



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been a very long and exceptionally unique year in school, one thing we can all be sure of is that the children of Glapton have done us all proud and amazed us all with their positivity, resilience, adaptability and support for each other. **Well done to each and every one of you!**

YEAR 6 2021

As Year 6 leave us, move on and embrace new challenges and experiences, we send them so many best wishes and know they will make the most of their talents and greet their new schools with a smile, warm heart and an open mind. Goodbye and Good luck to the class of 2021 - a historic cohort of awesome children!



Abbie	Corey	Holly	Larissa	Lucas	Noah	Sienna
Annabell	Declan	Ivey-Elyssia	Leah	Madison	Olivia-Grace	Taylor
Beau	Ella	Jamie	Lewis	Maisie	Raven	Trinity
Brooke	Enya	Kaci-May	Lexia	Maisy	Reece	Tsitsi
Cailum	Erin	Kaitlyn	Lily	Maria O	Romeo	Tyrell
Charlie	Hadyn	Keira	Louis	Maria R	Ruby	William
Chloe						Yoan

BIRCH CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

Those in Birch class who have completed 10 days isolation are invited to school briefly on the morning of Tuesday 27 July at 9.30am. This will give them the opportunity to collect their Leavers Hoodie and belongings, and say their goodbyes. Parents will need to wait at the Manor Farm Lane gate and we still recommend social distancing and the wearing of a face covering. If any children remain in isolation on this day they will either be able to nominate someone to collect their belongings or arrange for collection in September.

UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS UNTIL THE END OF TERM



We are keeping the majority of our COVID safety restrictions in place until the end of term. September will be our return to normal (fingers crossed). The biggest change this week is the end of sending home whole Bubbles to self-isolate. From Monday 19 July, **schools must not send home close contacts** of positive cases (often-whole bubbles) of either pupils or staff home to self-isolate **unless they are instructed to do so by NHS Test and Trace.**

The letters sent home on Friday were comprehensive, but in summary:

- In the event of a confirmed positive case, classes or bubbles will not **immediately** be sent home by the school.
- School will now not routinely inform you of a positive case either within the classroom or whole school.
- You as parents do not need to do anything in addition to the good practices that you are already doing.
- Children and staff will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace if they need to isolate.
- Being together in an educational setting is no longer assumed as being a close contact.
- Staff will only isolate if they personally have symptoms/tested positive, or if they receive an alert from NHS Test & Trace to isolate.
- We will continue to send symptomatic children home and ask parents/carers to keep children who have symptoms at home. Please then follow the symptoms/testing guidance at the end of this letter.

Our Stay Safe Charter will remain in place in September with reference to our containment room for children or staff with symptoms, regular cleaning, handwashing on entry to school and respiratory care.

END OF TERM GIFTS

Several parents have kindly asked if staff are able to receive end of term gifts and cards. This is perfectly fine as gifts may be quarantined over the weekend. Gifts and cards are certainly not expected, but we do thank you for your support, thoughts and kind words.



SEPTEMBER UPDATES & REMINDERS

A full guidance document will be sent out to all parents and carers before we return in September, but please find below some useful updates and reminders.

SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Year Group	Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
Nursery	<i>Saplings AM</i>	Mrs Smith	<i>Saplings PM</i>	Mrs Smith
Reception	<i>Larch</i>	Mr Weeks	<i>Walnut</i>	Mrs Eden-Smith Mrs Fletcher
Year 1	<i>Willow</i>	Mr Payne	<i>Juniper</i>	Miss Johnson
Year 2	<i>Chestnut</i>	Mrs Husbands*	<i>Beech</i>	Miss Gibbons
Year 3	<i>Oak</i>	Miss Croft	<i>Sycamore</i>	Miss Butler
Year 4	<i>Rowan</i>	Mr Phillips	<i>Alder</i>	Miss Malhotra
Year 5	<i>Hazel</i>	Miss Cartwright	<i>Cherry</i>	Miss Shah
Year 6	<i>Elm</i>	Mrs Warman Mrs Ralph	<i>Birch</i>	Miss Shenton

*Our Congratulations go to Miss Watts who will return as Mrs Husbands!

UNIFORM

Children will need to return to school in full school uniform as follows:

- Red jumper or cardigan containing the school logo
- White polo shirt with the school logo
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Red gingham summer dress
- Plain red, black, white or grey tights
- White, black, red or grey socks for girls
- Grey or black socks for boys
- Black shoes (not trainers or plimsolls)
- No nail varnish
- Earrings should be plain gold/silver studs and a watch can be worn when a child can tell the time
- Long hair should be tied back with plain, simple bobbles and headbands in line with school colours
- **PLEASE, PLEASE NAME ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING!**



Uniform is available to order from:

- EMSD Ruddington <http://www.emsd-online.co.uk/schoolwear/glaption-academy> (£5 off when spending £80, voucher attached)
- Just Schoolwear <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/glaption-academy/>
- Rosebuddies <https://rosebuddiesonline.co.uk/Schoolwear/Glaption-Academy>

What else will my child need in school?

