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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/carers

As we come to the end of what has been the most challenging school year in living memory, I would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school over recent months. We could never have envisaged that this year would present us with so many uncertainties, changes and challenges. As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together. We are extremely grateful for your support during these unprecedented times and we look forward to continuing working in partnership with you in 2020-21.

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!

We were delighted to welcome back almost 30 of our Year 6 children in to our new Bubbles last month, and we know that all of them are very excited to be moving to secondary school in September. We have been working closely with our linked secondary schools over the last few months to ensure that this transition will be as smooth as possible. Not so long ago, we were concerned that the pandemic was going to prevent us from seeing any of our Year 6 children again. Happily, we are in a position to invite all of Year 6 back to school on the final day of term, Wednesday 22 July, for a socially-distanced day of celebration and picnic. We have also purchased a leavers hoodie as a gift for each Year 6 child to remember their time at Glapton, for presentation on the last day of term. We will really miss all of our Year 6 children and wish each and every one of them the very best of luck for the future. Please do keep in touch and keep us informed of your child's accomplishments and achievements in the coming years - we would be delighted to hear what they are up to!

Farewell to our class of 2020:

Aaliyah	Dolcie-Leigh	Jake	Mckenzie
Abdulrahman	Elijah	Jayden	Megan
Abu-Bakr	Elise	Kelvin	Mohammed
Anastasia	Emily	Kendra	Nathan
Bethany	Harry	Kyan	Olivia
Caitlin	Henry	Kyra	Re-Yo
Cameron	Hollie	Lacey	Rylan
Chinaza	Holly	Lily	Sanaiah-Lei
Colbie-Lee	Ivani	Lily	Sophie
Cole	Jack	Malachi	Theo
Daisy-May	Jada	Matei	

Reports, Classes and Homework

We will be sending reports home to children in Bubbles on Monday 20 July. All other reports will be posted to children not currently registered at school and to second parents in two household families. Your child's autumn class name, teacher and room will also be shared with you.

Your report envelope will also contain homework challenges which we would like children to complete over the summer. The challenges cover Maths, English and preparation for learning in the autumn. They are lots of fun but will really support your child's learning in the new term so try to do as many as you can!

End of Term Arrangements

A reminder that Wednesday 22 July 2020 is the final day of term for all children, to allow staff adequate time to prepare for the return to school in September. School will then be closed to children until the start of the new term.

Thank You Gifts & Cards

Several parents have enquired recently about the protocol for sending small gifts or cards in to school to say thank you to staff. All staff who receive tokens of appreciation from children and families are always truly grateful, and this is something that would not normally present any issues under normal circumstances. Unfortunately, under the present circumstances we are not able to accept gifts or cards in to school. If you wish to say thank you to your child's teacher, or indeed any other member of staff, please feel free to send in an e-mail, and these will be collated and given to the relevant member of staff before the end of term. If you really wish to buy a gift or send a handwritten card, unfortunately this will have to wait until September, when we hope we may have a better idea of what the future may hold.

Staffing Updates

After spending almost two terms at Glapton, Miss Munroe has been successful in securing a new position at a SEN Specialist School. We would like to thank Miss Munroe for her dedication and hard work during her time with us. She has taken on the role of class teacher and worked tirelessly during lockdown to ensure her class were always well supported whilst working at home. More recently, she has been an integral part of our Rangers Bubble, providing vital childcare for the keyworker/vulnerable children. We will miss her and wish her well in her next steps. As previously advised, Mrs Lang has secured an exciting position at Djanogly City Academy, and I know that everyone at Glapton will miss her terribly - she has been an integral part of the school for many years. As such, we need to make sure that we continue to build on her fantastic work, particularly in improving attendance and offering high quality pastoral support alongside positive parental engagement. We will let you know in the coming months how these vital areas will continue to move forwards next academic year.

We are pleased to confirm that Miss Brockie has been appointed to a full time fixed term teaching contract from September 2020. Miss Brockie has been with us for a year already, and although she is still in the early years of her career she has made real progress with teaching and learning in the classroom this year, as well as developing her own professional practice. We are therefore delighted to welcome her back for 2020-2021.

This month we welcome back Mrs Eden-Smith, Mrs Ralph & Miss Smith from their maternity leave. Mrs Eden-Smith and Mrs Ralph will both return part time and share the teaching of Y4 in Alder next year, and Miss Smith will return 3 days per week in her TA role.

