



Autumn Term 2016

Friday 4th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the time of year again for the annual **Dads' Big Tidy Up!** We have had fantastic support in the last couple of years from Dads, Granddads, Uncles and not to be sexist, some Mums too! We are hoping to get the outside area in front of Robins' class spruced up and part of the School House Garden fit for purpose as well as doing some projects like ensuring Barn Owls' outdoor classroom doesn't get too slippery as winter approaches. Obviously, alongside this, there are always leaves to sweep up! So, if you or anyone you know is up for some painting, digging, sweeping and laying of turf, to name just a few of the jobs, do please come along on the afternoon of Saturday 12th November to lend a hand. Our FOGS fundraising events are massively valuable but this event is also a huge help to the school and saves us a lot of money that we can spend on the children's education.

We have a few events coming up during November:

On **Friday 11th November**, we are opening the school to all parents to come and see how KS2 maths is taught now in our school (please see attached flyer). This event should be valuable whatever class your child is currently in. It will hopefully be very interesting and we promise not to put any parents on the spot to start multiplying fractions!

Following the success of our 'Reading STARS' certificates in raising reading standards across the school, we will be launching our 'Maths Wizards' certificates on Friday 11th November. Check your child's book bag (Year 1 upwards) for their brand new 'Maths Wizards' home/ school book and challenge card on Friday 11th November.

Maths Wizards, for Year One upwards, works in a similar way to Reading STARS; children are expected to practise the maths skills on their challenge card every evening for five to ten minutes, and record how many times they have practised in a week in their Maths Wizards home/school book. Certificates are awarded for practising ten, twenty-five, fifty times and so on, and are presented in assembly in the same way that reading certificates are.

The success of Reading STARS was largely due to the children reading each evening at home and the support of parents. We ask that parents help us to make Maths Wizards a huge success; practising basic maths skills each evening will improve your child's maths understanding enormously. This will replace any maths homework that is currently sent out and along with reading, spelling and in KS2, thought diaries, will form the main homework for children throughout the school.

Please see your child's class teacher with any queries or come along to our maths workshop afternoon at 2pm, next Friday, 11th November to find out more.

On **Friday 18th November**, it is Children In Need Day and we are asking children to come dressed in their own clothes for a donation to the charity. There will be an **assembly** at 9 a.m. led by KS2 children talking about the Rights of the Child - do come along and listen to what the children have been finding out about over the last few months.

We will be holding a Book Fair in school for one week starting 30 November. If you are able to help run it after school, do please speak to Mrs Sawyer. We get free books for the school in commission and were able to get some new KS2 reading books last year plus some new texts for guided reading.

It has been great to welcome our new teacher, Mrs Oram into Robins class this week and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Godfree as full time teaching assistant into Barn Owls' class shortly. We wish Mrs Taggart and Mrs Leeson the best of luck in their exciting new futures as we say goodbye to them today. We look forward to meeting Taggart Junior shortly!

Katherine Towns, Head and Lou Coulthard, Associate Head



Christmas Craft Days - For those of you new to the school, we greatly value parents coming into their child's class on Christmas craft 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.)

Nightingales class will lead our Nativity performance this year, ably supported by Barn Owls and Robins classes. Red Kites will be providing the choir and orchestra for the event as they will take the acting leads in the end of year production in July.

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. More information will follow nearer the time.

Dates for the Term

Thursday 10th November -
Nightingales class visit
Peterborough Mosque

Friday 11th November,
2 p.m.- Maths
Workshop for Parents

Friday 18th November -
Children in Need mufti
day and Rights of the
Child Assembly, 9 a.m.-
parents invited

30th November - 6th
December

Book Fair in School

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

School Council Elections took place recently and the following children were elected to represent their year group:

Reception	Ruairi Harrington	Chloe Townsend
Year 1	Finn Wilson	Tess Clarke
Year 2	Charlie Deans	Tallulah Adams
Year 3	Noah Wilson	Charlotte Thory
Year 4	Rhys Poyser	Lydia Burrows
Year 5	Luke Durman	Poppy Harrison
Year 6	Oscar Morgan	Leila Poyser

School Diary

Day	During School	After School
Monday 7 th November	Interviews for maternity cover for Miss Gregory	Art Club
Tuesday 8 th November	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club
Wednesday 9 th November	Signing Club Strings lessons	Fitness Club
Thursday 10 th November	Nightingales visiting Peterborough Mosque	KS2 Football Club Knitting Club
Friday 11 th November	French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons Robins' Autumn Walk	Rugby Club
Saturday 12th November	 DADS' BIG TIDY UP	1.00-4.00 pm
Monday 14 th November		Art Club
Tuesday 15 th November	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club
Wednesday 16 th November	Signing Club Strings lessons Individual School Photos	Fitness Club
Thursday 17 th November		KS2 Football Club Knitting Club
Friday 18 th November Wear your own clothes for a donation to Children in Need	Children in Need Day 9 a.m. Rights of the Child Assembly French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club
Monday 21 st November		Art Club
Tuesday 22 nd November	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club
Wednesday 23 rd November	Signing Club Strings lessons	Fitness Club
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

Sports News

A big well done to our footballers who won the Teamwork Award at the recent Cluster Football Competition.

Individual School Photographs - Wednesday 16th November

We will arrange to have sibling group photographs taken of children who are currently in school, but if parents would like sibling group photographs involving pre-schoolers, please just let Joanna know.



Please remember, **do not park in the lay-by outside school between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.** This is our drop-off zone and responses from the Travel Survey last month show it is working really well. However, it is really important that it is kept clear so parents can drop off there.

Any parent and child is welcome to use the pedestrian gate in the morning and come through the hall to go to their classroom, if they would prefer to do that than walk across the entrance to the staff car park.

Wrap-Around Care

Run by Glapthorn School staff

Breakfast Club 7.45 a.m.- 8.45 a.m. - £3.50

Morning Club 8.30 a.m. - 8.45 a.m. - 75p

After School Club 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. - Prices range from £3.50-£10, depending on times.

Please speak to Mrs Sawyer in the office to book. Booking should be made in advance. For more details, see <http://www.glapthornschool.ik.org/wraparound-childcare.html>