates, volunteering to get covered in glue and glitter, so if you would like to help in your child's class for part or the whole of the day, please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Autumn Term will finish on Friday 18th December with a **carol service** at 2 p.m. in St. Leonard's Church, Glaphorn. All parents are invited.

Reminder - please check the lost property box. Any unnamed, unclaimed clothes will either be put into the second hand uniform sale after half term or be given to charity.

The main lost property box is located outside Barn Owls class, by the boys' toilets. For easy-stick name labels that do not wash out or come out, 'stikins' are very good and the school will receive 25% commission for any sold through use the following link <https://www.name-labels.com/?PARTNER=7951>

There is a Family Service taking place at St. Leonard's Church on Sunday 1st November 2015 at 9.15 am. which will be taken by Jema Ball. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

SCHOOL DIARY

Week beginning Monday 19th October

Day	During School	After School
Monday 19 th October		Story Club Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 20 th October	Running Club	Basketball Club Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 st October	Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass and recorder lessons	Football Club Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	SAINTS rugby coaching for Barn Owls, Nightingales and Red Kites. Please make sure children have trainers and PE kits in school. Individual strings lessons	
Friday 23 rd October	Miss Marrison out a.m. Individual woodwind lessons French Club END OF HALF TERM	Rugby Club
Sunday 1 st November	Family Service, St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn, 9.15 am	

Week beginning Tuesday 3rd November

Day	During School	After School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Running Club	Basketball Club
Wednesday 4 th November	Mrs Taggart out a.m. Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass and recorder lessons	Football Club
Thursday 5 th November	Mrs Taggart out a.m. Individual strings lessons Individual School Photos	
Friday 6 th November	NO French Club Individual woodwind lessons	Rugby Club Film Club 3.15-5.00

Week beginning Monday 9th November

Day	During School	After School
Monday 9 th November		Story Club Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 10 th November	Running Club	Basketball Club
Wednesday 11 th November	Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass and recorder lessons	Football Club
Thursday 12 th November	Individual strings lessons	
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day Individual woodwind lessons French Club	Rugby Club Children in Need Disco
Sunday 15 th November	Dads' Big Tidy Up 1p.m. - 4p.m.	