



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Staffing News**

We warmly welcome Miss Przystas, Miss Fearon and Mrs Walker to The Glapton Academy. They will be working with our Midday team to look after your children over the lunchtime service and playtime.

### **SNAG and Healthy Eating**

The School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG), have been working hard with Mrs Kay on improving healthy eating at The Glapton Academy and have written a letter to you with the new policy on tuck which will come into effect from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

In addition to this, in order to ensure all children are eating healthily during lunch times, the School Nutrition Action Group has come up with a list of healthy foods which children can bring into school to eat if they have a packed lunch.

**Please refer to their letter and healthy food list sent out today via email, it can also be found on our website in our newsletters section.**

### **Coronavirus**

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate.

### **The DFE have issued the following advice for parents/guardians:**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years setting or school as normal.

Please prioritise basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

**Please see the attached NHS Leaflet.**

### **Book Bags and School Uniform**

Thank you for your feedback on uniform and book bag costs.

I have sourced a supplier who will produce our uniform at really good value prices.

Even better you can order on line and pick your uniform up from school. The supplier will also hold a uniform shop at school once a fortnight or monthly depending on demand.

We will be allowing a book-bag and a school PE bag only in school after the summer break. We will ensure that the book-bag does not have a space for a child's name for safeguarding reasons.

The book-bag will encourage children to carry their partnership book and reading books to school every day and will fit in their trays so that they are accessible to support their learning. The PE bags will fit neatly on their pegs and stop the overcrowding currently seen in cloakrooms often resulting with coats on the floor.

Our supplier is going to look for the best value manufacturer to keep costs at the best value.

### **Reading Rocketeers**

At The Glapton Academy, we want to ensure that all pupils read easily, fluently and with good understanding; develop the habit of reading widely and often, both for pleasure and information, and acquire a rich vocabulary by the time they leave us at the end of Year 6.

We are launching our new exciting reading incentive with effect from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020. All prizes will be book-related and will include book marks, badges, keyrings, pencils and, of course, books! **Please refer to Mrs Kay's letter sent out today via email and on our website in our newsletters section.**

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S PARTNERSHIP BOOK IN EVERYDAY. IF YOU HAVE MISLAID IT PLEASE HAVE A GOOD LOOK OVER THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY THE BIG READING ROCKETEERS PRIZE WILL BE ONE FOR **ALL** OF THE FAMILY!

### **Attendance**

We are really working hard to improve attendance and have launched a new Attendance Action Plan which will include supporting children who are late to school and monitoring children who are collected late from school too.

**Statistics show that a child who is absent for one day per fortnight will have missed one year of school (190 days) by the time they leave secondary education.**

We are going to also use lots of rewards and incentives for excellent attendance and will be sending lots of useful information out to you after half term.

**Please see the leaflet attached and hard copy in your child's book bag.**

### **British Values**

Our British value for next half term is 'Individual Liberty'. We will be teaching the children about our country and our freedom of speech, freedom to travel, freedom of religion. We will be looking out for and rewarding children for listening to each other's views, showing respect, offering friendship, sharing, playing well together, turn taking and not leaving others out.

### **Events**

Sycamore Class enjoyed sharing their assembly with parents and Oak Class have theirs planned for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Children learnt some key messages about INTERNET SAFETY on INTERNET SAFETY DAY on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please check out our online safety information on our website (Parents tab).

### **Head Lice**

Within most schools at any one time, there will be a small number of children affected by head lice. Infection levels remain fairly constant so we need your help to combat the bugs!

We understand your frustrations and concerns regarding head lice but please look at the advice on our website and **"Once a Week, Take a Peek!"**

### **National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)**

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Reception and Year 6 children which will be taking place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Please refer to information sent out to you via email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 and also on our website in our newsletters section.

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child to be measured, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Rec & Y6 Height & Weight monitoring.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - NSPCC "Stay safe. Speak out"

Oak Class assembly - 2.45pm KS2 Hall

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures