



Spring Term 2017

31st March

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy term with lots of trips, a film festival, Roman day and so much more! The children finished the term with the long-held and hotly contested Easter Egg hunt and we are all now ready for a holiday! A big thank you to FOGS for organising the Easter Egg Hunt and for all they do for the school throughout the year. This is a long letter with lots of information ready for next term so do please read it carefully.

We were delighted to appoint two excellent teachers this week. Mrs Wendy Edwards, who currently teaches across the school covering maternity leave for Miss Gregory, will be teaching in Nightingales class full time from September. I know she is looking forward to 'keeping' the Year Twos that she knows so well as they become Year Threes and we are very pleased that we will be keeping such a great member of the staff team permanently. Mr Tom Ormston will be joining us as Red Kites teacher in September. Tom taught our current Y4/5 pupils back when they were in Y1/2 when he was on teaching practice here so lots of those children know him already. Both Tom and Wendy will make fantastic additions to our staff team.

Summer Term Events

Swimming begins for Barn Owls and Nightingales classes on Monday 24th April and all the children in Y1 upwards will receive cricket coaching from Merwe Genis on Friday afternoons. For the first half of the summer term, this will be for Barn Owls and Nightingales classes and for the second half term, for Red Kites and Nightingales. Please ensure PE kit, including trainers, are in school for Fridays.

Parent Evenings will take place on Wednesday 3rd May, 5.00 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. and Thursday 4th May, 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. The class teachers will share your child's Spring Term report with you as part of the meeting. Please complete the reply slip at the end of this letter to book a slot.

Health (mini) Week takes place from Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st April. Full details were in the previous newsletter including options for removing your child from Sex Education.

So, all that remains is to wish you all a very Happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 19th April. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do please speak to us.

Mrs Katherine Towns, Head

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Associate Head

Week beginning 19th April - No Clubs		
Wednesday 19 th April	Start of Term Health week Strings tuition Running Club	
Thursday 20 th April	School Nurse in to speak to Y5/6 Health week	Basketball finals
Friday 21 st April	Health week Brass / Woodwind tuition	
Week beginning 24th April - Clubs start		
Monday 24 th April	Signing club	No Tennis club
Tuesday 25 th April		Gymnastics club
Wednesday 26 th April	Strings tuition Running Club	
Thurs 27 th April	Gardening club	Knitting Club Change4Life club 7 p.m. Rutland Learning Trust presentation - school hall
Friday 28 th April	Robins to Forest School Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club
Week beginning 2nd May		
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 2 nd May		Gymnastics club
Wednesday 3 rd May	Strings tuition Running Club	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 th May	Gardening club	Knitting Club Change4Life club Parents' Evening
Friday 5 th May	Robins to Forest School Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club

Maypole Dancing and School Fete - Saturday 13th May

Swimming

Swimming will begin for all children in Barn Owls and Nightingales classes on Monday 24th 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 at the end of this letter**

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 are thinking of helping and have not already been checked, please speak to Joanna in the office.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they shouldn't return to school for at least 24 hours after the last bout and they feeling well again.

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://glapthornschool.ik.org/vacancies.html>

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

Please, please, please do not park in the drop off zone between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Approximately 20% of our pupils regularly use the drop off zone which means 20% less cars taking up parking spaces. However, this is reliant on people not blocking the layby.

We know the vast majority of parents are respecting our request but a small minority of parents are continuing to park there

- PLEASE DON'T!

Clubs for Summer Term 2017

Please complete the **attached reply slip at the end of this letter** 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 24th April and the last week will be the week beginning 10th July 2017 (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 KS1 and KS2 children.

A Mad Science Club open to all children (R-Y5) will take place from 6th June to 11th July run by an outside organisation. The children are having an assembly on Friday 28th 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	Signing Club (Mrs Brown)	R-Y6	12.45-1.15 p.m. An opportunity for your child to learn British Sign Language (BSL)
Monday	Tennis (External coach - Oundle Tennis Club) Begins Monday 8th May	Y1-6	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. This is delivered by a professional tennis coach and costs £4 a session, payable directly to Oundle Tennis Club (see attached letter). Please note Tennis Club starts on Monday 8th May for 9 sessions at total cost of £36, not as stated in Oundle Tennis Club letter.
Tuesday	Gymnastics (External coach - Premier Sport)	R-Y3	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. This is delivered by a professional sports coach and costs £4 a session, payable directly to Premier Sport (see attached letter)
Wednesday	Running (Mrs Oram)	Y2 - Y6	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. Trainers, not plimsolls, required
Wednesday	Gardening Club (Miss Vickers & Mrs Hunt)	Y1 - 6	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. Bring wellies!
Thursday	Change4Life Club (Miss Marrison, supported by members of Sports Crew)	R-Y2	3.15-4.15 p.m. 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. Max 15
Thursday	Knitting Club (Mrs Coulthard)	Y1 - Y6	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Friday	Weaving Club (Mrs Edwards)	Y1 - Y4	12.45 - 1.15 p.m.
Friday 	French (Madame Neal)	All ages	Lunchtime £3 per session. Separate letter to be sent out.
Friday	Striking/Fielding Club (External coach- Premier Sport)	Y2 - Y6	3.15 - 4.15 p.m. £10 parental contribution. Majority of cost covered by school. This is a range of sports that combine striking and fielding, including cricket, rounders and baseball

Reply Slip for Clubs for Summer Term 2017

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

Tennis, gymnastics and french clubs should be booked using the separate reply slips sent out by the professionals directly.

Day	Club	Age group	Child's Name
Monday	Signing Club (Mrs Brown)	R-Y6	
Wednesday	Running (Mrs Oram)	Y2 - Y6	
Wednesday	Gardening Club (Miss Vickers & Mrs Hunt)	Y1 - 6	
Thursday	Change4Life Club (Miss Marrison, supported by members of Sports Crew)	R - Y2	
Thursday	Knitting Club (Mrs Coulthard)	Y1 - Y6	
Friday	Weaving Club (Mrs Edwards)	Y1 - Y4	
Friday	Striking/Fielding Club Include £10 contribution	Y2 - Y6	

Goggles Permission Reply Slip - April 2017

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

Reply Slips: PARENT EVENINGS - Wednesday 3rd May and Thursday 4th May

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.

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

Class(es): _____

Wednesday 3 rd May		Thursday 4 th May	
4.50		3.30	
5.00		3.40	
5.10		3.50	
5.20		4.00	
5.30		4.10	
5.40		4.20	
5.50		4.30	
6.00		4.40	
6.10		4.50	
6.20		5.00	
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6.40		5.20	
6.50			
7.00			
7.10			
7.20			