



Autumn Term 2017

20th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start off by saying a huge 'thank you' to parents. To the dads (and mums) who gave up last Saturday to tidy our outside area, to FOGS who continue to do a brilliant job raising funds to enrich the children's education at Glapthorn, to all the parents who came to me with such positive comments on parents' evenings - your support is really important and hugely appreciated.

Part of our ethos at Glapthorn is about working together to develop and move forward, and I feel that the children, staff, governors and parents do that exceptionally well at Glapthorn. Thank you.

What a lovely Harvest Festival we had last week at St. Leonard's church! The children all did so well, reading so clearly and with such confidence. The children spent the morning cooking and engaging in harvest activities, from designing harvest themed times table games to creating some beautiful artwork. Well done to all involved.

Another big 'well done' to all the children that created posters for the School Council elections. Mrs Hart, our Chair of Governors came in to school to count the votes and I'm very pleased to announce that our elected Councilors this year are: Robins - Orla and Harry, Barn Owls - Sylvia, Oliver, Megan B and Max, Nightingales - Lyra, Harry S, Charlotte, Evie and Adam, and Red Kites - Molly, Rory, Mille and Luke. School Council are already busy creating the new members' display outside Barn Owls class, and have been thinking about how they will tackle school projects such as developing the bird hide and pond area.

I'm very pleased to announce that work on our fantastic new multi-use games area will begin towards the end of November. The new MUGA will be built on the school field and will mean that children can play sports outdoors all year round. Please bear with us for a few days whilst the staff car park and hall entrance to school is out of action. Red Kites children are asked to walk along the path from the drop off area, walk up to the main entrance and down the ramp, entering the classroom by the fire exit during this short period of disruption.

A reminder that there are currently two Parent Governor Vacancies. Please consider taking on this important role - your input is enormously valued. The Governing Body meet once every half term. If you are interested, please see Mrs Sawyer in the office for details.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st October - don't forget to bring your decorated pumpkins in!

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Head of School

Week beginning 30th October

Monday 30th October	INSET day - no children in school	
Tuesday 31st October	Children return to school after half term	Multi-Sports Club
Wednesday 1st November	Nightingales visit to Scott Polar Exhibition Harry Potter Maths Club Strings Tuition	Premier Sport - Gymnastics
Thursday 2nd November	Story Club Brass Tuition	
Friday 3rd November	French Club Woodwind Tuition	Premier Sport - Tag Rugby

Week beginning 6th November

Monday 6th November	Robinsons Clothing Collection Scratch Coding Club	Craft Club
Tuesday 7th November		Multi-Sports Club
Wednesday 8th November	Harry Potter Maths Club Strings Tuition	Premier Sport - Gymnastics
Thursday 9th November	Story Club Brass Tuition	
Friday 10th November	French Club Woodwind Tuition	Premier Sport - Tag Rugby

Water bottles

As we are a 'Healthy School' please ensure children have water, not juice, in their water bottles. Although some children prefer squash, we do encourage water only to be drunk during the day. All children are encouraged to drink each time they enter the class, and have access to water throughout the day. We are having a focus on drinking enough water throughout the day, and would welcome your support with this. Children are able to drink juice at lunchtime, if you wish to send in an additional drink in lunch boxes.

Milk

If your child is over five years old, and you wish them to have milk each day, please ensure you have ordered online at <http://www.coolmilk.com/> Reception children up to the age of five receive free milk. There has been a delay with Cool Milk in providing this, and they assure us that it will be available after half term. In the meantime, we are offering milk to Robins Class each day.

Halloween Pumpkin Competition

FOGS have asked that all carved and decorated pumpkins be brought to school on the first day after half term, Tuesday 31st October, and left along the school entrance fence, making sure they are clearly named on the bottom. This year, by popular demand, there will also be an adult category! Entries cost £1 and prizes will remain spookily secret until nearer the time!

Pumpkin Competition

Tuesday, 31 October 2017

Bring in your decorated, painted or carved pumpkin.
Prize will be awarded to the best pumpkin.

£1 for entry



Special Family Service

There will be a special 'St. Leonard's Day' service at Glaphorn St. Leonard's Church on Sunday 5th November. Please see Mr. Ormston if you would like to be a part of this special service.

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.

Year 7 Admissions

A reminder that the closing date for Year 7 admissions is October 31st. Please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk for all the information you need, and to apply online.

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.



Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 30th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31st October	Children return to school after half term Deadline for Year 7 admissions applications (Completed online) FOGS Pumpkin Competition
Sunday 5th November	Special 'St. Leonards' Family Service - Glaphorn Church
Monday 13th November	Anxiety Workshop - Thrapston Primary School
Thursday 16th November	Barn Owls visit to Ely Museum - more info to follow
Thursday 17th November	FOGS Children In Need mufti and crazy hair day! More info to follow
Monday 27th November	FOGS Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Celia's Pop-Up Café!

Glaphorn Village Hall, 29th October, 10-12.30pm

Celia, an ex-pupil, is holding a pop-up café to raise funds for her chosen charities: STEPS <http://www.steps-charity.org.uk/> and Meningitis Research Foundation <https://www.meningitis.org/> Please pop in for a cuppa to support her



In the sleepy town of Boney Bottom the lovely creatures and beasts are getting ready for “Humans-ween”. Legend has it that this is the time of year when all those terrifying humans - only heard of in spooky movies and ghostly stories - come out to scare young monsters. Come along and meet the lovely Snow White, the hilarious Polly-Geist, Vernon the Vampire, and the evil witch Griselda. But if you’re one of those terrifying humans you might want to think about coming dressed in disguise - or you might end up in the Boney Bottom high security zoo!

Telling Tales Children’s Theatre Company brings professional Pantomime to Oundle once again - but this year we’re doing Panto a little differently! “Snow White and the Seven Ghouls” is a sensational retelling of the classic fairytale, with all the fun of a traditional Pantomime. It’s a spooky Halloween adventure for the whole family!

At THE STAHL, Oundle
25th and 26th October at 6.30pm
27th, 28th and 29th October at 3.30pm and 6.30pm
Adults £16.50, Children £14.50 (Absolutely no booking fees apply)

AUDIENCE FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT COMPULSORY!

www.tellingtales theatre.com

