



Summer Term 2016

Friday 8th July 2016

Glaphorn C.E. Primary School

Issue 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the children who read beautifully in Family Service last Sunday. Well done also to our talented Y4 and Y5 musicians who performed brilliantly in the Cluster Orchestra at St. Peter's Church last week.

In the last of the baby news, a big congratulations to Miss Gregory who is expecting her second child in January 2017. Miss Gregory will be with us until Christmas and we will be advertising in the Autumn Term for a replacement for her maternity leave to begin in January.

I would like to say a huge thank you to FOGS and all the parents who have helped with fundraising for the school over the last couple of years. FOGS have donated £7000 towards the School House project and this money, along with other donations and money from the school budget means the work has begun and is on schedule to be completed for September. We are still fundraising as this is an expensive project but the FOGS contribution puts us much closer to our target so thank you!

On the subject of building work, you will have seen the building work on the new classroom is still busily taking place. In fact, the classroom is nearly finished and looking brilliant. The work on the hall windows has taken longer than planned and I would like to say a thank you to staff and children (and particularly our caretaker, Mrs Stone) for their patience whilst we have dealt with disruption and mess. The work to the outside area was delayed due to planning permission issues but all is now underway and you may have seen the increased staff parking being put in under the trees and a pathway from the layby, which will enable parents to drop their children off in the morning rather than needing to park, if they wish to do so. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your patience with the parking situation. I know it is currently pretty terrible with two building projects taking place and the limited staff parking frequently out of use due to deliveries. Thank you and roll on September!

School reports will be sent out to all parents on Monday 11th July. If you wish to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please speak directly to their teacher to make an appointment.

With all this rain, our allotment is growing everything, including weeds, very rapidly! The children have been working hard to keep the weeds under control but we desperately need some volunteers to help with it from now until the end of term and again to keep an eye on it over the school holidays. If you have a few spare moments in the next couple of weeks and would be happy to pull up some of the weeds it would be really appreciated. Also if you are able to help look after the allotment at any time in the holidays, please let Joanna know in the office which week you are able to help. It would just involve popping in and doing a bit of weeding, and if the rain ever stops giving the plants some water if required a couple of times that week. If you don't feel you can commit to a particular week but are ever passing and need something to entertain the children, please feel free to go to the allotment with them and do some weeding and gardening. They will be able to tell you which are the school allotments. All help is very gratefully received!

Katherine Towns, Head

Week beginning Monday 4 th July		
Sunday 10 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handbells Service at Cotterstock Church (Red Kites) 	
Week beginning Monday 11 th July - NO CLUBS (apart from Mad Science)		
Monday 11 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No swimming • 9.30 a.m. Dress Rehearsal • Jo Elijah visiting Barn Owls and Nightingales classes to talk about Judaism 	
Tuesday 12 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final strings lesson • 2 p.m. 'Pirates versus Merpeople' 	
Wednesday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move Up Day throughout school • 9 a.m. New Starters in Robins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 p.m. 'Pirates versus Merpeople'
Thursday 14 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robins to Short Wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mad Science
Friday 15 th July MUFTI DAY £1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mufti Day in aid of School House • Family Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.30-5.00 FOGS Disco
Week beginning Monday 18 th July - NO CLUBS		
Monday 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robinsons Resources Textiles Collection • Swimming 	
Tuesday 19 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teamwork Sports Afternoon 	
Wednesday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 p.m. Final Assembly - all parents welcome 	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Dates for the Diary

Summer Reading Challenge - A member of staff from Oundle Library came in today to talk to the children about their Summer Reading Challenge, and the children should all have a leaflet about this in their bookbags. There is also a leaflet attached with this newsletter so do please get involved as it is good fun and encourages the children's reading during the summer.

'Pirates versus Merpeople' – Tuesday 12th July at 2 p.m. and Wednesday 13th July at 6 p.m. Tickets are now available for £1.50 each. Please buy your tickets **in advance** as we have limited space. There will be no admittance without tickets.

The dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 11th July at 9.30 a.m. Parents with small children are welcome to bring them along to this (no tickets required) as we ask that small children are not brought to the main performances as they find it difficult to keep quiet and still, which in turn can spoil the performance for others.

Red Kites and Nightingales Classes, after their Dragons' Den experience, have been busy working on the winning project, an **Art Exhibition**. To view and possibly buy some of the art work, please come along to the exhibition on Thursday 14th July, 1.15-3.00pm. There will be an auction of a few prime pieces of work at 2.30, and food and drink will be served throughout.

Mufti Day and FOGS Disco – Friday 15th July. Children can come to School in their own clothes for a £1 donation. All funds will go towards School House.

Move Up Day all day on Wednesday 13th July. This gives the children moving into new classes a chance to get to know their new teacher and class. Children should be taken into their new classrooms in the morning by parents, not their current ones. They won't need book bags on that day so feel free to take two books the day before so you don't need to swap books on Wednesday 13th July. Current Y2 and Y3 children will be in the mobile classroom for the day.

Robinsons Resources are making one more collection this term on Monday 18th July so please bring any surplus to requirements textiles to school that morning securely bagged up and leave the bags just near the Biffa bin this time please, as being the only spare bit of space that I can see out of my window at this moment!!

I just thought it worth pointing out that as well as being a brilliant way of recycling any unwanted textiles, Robinsons Resources have donated over £900 to the school during the last three years, which I think you will agree makes it a very satisfactory form of fundraising and helping charitable causes and the environment at the same time!

School finishes on Wednesday 20th July and there is a final assembly at 2 p.m. that parents are welcome to attend. **If your child received a cup in last year's assembly, please ensure it is returned cleaned, and engraved if you wish, to the school office by Tuesday 12th July.**

School restarts on Monday 5th September 2016.

Oundle International Festival 2016 (8-16 July) provides 9 days of world class jazz, folk, classical, choral, indie and ska music, theatre and film on your doorstep.

Events include Illyria's production of '*Danny, the Champion of the World*', *The Beat at Party at the Wharf*, music from local rising stars and an outdoor screening of *Grease*.

www.oundlefestival.org.uk

A big thank you to everyone who supported Barn Owls' Enterprise Project, selling cards to raise money to get Dave from XoticRaptor back into school.

The project raised £90, almost half the money required and with a top up from school funds, the children enjoyed another brilliant visit from Dave on Tuesday, meeting a chameleon, tarantula, hissing cockroach and some leeches!

The class are looking forward to learning about Judaism over the next couple of weeks, building on their trip to the synagogue in June and they have a visit from Jo Elijah on Monday who will be telling them all about the Torah.

A big thank you to all who gave us Waitrose green tokens. We have raised almost £300 towards developing the outside area by School House.



Sports News

Well done to the children who participated in the cluster cricket competition at Prince William School on Tuesday. The children got through to the semi-finals and all greatly enjoyed the experience, although there were a few tired eyes the next day!

There will be a Teamwork Sports Afternoon on Tuesday 19th July so all children should have their PE kits in school on that day.

Although clubs have finished, a few children in Running Club are aiming to get their marathon and half-marathon awards so if your child is in Running Club, they will have the option of an extra running session on either Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th July so need their trainers and kit in school on those days.

I have been finalising after school clubs for the Autumn Term and a list of these will be sent out on the first day of the next academic year. In the meantime, if you would like to sign your child up for Boxercise, there is a link on the Friends of Glapthorn School's facebook page.

Finally, a special mention to Lucas and Oscar in Year Five who have done a brilliant job this term helping Mrs Taggart run the after school Change4Life club for the younger children. They have shown a very thoughtful, caring and proactive attitude and Mrs Taggart is very impressed with them!