



Spring Term 2016

Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I spent the end of last week in North Norfolk with Nightingales class and we all had a great time. The children's behaviour was excellent throughout and they had a brilliant time as their activities ranged from being pirates to seeing the seals at Blakeney Point to visiting Cromer. They made lots of new friends with the children from Polebrook and Easton Garford too. I know Red Kites are looking forward to their spy training in the Wye Valley in April with Nassington School!

This term has been short but very full with trips to Forest School, Flag Fen, Warwick Castle, Rockingham Castle, Oundle KidLit, North Norfolk and celebrations including World Book Day and Sports Relief, not forgetting the Great Glapthorn Easter Egg Hunt yesterday! Here are just a few photos of the many events that have taken place ... more can be seen in the book in the Entrance Area and on our twitter feed

@glapthornschool and school facebook page, as well as our school website, www.glapthornschool.ik.org



The forms for wraparound care can be downloaded from our school website or obtained from the school office. This letter includes reply slips for Summer Term Clubs and Parent Evening consultations so do please read it carefully and return the reply slips at the beginning of next term. Hard copies are available from outside the school office. I hope you all have an enjoyable and healthy Easter holiday!

Katherine Towns
Head

P.S. Please see the attached letter from Heather Smith, County Councillor. We have not been informed of any variation to our current building works and still expect completion on 22nd July.

Glapthorn C.E. Primary School

Issue 6



Spectacular Science Demo at Glapthorn C.E. Primary School!!!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the amazing world of Mad Science!

On **Friday 15th April at 9 a.m.**, Mad Science will be conducting a spectacular science demonstration and would like to cordially invite you to attend.

Our professional Mad Scientist will present 20 minutes of non-stop scientific discovery that will enthral and stimulate your children. Experiments presented may include demonstrations of our spectacular Dry Ice Show or the Mad Science Hovercraft.

Our mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere. We do this by providing them with fun, interactive and educational activities that instill a clearer understanding of science and how it affects the world around us.

Furthermore over the coming weeks we will be running a set of Mad Science After-school Clubs at your school. This is a fun and innovative way for children to continue the learning process after school, without realising they are still learning.

Everything children build or do in our classes, they will be able to take away with them, so that the fun and experimentation can continue at home.

We appreciate your support in this matter so please come along and join the fun!

Yours sincerely,

The Mad Scientists
Mad Science East Midlands

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

School reopens on Monday 11th April.

Monday 11th - Friday 15th April - Health Week

Date for your diary: May Fete involving all the children takes place on Saturday 14th May. Please see the attached letter from FOGS regarding the May Fete.

Parent Evenings will take place in the second week of the summer term and the Spring Term report will be shared with parents at these meetings. If parents do not make an appointment to see their child's classteacher, the report will be sent home after the parent evening dates.

Robins, Nightingales, Red Kites classes- Tuesday 19th April, 5 p.m.- 7.30 p.m., Wednesday 20th April, 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Barn Owls class- Tuesday 19th April, 3.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m., Wednesday 20th April, 3.30 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to school to book a slot. Paper copies are available in the entrance area outside the school office.

Sports News

A big congratulations to the Year 4/5 Netball Team for winning the Values Award for their excellent Sportsmanship.



Swimming

Swimming will begin for all children in Barn Owls, Nightingales and Red Kites classes on Monday 18th April at Oundle Pool for the whole of the summer term. The children will be travelling by coach, but if you would prefer to drop your child off directly at the pool on Milton Road, Oundle, at 9.20 am on Mondays, please let your child's class teacher know. Children will need their swimming kit and can bring a healthy snack to have after swimming to supplement the fruit they will be provided with. Green swimming hats must be worn and are available from the school office at £1.50 each. Asthmatic children should wear yellow hats (also available from the office) so they are distinguishable in the pool.

