



Spring Term 2016

Friday 29th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy week with trips for Barn Owls to Warwick Castle and to Flag Fen for Red Kites and Nightingales classes. These trips bring alive the learning for the children and so are such an important part of life at school.

The term seems to have raced by and we only have a fortnight left until the half term break! A reminder for parents with children in Red Kites and Nightingales that those children will be leading the final assembly of the term on Friday 12th February at 9 a.m. and all parents are welcome to come along.

In our assemblies this term, we have been revisiting our Learning Dinosaurs: Respectosaurus, talking about anti-bullying, Tryosaurus, learning about persevering even when we want to give up and Thinkosaurus, learning about finding a different way if at first we don't succeed. We have also been learning about specific Christian festivals and events, for example, Epiphany on 6th January and Timkat, an Ethiopian celebration of Epiphany focused on John the Baptist that took place on 20th January. We will be learning about Chinese New Year on 8th February - it is the Year of the Monkey in 2016. You can work out if you were born in a Year of the Monkey by working out if your birth year is a multiple of 12 - or getting your child to do this if they are a keen mathematician!

Thank you to all those on Facebook who have 'liked' our new school page. This is a public page used, alongside twitter, to share some of the events in school. To 'like' our page and follow our news, you can follow us on twitter @glapthornschool or like us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/glapthornschool/?fref=nf>

For those of you that do not know, we also have a Friends of Glapthorn School page that is a closed group. It was established to create another way through which parents can communicate school news, promote events and share achievements within our school family community. It is only open to school staff, volunteers, governors and families with children at the school. Search for 'Friends of Glapthorn C School' on facebook and request to join the group. As with all social media, please only post photos of your own child(ren). Our school website is regularly updated and is a useful resource for information, including all our newsletters. See the 'Children' section for our class pages.

Katherine Towns

Garden of Memories

Please remember that if your child has faced bereavement and it would be helpful for them, they can plant a bulb in our Garden of Memories. Speak either to myself or another member of staff and we will organise it. When a bulb is planted, the event is recorded in our Memories book, which is kept on our altar in the school hall.

Week beginning Monday 1st February

Day	During School	After School
Monday 1 st February	Strings lessons	Arts and craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 2 nd February	Running club	Basketball club
Wednesday 3 rd February	Year 4 to St. Peter's for Candlemas Service by coach Gardening club Brass and recorder lessons	Football club
Thursday 4 th February		Dance club
Friday 5 th February	Woodwind lessons French club	Rugby club Film Club
Sunday 7 th February	9.15 a.m. Family Service at St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn	

Week beginning Monday 8th February

Day	During School	After School
Monday 8 th February	Building Work starts Strings lessons	Arts and craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 9 th February	Running club	No Basketball Club Basketball Tournament at Prince William School at 4 p.m.
Wednesday 10 th February	Gardening club Brass and recorder lessons	Football club
Thursday 11 th February		Dance club
Friday 12 th February	Red Kites and Nightingales leading assembly 9 a.m. - all welcome Woodwind lessons French club	Rugby club

HALF TERM Monday 15th-19th February

Day	During School	After School
Monday 22 nd February	Strings lessons	Arts and craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 23 rd February		Basketball club
Wednesday 24 th February	Brass and recorder lessons Lego Club	Football club
Thursday 25 th February	Golf Coaching for Years 3, 4 & 5	Dance club
Friday 26 th February	Woodwind lessons	Rugby club

Lego Club

Mrs. Harrington has very kindly offered to run Lego Club again on Wednesdays, 12.45-1.15pm, starting after half term. This Lego Club is initially open to Barn Owls and Nightingales, but may be opened up to other classes depending on numbers, which have to be limited.

If your child would like to be a part of Lego Club, please let Joanna Sawyer in the office know as soon as possible - first come first served - and definitely by Friday 5th February so that we know whether we have capacity to open the club up to additional classes.

Dates for the Term

7th February - 9.15 a.m. Family Service in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn

9th February, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Y4/5 Cluster Basketball Tournament at Prince William School led by Miss Marrison. **Please note; there will be no basketball club on that afternoon for the children not participating in the event.**

12th February, 9 a.m. - Nightingales and Red Kites Assembly - Parents Welcome

15th - 19th February - Half Term Holiday - School Closed. School reopens on Monday 22nd February.

6th March - 9.15 a.m. Family Service in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn to celebrate Mothering Sunday

14th - 18th March KidLit Festival - Classes to visit Oundle School to hear authors:

Monday 14th March, 10.30 a.m. - Barn Owls

Tuesday 15th March, 1.30 p.m. - Robins

Thursday 17th March, 10.30 a.m. - Red Kites

These visits will take place during the school day and no packed lunch/special arrangements are required.

Tuesday 15th March - Year Five to Prince William School to participate in a cluster Human Utopia event. More information to follow.

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th March - Nightingales Trip to Aylmerton with Polebrook School, accompanied by Mrs Towns and Miss Marrison.

Thursday 17th March - Robins and Barn Owls Trip to Rockingham Castle

Wednesday 23rd March - Robins and Barn Owls assembly - Parents Welcome

Thursday 24th March - Friday 8th April - Easter Holiday - School Closed.

School reopens on Monday 11th April.

Family Service

The next two Family Services are on:

7th February - 9.15 a.m. Family Service in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn

6th March - 9.15 a.m. Family Service in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn to celebrate Mothering Sunday

If you are able to attend and your child would like participate, e.g. be a reader (at an age appropriate level), please return the slip below. These services are informal and children do not need to wear school uniform.

Nightingales and Red Kites Residential Trips to Aylmerton and Wye

Please can we remind parents who are paying for the above trips by instalments that the next payment (£60) is due on Monday 1st February.

Reply slip for Family Service

Child(ren)'s Name _____

We will attend Family Service at St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn on:
(please tick)

_____ 7th February

_____ 6th March (Mothering Sunday celebration)