



Autumn Term 2015

Friday 4th December 2015

Glaphthorn C.E. Primary School

Issue 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in full swing into Christmas here at school with glitter galore in the classrooms and very successful Christmas Craft Days this week. Thank you to all the parents who came in to help. It gets even more Christmassy on Sunday with a Christingle service in St. Leonard's Church, Glaphthorn at 4 p.m. - All welcome.

Our Nativity rehearsals are underway and tickets are now available to purchase from the school office for £1.50 each. The money raised funds the lighting for the event and any additional money raised will go towards our School House project. The Dress Rehearsal will take place on Monday 14th December at 1.30 p.m. and parents with small children are welcome to come along to that, no ticket required. The performances will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 2 p.m. and Wednesday 16th December at 6 p.m. We ask that, if possible, small children just come to the Dress Rehearsal. If they are brought to one of the other performances, please take them out of the hall if they are noisy. The children have worked very hard to prepare for the performances and it is a shame if they can't be heard over the sound of crying!

Our end of term Carol Service will take place on Friday 18th December at 2 p.m. in St. Leonard's Church, Glaphthorn. All are very welcome to come along and the children can be taken home directly from the church. All remaining children will be brought back to school as normal for the end of the school day. Children don't need to bring their book bags on that day and should bring packed lunch in a disposable container if they don't have school dinners.

Our Christmas postbox is in the entrance area and so if any children would like to give Christmas cards to other children or members of staff, they should be posted into the box and they will be delivered by the end of day pupil mail! Please ensure children's names and their class are written on the envelopes.

This year, we are supporting Present Aid instead of Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes). Each class has decided what they would like to buy from the Present Aid website and will be raising money towards their present:

- Robins would like to buy a goat.
- Barn Owls would like to raise money to buy packs of water purification tablets.
- Nightingales would like to buy 'Love a lav', the clean toilet for people.
- Red Kites would like to buy a Local Lifeline.

For more details on each gift, see later on in this letter. We are encouraging this to be from the children so we hope they will bring in some pocket money towards the target. Thursday 17th December is non-uniform day and so for a donation towards your child's Present Aid target, your child can wear their own clothes. It is Party Afternoon later in the day so they can be party clothes but please ensure they are practical for children to run around at playtimes in.

Katherine Towns, Head

SCHOOL DIARY

Week beginning Monday 7th December

| Day | During School | After School |
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| Sunday 6 th December | Christingle - St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn 4 p.m. | |
| Monday 7 th December | Book Fair 3-3.45 p.m. | Story Club Cheerleading Club |
| Tuesday 8 th December | Book Fair 3-3.45 p.m. Running Club | Basketball Club |
| Wednesday 9 th December | Gardening Club Group and individual brass and woodwind lessons | Football Club |
| Thursday 10 th December | Christmas Lunch Individual strings lessons | Dance Club and Dance Performance (parents invited at 4pm) KS1 Athletics @ Prince William School |
| Friday 11 th December | Barn Owls to St. Leonard's Church French Club Forest School | Rugby Club |

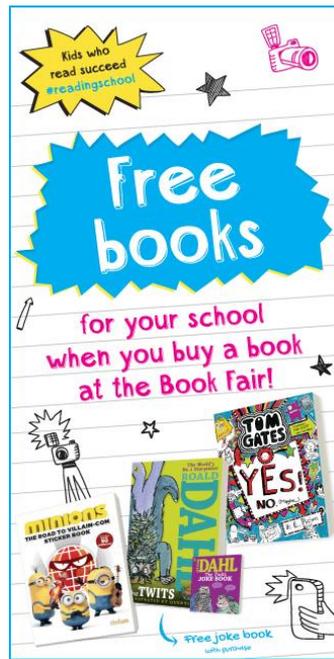
Week beginning Monday 14th December - NO CLUBS

| Day | During School | After School |
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| Monday 14 th December | 1.30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal | |
| Tuesday 15 th December | 2 p.m. Gold, Frankincense and Mirth! | |
| Wednesday 16 th December | 2.45 p.m. Barn Owls Puppet Show - parents invited | All children to be in school for 5.45 p.m. dressed in their costume. 6 p.m. Gold, Frankincense and Mirth! |
| Thursday 17 th December - NON-UNIFORM DAY | Christmas party afternoon 9 a.m. Barn Owls Puppet Show - parents invited | |
| Friday 18 th December | 2 p.m. Carol Service, St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn | END OF TERM |

Week beginning Tuesday 5th January

| Day | During School | After School |
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| Monday 4 th January | NO SCHOOL | |
| Tuesday 5 th January | Start of Spring Term | |

Taking photos and videos at any of our end of term events is very welcome. However, please do not post anything on Facebook of any child except your own without the permission of the other child's parents. We may have children who for their own safety should not have their images published online so please safeguard all our children and do not share!



**Come to our Book Fair on Friday 4th,
Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th
December.**

Message from Miss Vickers ...

Barn Owls will be visiting St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn on Friday 11th December as a conclusion to our RE topic of 'Stories in Christianity'. If anyone is available to accompany us then please see Miss Vickers. We aim to leave at 9.30 a.m. and return to school by 10.45 a.m.

Assemblies

We are still talking about our Learning Dinosaurs in class but in assemblies, we are now thinking about Advent and preparing for Christmas. We have a photo Advent calendar in the hall counting down the Advent Sundays to Christmas, showing some of the things we do to get ready.