The School has a policy of not normally allowing goggles to be worn by pupils because it creates an additional element to the activity for the staff to manage. There is a risk of injury to the eyes if the goggles are not put on or removed safely due to the possibility of them flicking back into the face. If your child needs to wear goggles during swimming lessons due to an allergy to pool water, chemicals or similar, please make sure that:-

- a) the goggles are made of unbreakable rubber or plastic;
- b) your child knows how to put on and remove the goggles safely (when putting goggles on, the part of the goggles covering the eyes should be placed over the eyes and held there with one hand, whilst pulling the retaining band over the head. This should be reversed to remove the goggles.)
- c) you have put your request in writing by completing the reply slip below

As always, we need **helpers** with swimming. If you are available to help either for a few sessions or all the sessions, please see Joanna in the office. All volunteers should be DBS checked. If you thinking of helping and have not already been checked, please speak to Joanna in the office.

Goggles Permission Reply Slip - March 2015

Name of child(ren)



Please may my child have permission to wear goggles during School swimming lessons. I confirm that the goggles are made of unbreakable material and that my child knows how to put them on and take them off correctly

Signed

Clubs for Summer Term 2016

Please complete the attached reply slip in the first week of next term to book a place for your child. Places are booked on a first come, first served basis. **Clubs start the week beginning 18th April and the last week will be the week beginning 4th July 2016, except Change4Life Club (see below).** Individual and small group music tuition will continue as it did last term and invoices will be sent out by Mrs Sawyer. Cricket coaching will be delivered weekly in school time throughout the summer term for all KS2 children and so, to provide a wide range of sports, we are having a hockey club after school on Fridays.

A Mad Science Club open to all children (R-Y5) will take place from 16th June to 14th July run by an outside organisation for the cost of £38. The children are having an assembly on Friday 15th April from the Mad Science Team and more information will be sent out after this event. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

Day	Club	Age group	Information
Monday	Change4Life Club (Mrs Taggart)	R-Y2	Change4Life is an exciting programme to engage children in physical activity and school sport, as well as teaching children to keep healthy through the importance of a healthy diet and sleep. This club will not begin immediately so please watch the school newsletter to find out the start date. 3.15 - 4.00 p.m. Max 15
Monday	Cheerleading (Miss Gregory)	Y1-Y5	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Tuesday 	Running (Mrs Towns and Miss Sawyer)	Y2 - Y5	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. Trainers, not plimsolls, required
Tuesday	Tennis (Miss Marrison)	Y3/Y4	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. Max 16 All participants will enter the Y3/4 Cluster Tennis Competition in June.
Wednesday	Gardening Club (Miss Vickers)	Y1 - 5	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. Bring wellies!
Wednesday	Football Club	Y1 - 5	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. Charged - separate form attached
Thursday	Dance Club (External coach)	Y1 - Y5	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. £10 parental contribution. Majority of cost covered by school.
Friday 	French (Madame Neal)	All ages	Lunchtime £3 per session
Friday	Hockey Club (External coach)	Y2 - Y5	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. £10 parental contribution. Majority of cost covered by school.

Reply Slip for Clubs for Summer Term 2016

Please complete and return the reply slip below to book clubs for your child(ren).

Football Club (form attached) and French Club (paper forms already sent home to existing French Clubbers) should be booked using the separate reply slips. Please ask Joanna if you need another form for French or Football.

Day	Club	Age group	Child's Name
Monday	Change4Life	R-Y2	
Monday	Cheerleading	Y1-Y5	
Tuesday	Running	Y2 - Y5	
Tuesday	Tennis	Y3/Y4	
Wednesday	Gardening	Y1 - 5	
Thursday	Dance £10 parental contribution.	Y1 - Y5	
Friday	Hockey £10 parental contribution.	Y2 - Y5	

Parent's Signature: _____

Reply Slips: PARENT EVENINGS - Tuesday 19th / Wednesday 20th April

Please complete and return the reply slip below to book a parent evening slot.

Please tick as many slots as you are able to do.

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 Wednesday 20th April, 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Barn Owls: Tuesday 19th April, 3.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 20th April, 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Class(es): _____

Tuesday 19 th April		Wednesday 20 th April	
3.30	BARN OWLS CLASS ONLY		3.30
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