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EASTER NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

Firstly, we all hope you and your loved ones are safe and well and enjoying time together during these unprecedented times.

All the Glapton staff are well but are really missing all of the children.

Please see a note from all of your teachers later in this letter.

Homework Packs

We hope you are enjoying your homework packs and keeping yourselves busy.

I'm sure your children are enjoying the choice of activities we have made available so that they can learn at home.

During this time of uncertainty and change, it is important to remember that children will benefit from structured days that integrate learning, fun and relaxation. To support you with organising this, we have shared suggested timetables which explain how long children should spend on different activities, so that they have a healthy and balanced day.

The homework packs contain a vast amount of activities which children can spend some of their day working on, as well as engaging in physical activity, creating art and craft pieces, reading stories and recalling spelling and number facts mentally.

In addition to their homework packs there is a large bank of online learning resources on the 'Helping at Home' page of The Glapton Academy school website:

<https://www.glaptonacademy.co.uk/helping-at-home/phonics-2019/>

We will be sending a LEAD booklet out to keep you going over the Easter break and will then provide weekly plans for Reading, Writing, Maths and some other activities to work on during the summer term until such time the schools may re-open, if indeed they do so.

Weekly plans will commence from Friday April 24th and be available from your child's class pages on the website.

Certificates for Parents/Carers to Award to their Superstars

There are a lovely set of certificates for you to use to award your children for all of their hard work. Please feel free to print them or share with your child online.

They are under the Helping at Home tab/Home Learning 2020 on our website.

Safety Message for Children

While you are doing lots of school work at home you may be using the internet a lot more often than usual. If you are worried about anything, including cyber bullying then please tell an adult.

Parents/Carers - there are lots of tips and advice sheets on our website, **Helping at Home** tab and **Online safety** at home.

Dave the Dog

This story is written by a real staff Nurse working through the current crisis.

It features a dog named Dave relaying his anxieties about coronavirus to an owl named Dotty, who is a nurse.

Author Molly Watts, a staff nurse on the paediatric intensive care unit at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, said she wrote the book because she wanted to provide information that was factual and child-friendly.

She said, 'Story helps parents to start talking about coronavirus with their children.

With everyone talking and worrying about what is going on I kept thinking about the impact this must be having on children. I hope the story helps parents to start a conversation with their children about coronavirus and hopefully alleviates some of their anxiety.'

We thought you might like to share it with your children during this time and have popped it on the website under the Helping at Home tab.

Food Supplies and Information

Some families are self-isolating and have issues around shopping. Here are some local suppliers that are doing deliveries where possible.

- Craig Dawson Butchers - butchers in Beeston offering delivery service to Clifton - Spuds and fresh meat. Payments taken over phone 0115 9255101
- Kerry's fresh veg - offering payments over phone 0115 986 0929
- The Bottle Top all essentials food delivery to Clifton payment over the phone 07968366738

There is also a group called Open Kitchen which is delivering hot food city wide. Let the office know if this would support you and we can find you their details.

I also attach a Parent/Carer FAQs sheet about access to FSM vouchers for the new government scheme. You must have given us your email address to benefit from this scheme. Please email admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk

Staffing Information

Miss Stirrett will be leaving us on April 20th to take up her new position within LEAD Academy Trust. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her incredible service to the Academy and her amazing support for the staff team. She will be hugely missed and we wish her lots of luck in her new role.

Miss Allmark is currently self-isolating in line with government guidelines but is doing well. She commences her maternity leave on April 27th so I'm sure you will join us in sending her lots of love and best wishes for the special times ahead.

Ms Burton starts with us as our Office and Business Manager and my PA on April 20th. It will be the strangest of starts but we are sending her a warm welcome regardless.

Special Messages for the Children of Glapton

Whole School

I am so proud of you all and your fantastic achievements over the first half of this year. You were all working so hard, showing your marvellous manners and impeccable behaviour, learning how to keep healthy and caring for our school and everyone in it.

I hope you are having a lovely time at home and are still being good and trying your best with your school work. Believe in yourselves and keep working super hard but have lots of fun too. You need to read **every** day, learn your spellings and practise your times-tables. Make sure you do all of the learning activities that your teacher's put onto the website. Year 6, you need to keep working hard so that you are ready for an amazing start to year 7.

I miss you all and have a big pile of Headteacher stickers to use up when you are all back in school!

Mrs Hurst

Saplings Class

I hope you are all enjoying your time at home with your families, and that you are working hard too! Are you enjoying sharing the different rhymes that were sent home in your homework pack? I hope that you are listening out for those rhyming words and the phonemes at the beginning of the words that you hear and say - just like when we practise our phonics in Saplings Class!