Both Mr Payne and Miss Edwards have ably supported the school as Assistant Headteachers during Miss Eden-Smith's maternity leave. They have been an essential part of our Senior Team and ensured that provision continued in the best possible way for our children both at home and at school. Their input has been greatly valued and appreciated by myself and the staff team. Having covered Mrs Eden-Smith's maternity leave, We are delighted to inform you that Mr Payne has now been re-appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher for 2020/2021. This new position will be critical to developing our recovery curriculum and developing our plans to support all children returning to school in September, following the recent unprecedented lockdown and subsequent disruption to children's education.

September 2020 - Start of Term Arrangements

Our 2020-21 term dates are enclosed. We are currently planning for children to return to school on Wednesday 2 September. **Arrangements for the Autumn Term will be sent to you before we finish so that we are all clear about what will be happening when we welcome you all back in September.**

We are one of a small number of schools that have managed to invite all of our children back into school before the end of term to help re-familiarise them with school and reduce any possible anxiety about returning. It has been wonderful to see so many children and hear about all of their experiences.

Mrs Kay's Good News

We are installing a brand new library in school with shelving and seating in both buildings to house all of the wonderful books we have purchased this year. We will be opening the library provision early in the autumn term. Mrs Kay is very excited to announce that Glapton Academy has been accepted onto the Puffin World of Stories programme which is run in partnership with The National Literacy Trust. The programme equips primary schools with the books, materials, training and resources they need to champion reading for pleasure across the whole school, and helps to reinvigorate their school libraries and reading spaces. As part of the programme, Puffin will be giving our school **300 free books** and a wide selection of audiobooks from classroom classics to new adventures as well as resources to encourage reading for pleasure across the school. We have future plans for a purpose built library so these will be temporary libraries in both of our buildings and we can't wait to work with The National Literacy Trust and Puffin to help us develop our future school library provision and promote a love of reading throughout the school.

Free School Meals

Benefits-related Free School Meals are available to all eligible children under 16 (including children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who currently receive Universal Infants Free School Meals) whose families meet certain eligibility criteria. If you think you may be eligible we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible. More information on eligibility and the Nottingham City application process can be found here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/benefits-for-school-aged-children/free-school-meals-and-free-milk/>.

Cashless Payments

We have always planned to move to cashless payments, and Coronavirus has meant that these plans have had to be hastily brought forward. A reminder that the school is now completely cashless and all parents across all year groups will need to download the **School Gateway app** in order to pay for school dinners. A parent's guide to the app is attached which we hope you will find useful. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and are familiar with it ready for September as no cash can be accepted in school.

School Trips

Under current government guidance, some school trips can now go ahead with additional risk assessments, however, this does not apply to overnight/residential trips, which are still not allowed to take place. Our residential trip to Caythorpe in the autumn term was booked prior to lockdown and is therefore completely on hold until further government guidance is issued. Unfortunately we will not know for some time if this will have to be rearranged or even cancelled, so we ask that parents/carers do not make any further payments, and bear with us as we navigate the government guidance. We ask that you are patient at this time as we envisage we may be in a better position in the autumn term to look again at all on hold trips and any possible new arrangements or cancellations. We realise this is not ideal, so thank you for your patience and understanding.

Uniform

Glapton uniform is available to purchase directly from three different local outlets. Please check pricing and delivery arrangements carefully as all uniform items must now be collected by or delivered directly to parents through all of these suppliers. Having gone cashless, school will unfortunately not be in a position to sell uniform directly to parents. The supplier websites are:

EMSD	http://www.emsd-online.co.uk/schoolwear/glapton-academy
Just Schoolwear	https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/index.html
Rosebuddies	http://www.rosebuddiesonline.co.uk/

Please remember that our red book bags and red drawstring PE bags will be the only bags allowed in school from September. This is particularly important as we are operating under very different circumstances and storage space is not available for rucksacks etc. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

All children will be expected to return in full school uniform in September.

Hello and Welcome F2!

We are looking forward to welcoming almost 40 children in to Reception (F2) in September. Again, this transition has been severely disrupted this term and we have been providing lots of online information to the families of all the children joining us in September. We can't wait to see you!

Right Track - Free Community Learning Courses

Finally, please find details below of some free community and family learning courses available through Right Track, which we hope you may find of interest.

I look forward to providing a further update next week with all of the autumn arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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Community & Family Learning

Are you a parent? Do you want to upskill your own knowledge to enable you to help your children with

Developing your child's speech

or

English and maths homework



We have created 4-week courses which are for 30 minutes a week to support you, this can be done in small groups or on a 1:1 at a time in the day that suits you.

You can access this **FREE** support through your phone, email or online

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