



Spring Term 2017

Friday 13th January

Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 1
Glapthorn C. E. Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! It is great to see the children back, ready for the new term and new year. The children have been straight back into working very hard, coming up with lots of ideas for their new topics. Curriculum leaflets went home on Wednesday giving you more detail about what your child is learning about this term and if you would like to know anything else or have any expertise where you can offer help, do talk to your child's class teacher. Reception looked wonderful on Tuesday all dressed up to kick start their topic on castles. Barn Owls class will be helping Fenchurch, Paddington Bear's nephew, this term and hopefully will get to find the great bear himself! Nightingales class are learning about the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, culminating in a residential trip to York in March. Red Kites are taking Hollywood (or Bollywood) by storm, entering the world of show business!

We welcomed Mrs Toni Millward to Barn Owls at the beginning of this week as a Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor and we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lorraine Croot on Monday who will also be joining the Support Staff team. Mrs Wendy Edwards is around school most days now, teaching in all classes except Robins class and leading Special Educational Needs throughout the school during Miss Gregory's maternity leave.

As Mrs Julia Hart, our Chair of Governors, said in her last newsletter of last term, I have made the very difficult decision to resign from my role as Head. It has been wonderful to see the school progress over the last three years as it has transformed from a lower school to a primary school and to see such an exciting curriculum embedded throughout the school, taught by our brilliant staff team, and to know the school is in a really strong position to move forward to be outstanding. However, I have decided that it is time for me to move on to other projects. I will be working as a tutor on school leadership programmes for heads, senior and middle leaders and among other things, I also plan to do some more teaching, which is ultimately what I love doing. These roles will also fit better with having a young family and mean I am available more for my children whilst they are still little. I know Julia and the rest of Governors have my replacement well in hand and the school has been busy over the last week with showing candidates around. I will, of course, ensure that any handover is as smooth as possible for the school.

This term is busy with Bikeability, Candlemas and a blessing for our new buildings so do read the newsletter carefully to find out what is going on.

Katherine Towns (Head)

Lou Coulthard (Associate Head)

Present Aid

Once again, the children approached Present Aid with great thoughtfulness and many brought pocket money in alongside a donation as part of the Mufti day at the end of term. Nightingales class planned a whole enterprise project as part of the fund raising and so a big thank you to all the parents who bought cakes and poems to help them achieve their target.

Robins class chose to buy a pair of chickens, raising just over £12.30

Barn Owls class chose to buy a pack to 'feed a family; and a hygiene kit, raising £23.

Nightingales class raised an amazing £132.70 and so were able to buy 10 'Hook, Line and Sinker' kits, providing fishing materials for those in need in the developing world.

Red Kites raised £48, thanks to lots of pocket money coming in, and so were able to buy a 'Floating Garden including extra tools and 'Feed a Family'.

Well done to all involved in this charity fundraising!

Dates for the Term

Robinson's Resources will be collecting from here on Monday 16th January so please bag up all outgrown or unwanted clothes, linen and paired shoes and leave the bags just inside the staff car park gate when dropping off your children. They do usually come sharp on 9.00am so do please leave your bags before then.

Year 4 pupils will be attending the annual **Candlemas service** at St. Peter's Church, Oundle on Wednesday 1st February. At the service, pupils collect a candle that is brought back into school and lit every day as part of daily collective worship. They will leave at 9.30 a.m. and will be back in time for lunch and will be accompanied by Miss Marrison.

Now that School House garden is paved, we are holding an official blessing of our new buildings on Friday 10th February at 9.15 a.m., celebrating the addition of School House and Red Kites class to our school. We are delighted to welcome the Venerable Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton to the school to lead our blessing. We are inviting a range of people who helped us to make the building work a reality and supported us with the projects over the last couple of years. There will be a service in the Palmer Hall (school hall) at 9.15 a.m. followed by refreshments and tours of the school. All parents are invited to attend.

Collective Worship

Our assemblies always have a theme and this term, we will be looking at the Fruits of the Spirit, linked to our Learning Dinosaurs. Over the next fortnight, we will be talking particularly about kindness.

We are also welcoming Dot and Peter Coatham in on Monday to lead an assembly linking Winnie the Pooh and the Queen who both celebrated turning 90 last year! We will continue to welcome Rev Stephen Webster and Rev Jema Ball in weekly to lead our Thursday assemblies.

School Admissions

Reception Starters

If your child turns 4 between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, you need to apply for a school place for starting school in September 2017. On-line admissions are now open and applications must be made by **15th January 2017**.

To apply for a primary place, follow this link:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/Pages/default.aspx>

EYFS/KS1 Multi-Sports Club (run by Premier Sport)

Several parents mentioned that they were having difficulty booking their child into this club on the Premier Sport website. The problem has now been fixed so if you would like your child to join the Club please see the booking form attached to this newsletter, or alternatively use the hard copy booking form which is in your child's bag today, Friday. More paper booking forms are available from the school office if you need another copy.

Brass

Opportunities have arisen for KS2 children to learn a brass instrument. Several children have expressed an interest in learning brass, so if you would like your child to make the most of this opportunity, please see Mrs. Sawyer in the office as soon as possible.

Music lessons generally take place once a week and are shared by two or three children. The cost of 11 weekly lessons/term (2 remaining terms this academic year) this year is £61/term, although they have been nearer £75/term in other years. Instruments are provided on loan to music pupils.

Oundle Cinema

Oundle Cinema's 2017 programme is littered with award winning films. It starts with the uplifting *Sing Street* (which has an 80s soundtrack all parents will enjoy) on Sun 22 Jan and includes *The BFG*, *Bridget Jones's Baby*, *Fantastic Beasts* and *The Girl on the Train*. Brochures available in the school foyer. Tickets £5/£3 from www.oundlecinema.org.uk or the Oundle Festival Box Office.

School Diary		
Week beginning 16 th January		
Day	During School	After School
Monday 16 th January	Robinson's Resource Collection 9 a.m. Bikeability Training for Red Kites class	Art Club
Tuesday 17 th January	Bikeability Training for Red Kites class	EYFS/KS1 Multi-sports club
Wednesday 18 th January	Bikeability Training for Red Kites class Running Club Signing Club Strings lessons	
Thursday 19 th January	Bikeability Training for Red Kites class Gardening Club	KS2 Basketball Club Knitting Club
Friday 20 th January	French Club Weaving Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club
Week beginning 23 rd January		
Monday 23 rd January		Art Club
Tuesday 24 th January		EYFS/KS1 Multi-sports club
Wednesday 25 th January	Running Club Signing Club Strings lessons	
Thursday 26 th January	Gardening Club	KS2 Basketball Club Knitting Club
Friday 27 th January	French Club Weaving Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club
Week beginning 30 th January		
Monday 30 th January		Art Club
Tuesday 31 st January		EYFS/KS1 Multi-sports club
Wednesday 1 st February	Head Teacher Interviews Year 4 to St. Peter's Church, Oundle for Candlemas (a.m. only) Running Club Signing Club Strings lessons	
Thursday 2 nd February	Gardening Club	Cluster Basketball Competition @ PWS - no Basketball Club No Knitting Club
Friday 3 rd February	French Club Weaving Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club