Our artist of the month is Kandinsky and our powerpoint this month has been prepared by two of our Y5 prefects, Leila and Orson. Our music for December is Christmas music!

More details about Present Aid (*Quotes are taken directly from the Present Aid website, part of Christian Aid; www.presentaid.org*)

Robins would like to buy a goat - £22. *'A nanny goat could help vulnerable women like Bokayo to transform their lives. Bokayo used to travel for 10 days to collect frankincense to sell. She was exhausted by the journey, but didn't earn enough to support her family. Life changed when she was given goats by our partner and was able to join a self-help group. She now trades tea and grain, and can afford to send one of her children to school. Owning goats also raised her status, giving her the confidence to speak in community meetings.'*

Barn Owls would like to buy as many packs of water purification packs as possible - £7. They were adamant that clean water for everyone was really important! *'One pack could help buy 4,000 water purification tablets that will provide families living in crisis with access to safe drinking water.'*

Christian Aid was one of the first charities on the ground to offer emergency relief to the survivors of the Nepal earthquakes in 2015. We distributed 1 million water purification tablets so that families in need had clean water to drink, cook with and wash in, helping prevent sickness and disease.'

Nightingales want to buy 'Love a Lav' - £25. They were very sensible about this decision and were very concerned that some people in the world didn't have a clean place to go to the toilet. *'This gift could help provide toilets in villages that are helping to house the thousands of people who have been displaced by the conflict in South Sudan. Conflict broke out in the world's newest nation in December 2013. It has had a devastating impact on the civilian population; thousands of men, women and children have been driven from their homes. They seek shelter wherever they can find it, often without access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities.'*

Red Kites want to buy a Local Lifeline - £20 *'In Nigeria, remote rural villages suffer very high rates of malaria. Thousands of children die every year. Christian Aid partners are training health workers to provide lifesaving advice on malaria prevention and treatment in these communities. This gift could help train a community health worker who will ensure that families are using their nets correctly. They will go from house to house, monitoring and advising households on effective net use. They will also help communities to get treatment and give them health advice.'*

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please get all photograph orders back into school on Monday morning, 7th December, as the orders are being collected during the day on that Monday. Late orders incur a surcharge of £3.50 and delivery dates will be later.

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama

We have received the dates for the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama which this year will take place 13th - 16th April 2016. As usual, we will help any children that would like to participate with practising. However, parents will need to organise to transport their child to and from the competition. Please note, this year the competition is straight after the school holidays so although we will help the children rehearse in school, they will need to practise at home too during the school holidays. This is an excellent opportunity for children to practise public performing and although they can be nervous about doing it, it is a great experience for the children and helps to increase their confidence in performing in front of large groups of people.

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama - Please complete and return this slip with the fee if you would like us to enter your child by 11th January.

Verse Speaking - children need to recite their chosen poem from memory. If you can't find the poem, let us know and we will send a copy home with your child.

___ Years 1 & 2 'Secret' by John Agard or 'When Daddy fell into the pond' by Alfred Noyes. Entry £2.50

___ Year 3 'Lone Dog' by Irene Mcleod or 'The Music Lesson Rap' by Clare Bevan. Entry £2.50

___ Year 4 'Just Doing My Job' by Clare Bevan or 'Counting the Stars' by Ian McMillan. Entry £2.50

___ Year 5 'Leonardo' by Charles Causley or 'Silly Old Baboon' by Spike Milligan. Entry £2.75

Prepared Reading - children need to prepare a passage of their own choice lasting no more than the 1.5 minutes (2 minutes for Year 5 children). Parents need to source the book themselves.

___ Years 1 & 2 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. Entry £2.50

___ Year 3 'Hook or by Crook' by Jan Mark. Entry £2.50

___ Year 4 'Mr Gum and the Power Crystals' by Andy Stanton. Entry £2.50

___ Year 5 'Truckers, the first book of the Nomes' by Terry Pratchett. Entry £2.75

Vocal Solo

___ Solo song 9 years and under 'Let's Go Fly a Kite' by Sherman Brothers

(Mary Poppins Vocal Selections, Hal Leonard). Entry £3.25

___ Solo song 11 years and under 'Morning has broken' VV. 1 & 3 Traditional arrangement Barratt

(The ABRSM Songbook 2). Entry £3.50

Parent Evenings - Week beginning 11th January 2016

As I said in an earlier newsletter, we will be giving parents a termly report, as part of a Parent Evening, about how your child is performing and ways you can help at home. As part of this change, we are moving parent evenings much earlier in the term so we can share the Autumn Term Report. Please return the following reply slip to book an appointment. Please note: Due to a school sporting commitment led by Mrs Taggart, Parent Evenings for Robins class slightly vary to the other classes and will take place on Thursday 14th January, not Tuesday 12th January like the others. All classes will also be holding Parents Evenings on Wednesday 13th January.

Reply Slips: PARENT EVENINGS - Please put your child's name by as many time slots as possible or talk directly with Joanna Sawyer to book a slot for Parents' Evening. Times are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Robins Class - Mrs Taggart

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Barn Owls Class - Miss Vickers

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Nightingales Class - Miss Marrison

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Red Kites Class - Mrs Coulthard

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Save Our Trees!

If you are currently getting a hard copy of this newsletter, please consider changing to an electronic copy. It means we can communicate with you much more quickly and save paper. If you would like to change, please give your email address(es) to Mrs Sawyer in the school office.

For those people who get electronic copies, there are always spare hard copies of reply slips available in the school office so do ask if you need one.