



Autumn Term 2017

10th November 2017

Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 5 Glapthorn C. E. Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting couple of weeks we have had. Robins had their first 'Forest Schools' experience, walking up the track to Short Wood, and Barn Owls have really enjoyed some outdoor maths lessons - involving conkers! Nightingales had a great visit to the Scott Polar Museum as part of their topic work on 'Antarctica' and Red Kites are preparing for an exciting storytelling session by 'junk modelling' mythical creatures, for use when re-telling the gripping myths they have written.

What a fantastic array of inventive and creative pumpkins we had on display on our first day back after half term! Well done to all who took part in the pumpkin competition - we were hugely impressed with your designs. Congratulations to the winners: Charlie Fuster Bradley in Reception, Finley Babb in Year 1, Pixie Lewis and Matthew Knowles were joint winners in Year 2, Arron Townsend in Year 3, in Year 4 Lily Edwards and in Year 5/6 Emily Samuel. Congratulations also to Sue Bradley, who won the adult class!

Mrs Sawyer sent a letter out today to inform you of our new Parent Governors - Elli Igglesden (Mother of Joshua in Year 1) and Louise Pike (Mother of Tamazin in Reception). Welcome to the Governing Body, we hope you find your appointments rewarding and enjoyable.

Miss Gregory and Mrs Taggart are keen to develop the outside area and equipment in Robins Class, and we are asking for your support with this. We are looking for the following items: pallets, plastic crates, flower and plant pots, tyres, tree stumps, buckets, milk bottle lids, swimming goggles, cable reels, a water butt and old kitchen equipment such as wooden spoons, pans, etc. So before you do the recycling, or head to the rubbish tip - check if there's anything that we might find useful! Your support, as always, is hugely appreciated.

Whilst on the topic of developing our outdoor learning environment; work on our new MUGA is due to start on Monday 20th November, all being well. Please bear with us for a few days at this time, as staff cars will need to be parked on the road.

Thank you to our mystery leaf - collecting parents! I have noticed that the leaves have been cleared over the past couple of weeks by a number of parents - thank you so much! Thanks also to Sinead Harrington and Sue Bradley for offering to run the ever - popular LEGO club on Tuesday lunch times. It was great to see the 'Master LEGO Builders' in action this week.

Finally, individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday 16th November. Pre-school children are welcome to come and have photos taken with their siblings. Please let Mrs Sawyer know if you would like this to happen. Barn Owls will return slightly earlier in the day from their Ely visit, to enable them to have their photos taken.

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Head of School

Week beginning 13th November

Monday 13th October	Scratch Coding Club	Craft Club
Tuesday 14th October	LEGO Club	Multi-Sports Club
Wednesday 15th November	Harry Potter Maths Club Strings Tuition	Premier Sport - Gymnastics
Thursday 16th November	Brass Tuition Story Club Individual School Photographs Barn Owls Ely Museum visit	
Friday 17th November	French Club Woodwind Tuition Children In Need Crazy Hair Day	Premier Sport - Tag Rugby

Week beginning 20th November

Monday 20th November	MUGA work starts	Craft Club
Tuesday 21st November	LEGO Club	Multi-Sports Club
Wednesday 22nd November	Harry Potter Maths Club Strings Tuition	Premier Sport - Gymnastics
Thursday 23rd November	Brass Tuition Story Club	
Friday 24th November	French Club Woodwind Tuition	Premier Sport - Tag Rugby



Remembrance

The children spoke in their Key Stage assemblies about Remembrance Sunday and the symbol of the poppy.



Christmas Craft Days Parent Helpers

We are looking for parent helpers to help out with our fabulous Christmas Craft Days, beginning the week of Monday 27th November. Please see the 'upcoming dates' and let class teachers know if you are able to help out!

Glaphorn School crazy hair day



On the 17th of November raise your hair to raise money for children in need

Wear your own clothes for a £1 donation to children in need.

Craziest hairstyle voted for by school council will win a pudsey bear.

All monies to be give to class teachers

Book Fair Parent Helpers

We are looking for parent helpers to help run our Scholastic Book Fair from Wed 29th Nov - Tuesday 5th Dec after school until around 4pm. If you feel you may be able to help, whether for a single session, or for the whole duration, please let Mrs Sawyer know.

Does your child turn 4 before August 31st 2018?

It's time to apply for their primary school place!

Go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk for all the information you need, and to apply online. Closing date is January 15th.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

FOGS have organised a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop at Glaphorn School Hall at 7pm on Monday 27th November. You will be greeted on arrival with mulled wine and mince pies and the ingredients you need to make a wonderful Christmas wreath. Tickets cost £25 each, and are available from Tanya Knowles or Mrs Sawyer in the school office.

Playground Toy Shed

Just a reminder that the toys in the shed are not for use after school. FOGS have kindly funded some brand new toys, which will arrive over the next half term, that are for use during the school day only. It is important that we keep these toys in the best condition possible for use during the school day.

	<h3>Upcoming dates for your diary</h3>
Monday 27th November	Robins Christmas Craft Day FOGS Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
Tuesday 28th November	Red Kites Christmas Craft Day
Wednesday 29th November	Nightingales Christmas Craft Day Scholastic Book fair runs from Wed 29 th Nov to Tuesday 5 th Dec
Thursday 30th November	Barn Owls Christmas Craft Day
Monday 11th December	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal (pre schoolers welcome)
Monday 12th December	Christmas Performance 2pm
Monday 13th December	Christmas Performance 6pm