



Spring Term 2017

Friday 27th January

Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 2
Glapthorn C. E. Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

With Spring around the corner, it is a good time to remind you about our Garden of Memories. After the very sad death of a pupil, the Garden of Memories was established which is located in the top corner of our grassed area, including a small gazebo where children can be quiet and peaceful. Like adults, all children deal with bereavement in different ways but it is something that affects many of our children and they can find it difficult to talk about and understand. One small way we help with this is to give pupils the opportunity to plant a bulb as a memory and the date of planting is recorded in a special book that is kept on our altar in the hall. This means that every Spring when the bulbs flower, we can remember those that have died. Children have planted bulbs in memory of friends, family and beloved pets so if at any point you feel it would help your child to plant a bulb, please speak to us.

As we said in the last newsletter, in assembly (collective worship), we are talking about the Fruits of the Spirit, linked to our Learning Dinosaurs. For the last fortnight, we have been talking about 'kindness', learning about how we should 'treat others how we would like to be treated' which is our main school rule. We have learned a little bit about Gandhi and how he showed kindness too. For the next fortnight, we are learning about 'self-control' and why it is important to show self-control. We have talked about why we need to use self-control if we are feeling angry and also to stop us eating all the chocolate! We have talked about which Learning Dinosaur is particularly good at demonstrating self-control and the children think both Thinkosaurus, who is 'reflective' and really good at thinking through different ways of solving problems, and Tryosaurus, who is 'resilient' and shows perseverance both demonstrate self-control. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child(ren) about what self-control means and how they might show it in their everyday life.

Thank you to all our parents who park sensibly and safely. Lots of children use our 'morning club' (75p charge from 8.30 a.m.) and use our drop-off zone in the layby and both have helped to reduce the parking pressures in the morning considerably. However, it is still very busy on the road so please park sensibly. Please do not park in a way that blocks the track entrance or park in the layby between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. as it prevents our drop-off system working and puts the safety of our pupils at risk.

Lots of children have been receiving Reading Star and Maths Wizard certificates in assembly to celebrate working at home on their reading and maths. We have had lots of positive comments about the 'Maths Wizards' approach but if you have any questions about either the system or any particular task card, do ask Mrs Coulthard, who is leading on this, or your child's class teacher.

Katherine Towns, Head
Lou Coulthard, Associate Head

Have you got a message for Barn Owls or Nightingales staff?

A whiteboard has been set up in the entrance area to the classes to allow parents to leave non-confidential messages for staff, e.g. if your child is going home with someone different. Staff will check it every morning so this will hopefully prove a quick and efficient way for you to share messages with teachers.

Staff will be available as usual to verbally give messages to and as we have said previously, if you have anything you wish to discuss in detail with teachers, please make an appointment through the school office for after school so the teacher has enough time to discuss things when their focus is not on the children in their classroom.

Dates for the Term

Candlemas Service - Wed 1st February - St. Peter's Church, Oundle

This is an annual service where pupils collect a candle to bring back to school to be lit at the start of every collective worship. Year 4 pupils will travel by coach to and from the event and will be back in time for lunch.

Blessing of the New Buildings - Friday 10th February at 9.15 a.m.

Half Term Monday - 13th - 17th February - **School Closed**

School reopens on Monday 20th February

Don't Forget ...



Lots of the children, particularly in Red Kites and Nightingales classes are forgetting to bring their reading records, PE kits and musical instruments into school. Please can you remind your child to check what they need in school for each day to ensure they have everything!

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT

Share the magic at Oundle Library

Thursday 2nd February 2017

4.30-6.00 pm

Potions, spells, quizzes, games, refreshments and prizes! Join in some magical fun as we celebrate Harry Potter Book Night and the Professors of Hogwarts.

£1 per child

Don't forget to come in costume!

School Diary		
Week beginning 30th January		
Day	During School	After School
Monday 30 th January		Art Club
Tuesday 31 st January		Multisport Club
Wednesday 1 st February	Strings tuition Year Fours to Candlemas, St. Peter's Church, Oundle Running Club Signing Club	
Thursday 2 nd February	Gardening club	Basketball Competition at PWS No basketball club No knitting club
Friday 3 rd February	Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Rugby club
Week beginning 6th February		
Monday 6 th February		Art Club
Tuesday 7 th February		Multisport Club
Wednesday 8 th February	Strings tuition Running Club Signing Club	
Thursday 9 th February	Gardening club	Basketball club Knitting club
Friday 10 th February	Blessing Service - Parents Invited Robins to Forest School Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Rugby club
Half Term Monday 13th - 17th February		
Week beginning 20th February		
Monday 20 th February		Art Club
Tuesday 21 st February		Multisport Club
Wednesday 22 nd February	Strings tuition Running Club Signing Club	3.15 p.m. Meeting for Nightingales' Parents about trip to York
Thursday 23 rd February	Gardening club	Basketball club Knitting club
Friday 24 th February	Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Rugby club