- A water bottle labelled with your child's name
- Coat if needed
- School book bag only to carry your new Partnership Book and reading books
- Drawstring PE kit bag with PE uniform (plimsolls/trainers, black shorts and plain white t-shirt)
- A lunchbox if your child is in KS2 (Year 3,4,5 or 6) and not having a school lunch

GATES AND SCHOOL ENTRY



Final arrangements will be confirmed in our back to school newsletter, but please note that children and parents will once again be able to enter the school playgrounds once the gates are open. We will once again ring the bell and children will line up to enter their classroom with their teachers.

- Y2 to Y6 will line up the KS2 playground with the bell ringing at 8.45am
- Y1 and Reception Class will line up on the KS1 playground with the bell ringing at 8.50am
- Saplings will line up at the Glapton Lane Nursery Pedestrian gate and welcomed in when Mrs Smith or one of her team open the gate.
- **We cannot wait to get back to normal and welcome you all back into school!**

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS AND QR CODES

Your child will be bringing home a Knowledge Organiser detailing all of the interesting things they will be learning about in the autumn term. The Knowledge Organiser also contains a QR code that you can scan for your child to start some summer research and hopefully start to get excited about their learning ahead.

NEW BUILDING

Work on the new building is due to commence in July. As you know, the plan is to join the two buildings to create a wonderful school library, covered access from the KS1 building to the KS2 building, a staff room which will accommodate the whole team and a Headteacher office in the centre of the school.




Access to main reception will be via the Glapton Lane Nursery Pedestrian Gate and visitors will need to ring the intercom. We are expecting a huge reduction in footfall to reception in the morning now that all payments are made online. All queries can be addressed using the Partnership Book, as well as by telephone and e-mail.

All staff will be outside on the playgrounds every morning to greet you and deal with any queries at the beginning and end of each day.

PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK (PSQM)



We have received many congratulations on achieving The Primary Science Quality Mark in this very challenging year. We will receive our certificate shortly and will be displaying it proudly. The PSQM Team have created a short film about PSQM personalised for our school, which is around 3 minutes and includes an introduction to PSQM as well as a message of congratulations from PSQM VIP stakeholders. Please take a look and share our success. Special thanks to Mr Payne and Miss Cartwright who helped make this happen.

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GOVERNING BODY NEWS



We are delighted to welcome Lucy Lynch to our governing body. Lucy has been into school and met most of the children and members of our team (following our Covid Visitor Protocol). Lucy is really excited to offer challenge and support to the school moving into 2021/22.

HOMEWORK

Summer homework is to have lots of fun, family time and activities outdoors. If you do have any spare moments then the following will also help to prepare your child for the autumn:



- Y5 have had homework set for the summer to help them get ready for Y6.
- Everyone else should use every opportunity to read as much as possible: books, comics, leaflets, kindles - everything helps.
- Year group word lists are being sent home to learn to spell.

Children would also really benefit by learning their times tables:

- Y2: 2s, 5s and 10s
- Y3: 3s, 4s and 8s
- Y4: 6s, 7s and 9s
- Y5: practising all of their tables in lots of different orders

PARENT SURVEY



In what has been an incredibly tough year for teachers, and in light of the hard work and adaptability of your team of class teachers and teaching assistants, we wondered if you could take a few moments to complete our parent survey to let us know how you think we all have done. Please find the survey here but note that it closes at 5pm on Tuesday 27 July 2021: <https://forms.office.com/r/Gc4PHF593z>.

TIME CAPSULE 2021

The children have been busy creating time capsules to be buried under the foundations of our new build. The capsules contain photographs, timetables, favourite lessons, favourite things at home, details of technology, current events, a newspaper, facemask etc. There will also be a message for the future 'finder' of the capsule in some far distant future time! Thanks to Miss Edwards for co-ordinating this project for us.



SCHOOL LUNCHES



Goodbye to Grab Bags (all being well!) as we will be returning to full school lunch menus in September. A massive well done to Mrs Sulley (Marie) and her catering team for feeding us so well throughout the pandemic.

All Reception, Y1 and Y2 children will be enjoying a free school lunch each day and those in KS2 who wish to buy one using the Gateway App are able to do so at a cost of £2.25 per day.

CONNECTING STORIES

Many thanks to you and your children for entering so many amazing stories in the Connecting Stories competition. The team from the National Literacy Trust have already been in touch and sent our pupils certificates, but I wanted to reiterate congratulations from us all here at school. Well done!



We were delighted that a range of stories were chosen to be part of an outdoor exhibition at Nottingham Castle. All entries received a prize and those included in the exhibition received some larger book bundles as well as a 'Read On Nottingham' Book Bundle for our school library. In addition there will be a free family ticket (2 adults plus up to 3 children) for all pupils whose work will be displayed at the Castle. Well done to everybody involved and in particular to Isabella, Darina, Erin, Lacey, Lily, Tristan and Natalie.

FREE FUN & FOOD SUMMER EVENT / KEEPING WELL IN SUMMER

Finally, please find attached a poster and information about Fun and Food provision this summer organised by the Bridges Community Trust for children entitled to Free School Meals, along with City Care's 'Keeping Well This Summer' leaflet.

We will send out a full September update nearer the time but in the meantime thank you for your patience, understanding and incredible support this year. Have a wonderful and safe summer holiday. School re-opens to children on Wednesday 1 September and we look forward to seeing you then!

Yours sincerely,

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