



Autumn Term 2015

Friday 18th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Everything is beginning to feel pretty Autumnal! Our assembly theme over the next four weeks is Harvest, looking firstly at harvest close to home and then looking globally at harvest, using Christian Aid resources. We have been busy harvesting some of our produce from the allotment, including lots of potatoes and giant cucumbers! It took us a while to find them underneath our giant weeds so if anyone has a spare 30 minutes to pop over and do a bit of weeding for us, do feel free! Thank you to those parents that helped out over the summer.

After the great success of last year, we will be repeating our Harvest Day on Monday 5th October. This is a day where we use the produce grown in our allotment for cooking and artwork and end the day with a whole school Harvest Feast.

We will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival at 2 p.m. on Friday 16th October** in St. Mary's Church, Southwick - all parents welcome. The children will be travelling by bus to the church and can be taken home straight from the church. The remaining children will be taken back to school by bus and be collected at normal time. Rugby club will take place as usual. Please note; St. Mary's church is very small so pushchairs etc. will need to stay outside and it might be a bit cosy! The children are asked to bring food donations on the day; tins and packets are best and are donated to The Daylight Centre in Wellingborough www.daylightcf.org. Children should be able to carry the donations on and off the bus on their own!

The coming of Autumn also means it is the time for the World Conker Championships which we are lucky enough to have taking place in our catchment area of Southwick on 11th October. As in previous years, we would like to enter children from Glapthorn School and will be holding a 'Conker Club' in school during lunchtimes, run by Mrs Tina Stone, our lunchtime supervisor, a former two-times Ladies World Champion! Any child can turn up and play on the day, (£1 fee) but if you would like to represent the school, you will need to be aged 7+. If you are willing to transport your child to the event on Sunday 11th October to compete, please could you return the reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter as soon as possible and we will provide you with a school T-shirt to wear. Other children will also hopefully get a go at playing conkers at lunchtimes, under strict supervision, if they would like to. If you do not want your child to participate, please let Joanna Sawyer know.

Attached to this letter is a Home-School Agreement. This has altered from previously to include e-safety rules. Please could you talk through the relevant part of the agreement with your child, sign and return it to school. It will then last for the whole of your child's time in school unless there are any other significant changes.

Katherine Towns, Head

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Sit Together And Read!

Congratulations to all the children that have read at least ten times since the beginning of term and have been able to colour in their first star in their reading record. These children will be presented with certificates in our Celebration Assembly on Monday and their achievements will be displayed on a new STAR board outside Barn Owls class.

Skoolbo Online Learning

Well done to all the children who have been busy on Skoolbo over the summer. Usernames will be sent out to Reception children later in the term once they have had a chance to settle in. Reminder usernames were sent out to all the older children not currently logged on last week. If you have lost your child's username or password and would like to use Skoolbo at home, please let us know.

Well done to Barn Owls class that is the first class to reach 10,000 questions answered!

Road Safety

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Travel Questionnaire.

If you haven't returned it yet, please return it by **Monday 21st September.**

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Thomas C., Tanzy, Eliza K., Jack and Poppy!

Dates for the Diary

Parent Evenings will take place on Tuesday 20th October, 3.30 p.m.-5.15 p.m. and Wednesday 21st October, 5.00 p.m.-7.30 p.m. (Reply slips to be sent out nearer the time)

Thursday 15th October - selected Y3/4 children will participate in an all-day Rugby World Cup celebration competition on Thursday 15th October. More information to follow for selected pupils.

This half term finishes on Friday 23rd October. **School reopens on Tuesday 3rd November.** Please note; this is slightly different to Prince William School.

Christmas dates for your diary!

Our Nativity performances will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 2 p.m. and Wednesday 16th December at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase (much) nearer the time!

The Autumn Term will finish on Friday 18th December with a carol service at 2 p.m. in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn. All parents are invited.

OUNDLE ART WEEK October 3 – 10

Saturday October 3rd 2 – 4pm Queen Victoria Hall. £6

Workshop leader: Caroline Kisby - Felt Brooches

You will be using a variety of coloured felt to make a range of brooches - flowers, butterflies, dragonflies, embellish with beads and simple stitches. All materials provided

Children under 10 to be accompanied by an adult.
To book contact Caroline pinkhousearts@me.com 01832 226268

Wednesday October 7th 4 – 5pm Fletton House £5

Workshop leader: Nick Penny - Family Craft and Music workshop. All materials provided

Come and make a working Utterly Butterly Ukulele from a piece of wood, a spread tub and fishing line for strings. Then decorate it and learn to sing and play with it! The idea of a family workshop is that everyone who comes, including the adults, will join in the fun and make one themselves.

