



# Summer Term 2017

28<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. We had a very successful Health Week last week and the children are enjoying the start to their new topics this week. Red Kites have a woodland writing area growing in their classroom, ready for "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and Nightingales have a space centre! Robins went animal crazy on Wednesday in preparation for their elephant's Round the World Tour and Barn Owls are going to be regular visitors to Short Wood, starting with seeing the bluebells this morning.

As you may know, there are various compulsory tests that are set by the Government to assess children's ability against the some of the expected standards for their age. During May, pupils in Years Two and Six sit tests in reading and maths. Year Six pupils also sit tests in spelling, punctuation and grammar. These tests are a snapshot of how pupils are doing on one day and as such, we aim to keep them as low key as possible. These tests, alongside teacher assessments in maths, reading and writing, give one an important view of how a child is performing. However, it is only one part of a much wider picture that will indicate how a child is getting on in school, including their ability to get on and work well with others. Whilst we want the children to do as well as we know they have the potential to do, this should be a chance for them to show off their skills and not worry about whether they have got it wrong or right. No child at primary age should be worrying about tests they need to do so if your child is concerned, please reassure them that these are not anything to worry about.

Year Six will be sitting tests throughout the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May. Year Two will be completing their tests in small groups at different points throughout the month of May. Results will be shared with parents at the end of the academic year. If you have any questions, do ask your child's class teacher at the parent evenings next week on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 5.00 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Please book a slot with Mrs Sawyer in the school office if you have not already done so. Final timings will be sent out on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

There are still places remaining in the Change4Life Club for KS1 children. Miss Marrison runs this club and the first session after school yesterday sounded great fun, with the children learning new skills and taking a lot of exercise alongside learning about healthy lifestyles. Please let Joanna in the office know if you would your Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child to join in this free club taking place after school on Thursdays.

Mrs Katherine Towns, Head

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Associate Head

Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> May - Year 2 tests will take place during May		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		Gymnastics club
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Strings tuition Running Club	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Gardening club School Nurse Team in for Reception Screening	No Knitting Club No Change4Life club Parents' Evening
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket Coaching Y1-4 Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 tests will take place during May / Year 6 tests all week		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming Y1-4	Tennis Club
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Gymnastics club
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Strings tuition Running Club	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Gardening club	Knitting Club Change4Life club
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	May Singing around the village Robins to Forest School Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Maypole Dancing and School Fete</b>	
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 tests will take place during May		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming Y1-4	Tennis Club
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Rugby coaching for Y1-4	Gymnastics club
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Red Kites to Ilam for Drama Residential Nightingales class to Duathlon Strings tuition Running Club	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Red Kites to Ilam for Drama Residential Gardening club Nightingales to Space Centre	No Knitting Club Change4Life club
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Red Kites to Ilam for Drama Residential Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club

Monday (a Bank Holiday) sees the start of a very busy May:



### May Singing

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, the children will be singing their traditional May songs around the village, weather permitting. As always, parents are very welcome to join us. We will aim to leave school at 9.10 a.m. All the children should wear school uniform as usual and ensure they bring their coats. **Traditionally, the girls carry flowers and the boys carry either flowers or a May stick (a stick wrapped in flowers and greenery) that they will need to bring to school that morning.** As part of the singing, this year we are raising money for the Place of Grace charity that we are developing links with in Bangkok, Thailand. After singing, we stop at the churchyard and some of the children like to leave their flowers there. If you would like your child to bring their flowers back to school with them, please let their class teacher know. We will finish the morning at Sally Nolan's garden in the village, who very kindly provides a drink and biscuit for all the children.

### ....and May Dancing!

Glaphorn School's May Fete is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May starting at 1.15pm**. The fete begins with May singing and dancing around the Maypole. All the children should be in school by **1.00p.m.** dressed smartly in their own clothes and wearing shoes that they can dance in. If you have any questions about the arrangements or **your child will not be there on the day, please let your child's teacher know** as soon as possible as it will have a significant impact on the dance if children are unexpectedly absent.

After the Maypole dancing is the fete with lots of different activities on offer. Watch out for more information from FOGS about this.

**As a reminder, photos cannot be taken at school events as we have children in this school that do not have permission for their photos to be used for their own protection. You are very welcome to take photos of your child after the dancing and the Maypole will be left up so you can use it for photos.**



### Important summer term dates

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6pm</b>	Sports evening at <b>Southwick playing field</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm</b>	Dress rehearsal 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2pm</b>	Afternoon whole school summer performance 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6pm</b>	Evening whole school summer performance 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 6pm</b>	Leavers' service at <b>Southwick Church</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2pm</b>	Leavers' assembly at school