



Autumn Term 2016

Friday 18th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to say that we have appointed Wendy Edwards to cover Louise Gregory's maternity leave from January 2017. Wendy used to teach at the school a few years ago in a specialist maths role and so we are delighted to welcome her back. Wendy is an extremely experienced teacher and she will be teaching in Barn Owls on Fridays and will also team teach maths on Monday and Tuesday afternoons with Miss Vickers because that has been incredibly successful this term with Miss Gregory. Mrs Edwards will cover non-contact time in Nightingales and Red Kites as well as taking over Miss Gregory's SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) role. Mrs Edwards will be spending some time in school before Christmas teaching and getting to know the children.

A few weeks ago, we wrote and asked parents to remember that the morning was a busy time for teachers and was not the time to raise concerns as teachers did not have time to talk about these concerns fully at that time. As we said in that letter, if you have anything you wish to discuss with a teacher beyond a quick message, the best thing to do is to make an appointment to meet at another time when teachers do not have responsibility for the pupils in their care. Appointments can be made with the teacher or via Mrs Sawyer in the office. The same is true for the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Towns and Mrs Coulthard, as whilst we always want to be available for parents, we are both working with the children from 9 a.m. and so this is not the ideal time for an in-depth conversation.

We value our open door policy in our school but equally need to ensure all the pupils in our care are safe. In view of this, we have made the decision for children in Barn Owls and Nightingales classes that whilst we welcome parents to come in with their child(ren) to the cloakroom area to settle them in and pick a reading book, we ask that you say goodbye to your child at the classroom door rather than going into the classroom. A member of staff will be available at the classroom door for any messages every morning but the number of parents coming in and sometimes staying for quite a period of time has meant it has been very difficult for teachers at times to keep track of the pupils in their care. Parents are still welcome to go into Robins class to settle their child. As you know, school doors open at 8.45 a.m. to allow for a staggered start and school starts at 9 a.m. Please ensure you have left the corridor areas and playground by 9 a.m. because the gates will be closed shortly after 9 and we don't want anyone to get shut in! **This will be in place as from next Monday, 21st November.**

Children should only be dropped off in the lay-by between 8.45 and 9.00am. After 9.00am the hall doors will be closed so children will not be able to gain access to the school then, and need to come through the main entrance to be signed in by Mrs. Sawyer as late.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Dads' Big Tidy Up on a very wet Saturday last weekend. Everyone worked very hard in pretty miserable conditions and we are very grateful. We still really need some work to be completed to make our Reception area great so if you are able to paint, dig up weeds or lay turf, please speak to Mrs Sawyer urgently.

Best wishes,

Katherine Towns, Head and Lou Coulthard, Associate Head



Christingle Service, St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn. Sunday 4th December 4pm
Glapthorn School will be providing the Christingle oranges for this atmospheric candlelit service in St. Leonard's Church so it would be very fitting if as many children from school as possible were able to attend.

Christmas Craft Days - For those of you new to the school, we greatly value parents coming into their child's class on those days, either for the morning or afternoon, or all day if they can spare the time, to help with a day of crafts, glitter and glue! If you are able to help, please speak to your child's class teacher to let them know.

Barn Owls class: Mon 5th December

Robins class: Wed 7th December

Nightingales class: Thurs 8th December

Red Kites class: Friday 9th December

Christmas Nativity Performance: Tues 13th December, 2 p.m. and Wed 14th December, 6 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal 12th December, 2 p.m.)

Following on from last year, instead of doing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, we will be raising money for Present Aid with a mufti day on Monday 19th December.

End of Term Carol Service: Tuesday 20th December, 2 p.m. at St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn.

School Diary

Day	During School	After School
Monday 21 st November	Robinson's Clothes Collection 9am	Art Club
Tuesday 22 nd November	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club
Wednesday 23 rd November	Signing Club Strings lessons	
Thursday 24 th November		KS2 Football Club Knitting Club
Friday 25 th November	School Uniform Sale Robins' Forest School French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club
Monday 28 th November		Art Club
Tuesday 29 th November	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club KS1 Sportshall Athletics
Wednesday 30 th November	Signing Club Strings lessons	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL
Thursday 1 st December		KS2 Football Club Knitting Club BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL
Friday 2 nd December	French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL
Sunday 4 th December		Christingle Service, St. Leonard's Church, 4pm
Monday 5 th December	Barn Owls Christmas Craft Day	Art Club BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL
Tuesday 6 th December	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL
Wednesday 7 th December	Robins Christmas Craft Day Signing Club Strings lessons	
Thursday 8 th December	Mrs Sawyer out of school a.m. Nightingales Christmas Craft Day	KS2 Football Club Knitting Club
Friday 9 th December	Red Kites Christmas Craft Day Robins Forest School French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Film Club Rugby Club

THERE ARE NO CLUBS THE WEEK BEGINNING 12TH DECEMBER