To book please contact: Nick Penny 01832 272783 or n.penny@virgin.net.

Week beginning Monday 21st September		
Day	During School	After School
Monday 21 st September		Story Club Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 22 nd September	Running Club	Basketball Club
Wednesday 23 rd September	Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass, strings and recorder lessons	Football Club
Friday 25 th September	French Club Woodwind lessons	Rugby Club
Saturday 26 th September	FOGS AGM and Nature Walk	
Week beginning Monday 28th September		
Day	During School	After School
Monday 28 th September		Story Club Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 29 th September	Running Club	Basketball Club
Wednesday 30 th September	Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass, strings and recorder lessons	Football Club Cluster Cross-Country Competition, PWS, 4-6 p.m.
Friday 2 nd October	French Club Woodwind lessons	Rugby Club
Sunday 4 th October	9 a.m. Family Service - St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn	
Week beginning Monday 5th October		
Day	During School	After School
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Day	Story Club Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 6 th October	Running Club	Basketball Club
Wednesday 7 th October	Short Wood Orienteering Event for Red Kites Gardening Club Nightingales - whole class strings Group and individual brass, strings and recorder lessons	Football Club
Friday 9 th October	French Club Woodwind lessons	Rugby Club
Sunday 11 th October	World Conker Championships, Southwick	

Cross-Country Competition

The Cluster Cross-Country event will take place on Wednesday 30th September at Prince William School from 4 p.m. The competition is open to all children in Year One and above. Year One and Two children have to run 750m, Year Three have to run 1000m and Year 4+ children have to run 1200m. All races are split into boys and girls. I do hope all our running club children will participate and hopefully there are some other keen runners who would like to join too. Last year, we had half the school so it would be great to get such a good turnout again!

If your child would like to participate, please can you return the reply slip at the bottom of the letter. I will be able to transport a couple of children to the event so if you need transport, please let either Mrs Sawyer or myself know. Children should run in their **green** PE top and shorts or tracksuit bottoms. If they do not have a green PE top yet, we have some available to borrow from the school for the event. They need to wear **trainers**, not plimsols to run in.

St Leonard's Church Glapthorn: There is a special family service at 9.15 am on 4th October, when we celebrate the start of the new school year. Please come along to this informal and friendly service which will be taken by Jema Ball, our new Associate Vicar. There is a play area for children with books and toys, and the opportunity to stay for a chat over coffee. Everyone is most welcome!

If your child would like to participate in this family service, please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter.

Short Wood Event – Red Kites Class – Wednesday 7th October

Red Kites class will be joining with children from local schools to complete an orienteering challenge in Short Wood on Wednesday 7th October. The children will need to wear long trousers and wellies. They will need waterproof coats etc. if it is likely to rain.

Logistically, this is a very big event to organise with over 220 children coming during the school day and we really need some volunteers to help man checkpoints etc. If you are available to help all day or for half the day, please speak to Joanna Sawyer as soon as possible.

Designated Teaching Assistant Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a Designated Teaching Assistant to cover maternity leave in Red Kites class. For more details, see http://www.glapthornschool.uk.org/p_Vacancies.ukml

The closing date is on Tuesday 22nd September. This is to provide cover for Mrs Casswell whilst she is on maternity leave. Congratulations to Mrs Casswell who had baby Blake in July and brought him in to visit us all earlier in the week. A big thank you to Mrs Hamilton who is filling in for Mrs Caswell on a temporary basis.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the Glapthorn pupils who got involved with the summer reading challenge. Almost half our children participated which is by far the highest percentage locally so well done! I hope lots of good books were read and some new authors discovered.

Firewood For Sale

We have some firewood (walnut) available for a small donation to school funds. We would like it removed as soon as possible so if you are interested, please speak to Joanna Sawyer in the office to arrange a time when the school gate can be opened for you to remove it.

Reply Slip

Conker Championship - aged 7+

Child(ren)'s name(s) _____

I will accompany my child to the World Conker Championship on Sunday 11th October so they can represent Glaphorn School.

Cross Country - Year 1 upwards

Child(ren)'s name(s) _____ will be competing in the Cluster Cross-Country Competition on Wednesday 30th September at Prince William School 4 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.

Family Service

Child(ren)'s name(s) _____ will be attending the Church Service on Sunday 4th October, 9.15 a.m.