



Autumn Term 2015

Friday 20th November 2015

Glapthorn C.E. Primary School

Issue 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who came along to the Dads' Big Tidy Up on Sunday afternoon. They have done a fantastic job of tidying up the school and have rejuvenated our Garden of Memories with new raised beds that all the children have planted bulbs in. Our Garden of Memories is in the far corner of our grassy area and has a small gazebo dedicated to Sophie, an ex-pupil who died. The idea behind it is to give children who are bereaved a place to plant a bulb in memory of those who have died. This may be a beloved pet or may be a friend or relative. We will plant the bulb with the child and record when and where it was planted in a special book that is kept on our altar in the hall. Children find this small act can help them in the difficult process of understanding death at a young age. If your child would ever like to plant a bulb, please let me know and we will organise it.

Our volunteers have also put up some road safety signs designed by Lydia, Molly, Annie and Bea in Nightingales class. Please remember, as the signs say, not park on the yellow zig-zags and to drive slowly outside the school. We had a meeting with representatives from Northamptonshire County Council last week, along with the village road safety group, to discuss ways of reducing the speed of traffic outside school, and hope we will together be able to get some improvements put in place.

I told you in our last newsletter about Respectosaurus who was helping the children remember our school rule of 'Take care of our school and treat others how you would like to be treated' and about the meaning of respect. Respectosaurus has now been joined by two other Learning Dinosaurs, Thinkosaurus and Explorasaurus. Thinkosaurus is helping the children to think about solving problems, about challenging themselves and if at first you don't succeed, try a new way! Explorasaurus is a dinosaur with a great imagination and is helping the children to think about using their imaginations in lots of different ways. The Learning Dinosaurs, particularly Explorasaurus, are getting the children to think about having a 'growth mindset'.

"In a fixed mindset students believe their basic abilities, their intelligence, their talents, are just fixed traits. They have a certain amount and that's that, and then their goal becomes to look smart all the time and never look dumb. In a growth mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. They don't necessarily think everyone's the same or anyone can be Einstein, but they believe everyone can get smarter if they work at it." Carol Dweck

If you are interested in finding out more about 'growth mindsets', you can do an internet search for Carol Dweck. For more information about our Learning Dinosaurs, see the display in the library. The children have one more dinosaur to meet next week.

Katherine Towns, Head

SCHOOL DIARY

Parents are invited to our **Nativity performances** on Tuesday 15th December at 2 p.m. and Wednesday 16th December at 6 p.m. in The Palmer Hall, Glapthorn School and the **carol service** on Friday 18th December at 2 p.m. in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn.

Week beginning Monday 23th November

| Day | During School | After School |
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| Monday 23 rd November | ROBINSONS RESOURCE COLLECTION by 9 a.m. | Story Club Cheerleading Club |
| Tuesday 24 th November | Red Kites and Nightingales to Scott Polar Museum a.m. No Running Club | Basketball Club |
| Wednesday 25 th November | Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass and recorder lessons | Football Club Year 5 Football at Prince William School |
| Thursday 26 th November | Red Kites and Nightingales Antarctica Workshop in the hall - all welcome Strings lessons | Dance Club |
| Friday 27 th November | French Club Woodwind lessons Robins to Forest School | Rugby Club |

Week beginning Monday 30th November

| Day | During School | After School | |
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| Monday 30 th November | | Story Club Cheerleading Club | |
| Tuesday 1 st December | Nightingales Craft Day Running Club | Basketball Club | |
| Wednesday 2 nd December | Book Fair | Barn Owls Craft Day Gardening Club Nightingales - PERFORMANCE - parents welcome Group and individual brass and recorder lessons | Football Club |
| Thursday 3 rd December | | Red Kites Craft Day Strings lessons | Dance Club |
| Friday 4 th December | | Robins Craft Day French Club Woodwind lessons | Rugby Club Christmas Film club |
| Sunday 6 th December | | 4p.m. Christingle Service in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn | |

Week beginning Monday 7th December

| Day | | During School | After School |
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| Monday 7 th December | Book Fair | | Story Club Cheerleading Club |
| Tuesday 8 th December | | Running Club | Basketball Club |
| Wednesday 9 th December | | Gardening Club Group and individual brass and recorder lessons | Football Club |
| Thursday 10 th December | | Christmas Lunch Strings lessons | Barn Owls Athletics at Prince William School Dance Club |
| Friday 11 th December | | French Club Barn Owls to St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn Woodwind lessons Robins to Forest School | Rugby club |

Christingle

It is officially the start of the Christmas season here at school as Nativity preparations have begun!

A Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 6th December at St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn at 4 p.m.

If you know you will be able to attend and your child is happy to participate in the service, please could you return the reply slip at the end of this letter.

Message from FOGS

NEW: Robinsons Resource is coming to collect our unwanted and disused clothing, paired shoes, and household linens on MONDAY, Nov 23 at 9am.

Please bag up your unwanted items and put them in the car park (near Mrs Sawyer's car) by 9am on MONDAY, Nov 23.

School gets 50p for every kg donated, you have less stuff cluttering up the wardrobes, and the Firefighter's Charity gets a contribution, too. Win! Win! Win!

Please note: Robinsons has changed our collection day from Tuesday to MONDAY

Children in Need

We raised £169 from the cake sale so thank you all the bakers!

Overall, including the disco and non-uniform day, we raised an amazing £460.05!

Well done to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success!

Glapthorn Church Christmas Card Competition

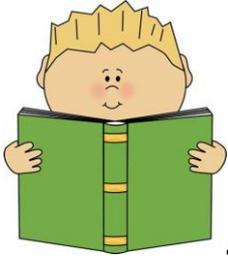
Every year, the church uses a winning design from our pupils for the front of their Christmas cards. If your child would like to enter the competition, they need to bring their design, which should be on an A4 piece of paper and done in **black and white** to the school office by Friday 27th November.

The winning design will be photocopied so using black and white pens is the most effective format.

FOGS "FAMILY" CHRISTMAS FILM CLUB

To get us in the festive mood, FOGS are hosting a special "Family" Christmas film club on Friday 4th December and we are involving the children to vote for the movie to be shown. The choice of movies to vote for will be available in school on Monday 27th November and the "winning movie" will be announced on Tuesday 28th November.

We are running an exciting competition to "make a Christmas decoration" to be judged on the day



Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 2nd - Tues 8th December

The school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Wednesday 2nd December to Tuesday 8th December in the school hall.

There will be a chance for parents to come with their children after school to buy a book and to stock up on Christmas presents. In addition, each class will have the opportunity to go along to the book fair on one of the days so if you can't come in with your child, you can send them in with some money to buy a book.

The school will be able to buy books with any commission raised from the Book Fair.

More information will be sent out nearer the time including dates for each class visit and after school opening times.

BENEFIELD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015

St Mary's Church, Lower Benefield
(off the A427 on the Brigstock Road)

Sunday 13th December 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Including

*42 beautifully decorated Christmas trees on display
above the pews*

Performances by local musicians and performers

Raffle

Children's crafts

Baked goods table and refreshments

Entrance: £2.00 per adult - £1 per child - £5 per family

Includes drink and festive treat

For information please contact Joanna Baker at
joannadia@hotmail.com

Nightingales Class Strings Performance

The children in Nightingales class have been learning either the violin or cello all term and will be sharing their musical skills in a concert on Wednesday 2nd December in the afternoon. Exact times to follow.

All parents are welcome to come along.

Message from Leila Hamalainen

To all who contributed to the collection for refugees: Many thanks for all your wonderful donations. They will be gratefully received. Also any items that were not able to be used by Samara's Aid have been passed on to other charity organisations. I include here a short note from Rebecca Hansom, Samara's Aid Collector (Nassington School).

Dear All,

A MASSIVE THANK YOU for all your donations to Samara's Aid Appeal. On Thursday 8th October we delivered 49 banana boxes full of warm clothes, 22 sacks and various other bigger items, to the depot where later that day they were packed onto a lorry set for refugees in the Middle East. Thank you so much for your fantastic response and your support. Your donations will help those desperately in need this winter. Thank you! Becca Hansom



Christingle Service - Sunday 6th December

Child(ren)'s Name:

We will be attending the Christingle Service in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn.