I hope you are getting lots of exercise too and enjoying the sunshine!
Keep healthy and happy!

Mrs Smith

Larch Class

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. Think about how you can challenge yourself in different ways each day to keep yourself busy and I will see you very soon. Thinking of you all and I look forward to hearing all your stories about what you been up to.

Miss Allmark.

Walnut Class

We hope you are all having lots of fun at home and finding ways to challenge yourselves. We would love it if you could look out your window and see if you can spot an animal or creature to draw for us. It might be a butterfly or a bee or even a fox! See you all soon Walnut Class.

Miss Wrate and Mrs Fletcher

Willow Class

I hope you are all working hard at home and trying your best every day, if you are finding it hard work, just remember the colourful side of your brain and 'Don't give up'. I know it is all very strange at the moment so don't be afraid to share your worries. Enjoy some time reading and I look forward to hearing all about the stories and adventures you have read about when you are back at school.

Mr Payne

Juniper Class

Keep smiling and being the superstars that you are! Be safe and have fun.

Miss Johnson

Chestnut Class

I am sorry I haven't been able to teach you for a while. I am looking forward to hearing any new words you've learnt when I next see you. When you are learning something new remember, "You can do anything if you try!"

Miss Watts

Beech Class

I hope you are all ok and are having lots of fun learning at home. I miss seeing all your happy faces every day. Keep on smiling, laughing and working hard, you have all achieved so much this year. See you soon.

Miss Gibbons

Oak Class

Things are rather strange right now, but the world is still turning, birds are still tweeting and we are all still learning! Stay safe and continue to be the best people you always have been. We are all in this together.

Mr Phillips

Sycamore Class

I hope you are all keeping well and safe and still working super hard on the school work we sent home. Remember, don't worry too much about it, I'm happy as long as you're trying your best. I miss seeing all of your smiling faces every day, but I hope you're keeping the smiling up at home!

Miss Brockie

Rowan Class

Hi guys! Hope you are all working hard! Remember to go onto TT Rockstars (I'm checking!) as we want to be the BEST in the school!!! I'm missing all your crazy faces and will see you soon!!! Take care.

Miss Munroe

Alder Class

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying your time off school. It has been very strange at home, not seeing all your happy faces coming through the door each morning. Keep smiling and I look forward to hearing about all your adventures when we return.

Mrs Quigg

Alder Class

Hello children, hope you're all well and making sensible choices. I know this is a very strange time for all of you (even for the teachers) but I would like you all to take this time to take care of yourselves and stay safe. Whilst you're at home, remember to dream big as dreams are full of mystery and magic and I'll look forward to hearing about them when you're back in school.

Miss Devi

Hazel Class

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Use this time to find new and exciting things you never knew or discover skills you never knew you had! I am really looking forward to hearing all the interesting things you may have done with your time.

Miss Cartwright

Elm Class

I hope you're all well and enjoying working through your homework packs. Remember if you're finding something tricky, take a deep breath and then re-focus - PMA - positive mental attitude! I can't wait to see you all soon and look forward to hearing what stories you have written, the recipes you had made and the activities you have been doing.

Miss Edwards

Birch Class

I hope you and your families are all keeping well in these strange times. As much as I am sure you have enjoyed (and deserved) a little rest, please keep working hard and trying your best in everything you do: keep reading, keep creating, keep exploring, keep problem-solving, keep laughing. KEEP LEARNING... and practising your fractions! Look after yourselves and everyone around you. I miss you all lots and can't wait to see your smiley faces again soon.

Mrs Randall

Mrs Kay's Message

It is never more important than now to remember that reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are. Picking up a book can transport you to a world where you can forget everything and be carried away to faraway places. Just like our bodies, our minds need exercising and reading is the perfect way to do this. Make use of the many free resources that are available online and stay safe!

Mrs Kay

Mrs Pye's Message

I hope you are all ok and enjoying the extra time with your families. It may seem all seem strange right now but remember 'happiness can be found in the darkest of times if you only remember to turn on the light' (JK Rowling). Keep going, work hard but remember to also have some fun.

Mrs Pye

EYFS Garden

Our lovely new garden was completed the day the school closed. It will be fantastic for our new EYFS classes in September, but we promise to let this year's Walnut & Larch have a play in there when we are back.

SUMMER TERM

I will keep you updated over the summer term and we will still be able to share school reports, new class information and getting ready for transition.

Finally,

I hope you all have a very safe and healthy Easter break and enjoy this precious family time together. I hope the children have an egg-cellent time and we send you all a basket-full of best wishes for the holiday.

Let's all keep positive and in any negative moments remember the words of Roald Dahl (The Twits)

"A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Yours sincerely



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