



Autumn Term 2016

Friday 16th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first fortnight of term has sped past, although it may still feel like it is the summer holidays with the hot weather! As always, if the weather is warm, ensure children have suntan lotion on and bring hats/caps to wear outside. Children should have water bottles in school daily through the school year. They should also have coats or waterproofs so they are suitably prepared for the British weather!

The children have started using School House both for Breakfast and After School Club and for group work during the school day. We are still working on completing the garden but are enjoying the increased space that School House provides. We plan to have an official celebration and blessing of all our new buildings later in the term but in the meantime, feel free to pop your head in to School House to have a look either before or after school. Please note, only the downstairs is open to children and parents as the upstairs is storage and office space.

The group room in the main school has become the Music Room so this is now the storage area for any musical instruments brought into school on tuition days. Please ensure instruments are not left in cloakroom areas.

The new drop off zone in the layby seems to be working well with several families using it daily. Please remember the hall door is opened daily at 8.45 a.m. so is the best entrance into the school, using the pedestrian gate, if you are parking or dropping off on that side of the school. This means no one has to cross the entrance to the school car park that is busy in the morning with staff cars and school taxi drop-off. Please note: The school car park should not be used by parents at the beginning and end of the school day unless with specific permission from the school.

Red Kites enjoyed a very interesting trip to Coventry Transport Museum on Monday as a launch to their 'From The Rocket to rocket' topic for this term. We will be finding out if we have some budding engineers amongst them! Barn Owls and Nightingales also have exciting trips coming up this term so look out for more information shortly. Curriculum leaflets were sent home to all the children at the end of last week so parents know what they will be covering over the coming term. If you have lost it, it can always be viewed on your child's class page on our school website:

www.glapthornschool.ik.org

Katherine Towns, Head

School Diary

Day	During School	After School
Monday 19 th September	Running Club	Art Club
Tuesday 20 th September	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club
Wednesday 21 st September	Interviews for Robins' Maternity Cover Signing Club KS2 Paralympics Assembly/Workshop Strings lessons	Boxercise Club
Thursday 22 nd September		KS2 Football Club Knitting Club
Friday 23 rd September	French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club
Monday 26 th September	Running Club Red Kites Orienteering Event	Art Club
Tuesday 27 th September	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club Cross-Country Tournament @ PWS, 4-5.30 p.m.
Wednesday 28 th September	Signing Club Strings lessons	Boxercise Club
Thursday 29 th September		KS2 Football Club Knitting Club
Friday 30 th September	French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons Sports Crew Training	Rugby Club
Monday 3 rd October	Running Club	Art Club
Tuesday 4 th October	Gardening Club	EYFS/KS1 Football Club Coding Club
Wednesday 5 th October	Signing Club Strings lessons	Boxercise Club
Thursday 6 th October		KS2 Football Club No Knitting Club
Friday 7 th October	French Club Woodwind and Brass lessons	Rugby Club

Dates for the Term

Harvest Festival - To be confirmed

Parent Evenings: Tues 18th October, 5 - 7.15 p.m. and Wed 19th October 3.30-5.15 p.m.

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

End of Term Carol Service: Tuesday 20th December, 2 p.m.

Robinson's Resource Collection

Please bring unwanted clothes in bags for the Robinson's Resource Collection on Monday 19th September. Bags should be left inside the first wooden gate near the bins by 9 a.m.

Oundle Cinema will be showing *Eddie the Eagle* on Sun 18th Sept in the Stahl Theatre - tickets £5/£3. Other family films this season include *The Jungle Book*, *Florence Foster Jenkins* and a screening of Matthew Bourne's *Sleeping Beauty*. Full programme details on www.oundlecinema.org.uk

Football through Stories

This KS1/EYFS Club started this week. In spite of its puzzling name, the participants hugely enjoyed the Club and learned a number of key football skills.

There are still spaces in the club so do please enrol your child if they would like to join in and are in either Reception or Years 1 and 2. Please refer to the attached booking form, or collect a paper booking form from the School Office.

School Admissions

Year 6 Parents

On-line admissions are now open for parents with children currently in Year Six, moving on to secondary school in September 2017. Applications must be completed by **31st October 2016**. If you have any questions, do ask either Mrs Coulthard or Mrs Towns.

Reception Starters

If your child turns 4 between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, you need to apply for a school place for starting school in September 2017. On-line admissions are now open and applications must be made by **15th January 2017**.

We have already started showing prospective parents around the school so if you know anyone who is interested, do tell them to contact us to make an appointment.

To apply for either a primary or secondary place, follow this link:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you to the parents who returned the parent questionnaire sent out in June/July 2016.

Below is a summary of the results which, alongside the views of staff, pupils and governors, has fed into our 2016-19 School Development Plan. As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please speak to a member of school staff or one of our Parent Governors; Emma Burrows, Fraser Stephen-Smith and Sam Butterwick. The key targets in our School Development Plan will be shared with you after it has been approved by Governors in their meeting at the end of September.

Parent Questionnaire - July 2016	Strongly agree / Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	100%		
My child feels safe at this school	100%		
My child makes good progress at this school	100%		
My child is well looked after at this school	100%		
My child is taught well at this school	100%		
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	94%	6%	
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	100%		
This school deals effectively with bullying	94%	3%	3%
This school is well led and managed	100%		
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	97%	3%	
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	100%		
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes 100%	No 0%	

1 questionnaire = 3%

School Rules

We have been discussing the School Rules in assemblies and in class, as we always do at the start of the year and remembering all the things that our Learning Dinosaurs are good at. All the classrooms have Learning Dinosaur displays and photos of the children show which Learning Dinosaur behaviour they have shown that week. We have had lots of 'Tryosaurus' putting 100% effort into everything they do!

School Council looked at our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy during the summer term and came up with a child friendly version. They also decided we needed an additional rule about 'staying positive even when things are tricky'. All the children have received a copy of our 'child friendly' Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy so do please take the time to sit down with your child and talk it through with them, or better still, let them tell you all about it!