



Summer Term 2017

12th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a big well done to our Year Sixes who did their End of Key Stage tests this week. They all approached them calmly and worked really hard on them. I am sure they, along with Year Five pupils, are looking forward to a slightly easier week workwise with their Drama Residential in the Peak District next week!

Alongside our year-round open door policy, we annually collect parents' views to feed into our School Development Plan. In view of this, a questionnaire has gone out to each family via 'pupil post' this evening to gauge your views. Please could you complete it and return it to the school office. The information from the questionnaires will be collated and shared with governors, alongside the results of pupil questionnaires and staff questionnaires and it will feed into action planning for the future.

Over the last three years, the standards in reading at our school have increased considerably due to the changes we have made in the teaching of reading. Our children read at a very high level, considerably above the national average. One of the reasons for this is the way the staff in the school do regular guided reading that helps develop the children's understanding and interest in texts. As it is something we are good at as a school, we would like to share it with other teachers through videos. These will be used to train future staff here at Glapthorn and used at any training sessions run in the future for other schools. Please could you complete the reply slip that was sent home in book bags today to give permission for your child to be used as part of this filming. If you have any questions, do please ask us.

As those with children starting in Robins class in September have already been informed, Mrs Taggart and Miss Gregory will be teaching in there as a job share. We are expecting to see both teachers in school before the end of the academic year and look forward to welcoming them back properly for the start of the new academic year. As we have said previously, from September, Mrs Edwards will be teaching in Nightingales class and Mr Ormston will be teaching in Red Kites class full time. Miss Vickers will continue to teach in Barn Owls class four days a week, with Mrs Coulthard teaching in there one day a week.

If you have any questions, do please ask us. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Maypole dancing and school fete, fingers crossed for good weather!

Mrs Katherine Towns, Head

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Associate Head

May Singing!

Well done to all the children and staff for another successful morning of May Singing around the village! This is a special tradition which the children of Glapthorn school have kept for many decades. The children sang beautifully, and thankfully the rain just about held off! This year, we collected for 'The Place of Grace' in Thailand, as we are currently developing our links with Thailand. Special thanks to Sally and Chris who provided a welcome cuppa for the grown-ups, and juice and biscuits for all the children in the village hall.



Mrs. Towns' Special Leaving Assembly

We welcome parents along to a special assembly for Mrs. Towns at 9am on Wednesday 24th May. We hope as many people as possible can join us to wish Mrs. Towns well as she moves on from Glapthorn school. There will not be an end of term parents' assembly on Friday 26th May.

Glapthorn School Fete - Saturday 13th May 2017

Please note that the Maypole Dancing starts at 1.00pm so all children need to be in school and ready to go by 12.45pm latest!

Thank you!

Week beginning 15th May - Year 2 tests will take place during May

Monday 15 th May	Swimming Y1-4	Tennis Club
Tuesday 16 th May	Rugby coaching for Y1-4	Gymnastics club
Wednesday 17 th May	Red Kites to Ilam for Drama Residential Nightingales class to Duathlon Strings tuition Running Club	
Thursday 18 th May	Red Kites in Ilam for Drama Residential Gardening club Nightingales to Space Centre	No Knitting Club No Change4Life club
Friday 19 th May	Red Kites in Ilam for Drama Residential Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club

Week beginning 22nd May - Year 2 tests will take place during May

Monday 22 nd May	Swimming Y1-4	Tennis Club
Tuesday 23 rd May		Gymnastics club
Wednesday 24 th May	9 a.m. Parents' Assembly for Mrs. Towns Strings tuition Running Club	
Thursday 25 th May	Tae Kwon Do Coaching Y1-5 Gardening club	Knitting Club Change4Life club
Friday 26 th May	Mrs Taggart doing nursery visits for new starters Story time for new intake (Mrs Taggart) Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club

Half Term - School Closed

Week beginning 5th June

Monday 5 th June	Swimming Y1-4	Tennis Club
Tuesday 6 th June		Gymnastics club Mad Science
Wednesday 7 th June	Strings tuition Running Club	Parents' Evening
Thursday 8 th June	Gardening club	Knitting Club Change4Life club
Friday 9 th June	Brass / Woodwind tuition French club Weaving Club	Striking and Fielding club