



Spring Term 2017

17th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our Chair of Governors told you last week, Mrs Coulthard will be taking on the role of Head of School from 1st June. Although she will continue to be doing some teaching, she will no longer be class based. This means we currently have a vacancy for a KS2 teacher from September 2017.

We also write to share big congratulations with Miss Sarah Marrison who has been appointed to become a teacher at a special school for pupils with autism. This is an area that Miss Marrison has always been particularly interested in as she is beginning a Masters qualification focused on Specials Needs later in the year. Miss Marrison will finish at the end of the academic year and we wish her well for her new role in September.

Interviews for two KS2 teachers will take place on 28th March and we plan to write to you soon after to let you know who will be joining our staff team permanently.

Parking in the layby has again become an issue. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE LAYBY BETWEEN 8.40—9.00am - please use it JUST AS A DROP-OFF POINT.

Information on clubs, parent evenings and swimming for the summer term will all be in the next newsletter so watch out for it on Friday 31st March!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do please speak to us.

Mrs Katherine Towns, Head

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Associate Head

Simon Aylin's Telling Tales Theatre company still have spaces left on all their 2017 holiday workshops taking place in Oundle. These workshops offer a great programme of drama games, exercises and rehearsals leading to a performance for friends and family. The courses are suitable for children aged 5 to 16. Course hours are 9.30am till 4.30pm daily and for an additional fee we run extra hours care from 8.30am and until 5.30pm. The workshops cost £160 (or £185 with extra hours care).

"JOSEPH AND HIS TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT" 3rd-7th April

"TROLLS THE MUSICAL!" 31st July-4th August

"THE JUNGLE BOOK" 7th-11th August

Visit www.tellingtales theatre.com to make a booking.

A couple of reminders ...

You are welcome to remain after school to allow your children to play in the playground. Please ensure your child tidies away any toys they have been playing with before they leave. All children are the responsibility of their parents.

Please keep dogs out of the main school areas as we have some children who allergic or scared of dogs. You are very welcome to wait with your dog outside the green gates.

Health (Mini) Week - 19th-21st April

As part of Health (Mini) Week taking place 19th - 21st April, the children will be learning about keeping themselves healthy and fit in a range of ways, working with different teachers. The children will be learning about anti-bullying with Miss Marrison, drugs education (e.g. knowing about keeping safe around medicines) with Mrs Coulthard, taking care of ourselves (e.g. sun safety, dental care) with Miss Vickers/Mrs Edwards and healthy lifestyles with Mrs Oram.

For part of each day, they will stay with their class teachers to carry out a range of activities, including learning about Sex and Relationships. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from this so if you do not wish them to be included, please let their class teacher know by Friday 31st March and they will be given supervised alternative work elsewhere during those sessions.

The Sex and Relationships Education curriculum we are covering will be as follows:

Robins Class:

- To know that we grow and change and that our birthdays are celebrating the day we were born.
- To know how baby animals change as they grow
- To know how babies/children change as they grow
- To know how to help others and to be a good friend

Barn Owls Class:

- To know animals produce young, including a film where a cat gives birth
- To know the importance of privacy and keeping themselves safe in different situations
- To know there are many similarities and differences between people

Nightingales Class:

- To know the difference between males and females, including the correct vocabulary for body parts
- To know the main stages in the human life cycle including how babies are made
- To know the basics of how a baby develops and is born, e.g. scans
- To discuss inherited / acquired features and mannerisms

Red Kites Class:

- To recap on topics being covered with younger classes
- To discuss coping with change, linked to growing up and begin to know some of the changes that will happen during puberty, why they happen and how we manage them
- To know why we are all special

Year 5/6 pupils will also have a session with Sophie Guyatt, our School Nurse on Puberty, building on the talk she gave them last year. If you have any questions about any aspect of Health Week, please ask.

Chattabox Holiday Club : 14th - 18th August 2017

Please find the registration form for this popular summer holiday club attached.

Message from the Music Teachers

If your child learns a musical instrument, please would you encourage/ensure that a) they take their instrument home after their lesson each week and spend a little time, ideally daily, practising, and b) they bring their instrument back into school again on lesson day!

Red Nose Day is on Friday 24th March and all children are welcome to 'wear something red' to celebrate, for the donation of £1 towards the Red Nose Day charity. FOGS will be running a Comic Relief/Red Nose Day Photo Booth during the day and photos will be available to buy for 50p each at pick up time. Please remember to bring in some change at home time! All proceeds to Comic Relief.

Have you had your child's eyes tested?

Eye tests are free and it is worth getting your child's eyes checked every two years to identify any problems.

For more information:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/opticians/Pages/childrens-eyes.aspx>

Knitting Club would like to make a knitted patchwork blanket for a refugee baby through the project <http://www.knitaid.org/howtohelp/>

Can you help?

We need 9 cm knitted squares of any colour. Please can you give any donations to Mrs Coulthard by Friday 31st March!

Parenting Classes

Some parenting classes are being organised for June that will be based in Kings Cliffe. There will be four sessions looking at '123 Magic' which is a very effective behavioural approach to use at home.

If you are interested in attending the free parenting classes, please can you email Mrs Sawyer confidentially at bursar@glapthorn.northants-ecl.gov.uk or talk to either Mrs Towns or Mrs Sawyer as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers from our school.

Fruits of the Spirit Assemblies

Currently, we are talking about 'patience' in assemblies, which is a learning behaviour that our Learning Dinosaur, Tryosaurus, is particularly good at.

'Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude whilst waiting.' Anon

Vacancy for Wraparound Care Assistant

Due to an increase in numbers, we are currently looking for someone to support the running of Breakfast Club and/or After School Club. The post(s) would include free childcare for children who attend Glapthorn School. The role is likely to be for a few days a week, either mornings or afternoon (or both), with mutual agreement.

For more information, see <http://glapthornschoo.lk.org/vacancies.html>

Please ask Mrs Sawyer or Mrs Towns if you have any questions.



Nightingales class had a great trip to York last week and were wonderful ambassadors of the school. A big thank you to Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Towns and Miss Marrison for braving sleep deprivation to accompany the children!



Week beginning 20 th March		
Monday 20 th March	Dot and Peter Coatham in to lead assembly Signing Club	Art Club
Tuesday 21 st March		Multisport Club KS2 Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 22 nd March	Strings tuition Running Club Cluster Orchestra Day	
Thursday 23 rd March	No Gardening club Barn Owls Trip to London Robins Trip to Rockingham Castle	Basketball club Knitting club
Friday 24 th March RED NOSE DAY	Weaving Club Brass / Woodwind tuition French club	Rugby club
Sunday 26 th March MOTHERING SUNDAY	Family Services in St. Leonard's Church, Glaphorn, and St. Mary the Virgin, Benefield. Both services at 9.15am	Readers and partakers would be very welcome!
Week beginning 27 th March - NO CLUBS		
Monday 27 th March		
Tuesday 28 th March	KS2 Teacher Interviews	
Wednesday 29 th March	FOGS Easter Egg Hunt Strings tuition	
Thurs 30 th March	Red Kites Film Festival - CHANGE OF DATE	
Friday 31 st March	Celebration Assembly - Parents welcome Robins to Forest School Brass / Woodwind tuition French club	
Week beginning <u>Wednesday</u> 19 th April - No Clubs - HEALTH WEEK		
Wednesday 19 th April	Start of Term	
Thursday 20 th April	School Nurse in to speak to Y5/6	Basketball Finals

Dates for the Term

- **Red Nose Day** - Friday 24th March
- **Family Services, Glaphorn and Benefield** - Sunday 26th March 9.15 both Churches
Please let Mrs. Sawyer know if you will be attending either of the Mothering Sunday Family Services at Glaphorn or Benefield as it would be brilliant to involve the children in the Services.
- **Celebration Assembly** - 31st March 2017 at 9 a.m. - Parents invited.
- **End of Term** - Friday 31st March
- **Summer Term begins on Wednesday 19th April**