



The Glapton Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all and welcome back to the new term in 2020.

Staffing News

Miss Bennett will no longer be working at The Glapton Academy and we hope you will join with us in wishing her our best wishes for her future plans.

Miss Munroe joins us and will be in Rowan class until the end of the Summer term. We also hope that you will join us in giving her a warm welcome to the school.

Miss Morley, Mrs Ralph and Mrs Eden-Smith will all be due back during the Summer term, after their maternity leaves.

Huge congratulations go to Miss Stirrett who has been appointed as Deputy Regional Finance Business Partner in our Multi-Academy Trust. We are really sad to see her go, but we will see her again in her new capacity when she comes to support her replacement and check on how well we are doing with our finances.

We are currently recruiting for a new School Office & Business Manager and Miss Stirrett will be with us until this process is complete. I would like to personally thank her for the enormous support she has given to the Academy and also to me during my first year in post.

Office Hours

Just to remind you that office hours are from 8:30am to 4:30pm and the phone lines are operated from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 8:00am to 4:00pm on a Friday. Thank you for your patience and support in this matter.

Breakfast Club

We are changing our breakfast club provision and will soon be offering the club out to all pupils from EYFS (F2) to Y6 to attend the club. The club will have additional staffing and children, including younger children, will attend without parents/carers. Club registration will be essential and there will be a booking process to ensure all children are safeguarded. More information to follow soon.

Gates

The car entry/exit gates must not be used by pedestrians or children, on foot, scooter or bicycle. This is for very obvious safety reasons, as staff, deliveries and school visitors arrive by car through these gates. Breakfast club should only be

accessed by the pedestrian gate on Manor Farm Lane. In addition, it is important that the school driveways are not used to park at drop off and collection times, these entrances and exits as stated above are used throughout the day, but more importantly you may prevent emergency vehicles entering the school.

SNAG Group

We have a democratically elected pupil group called SNAG - School Nutrition Action Group, who have been working hard with Mrs Kay on improving healthy eating at the Academy. The SNAG group are now reviewing and re-organising our provision of the KS2 tuck shop. They themselves will write to you soon, with the new policy on school tuck.

PREVENT

As an academy, we have a duty of care to our pupils and staff to safeguard them from the risk of being drawn into terrorism. We have recently sent you our PREVENT statement, making this duty clear. It can also be found on the website.

School Website

Our website has been updated and is in the process of transferring all of the up to date information over. Please be patient and re-assured that this should be complete by February half term. The banner announcement will be used to send key messages to you all. We are just awaiting training on how to operate the 'back room' of the site. Please do let us know if there are things you wish us to include that are not on there.

January Events

The children have been involved in a behaviour week and have been recognised for keeping the school rules by having a 'Thank you club' involving extra playtime with extra toys and activities. The club was for all those children who remained on their team board all week (no sanctions) and another club was held for all those children who managed the same for the WHOLE of the Autumn term. Well done superstars!

Y5 LEAD S.T.E.M

On Monday 27th January, the children in Y5 will be attending a LEAD S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event day. This will be a valuable day for the children, as they will get the opportunity to take part in a wide range of exciting and engaging activities around the themes of science and engineering.

Y2 Science Day

On Tuesday 4th February, Hands On Science will be visiting The Glapton Academy to deliver two engaging and 'Hands On' workshops for Year 2. The workshops will enable the children to apply and further develop the knowledge they have gained as part of our Magnificent Materials topic and will offer plenty of opportunities to learn through discovery!

Despite the workshops being heavily subsidised by the school, we are asking for a contribution of £3 per child, payable to the office or via the online portal.

Christian Aid

On Christmas jumper day we raised £100.00, many thanks to you for your kind donations. With these donations Christian Aid will continue to help and support mothers all around the world, who live in some of the toughest situations, to build new lives for themselves and their families.

Your support will make a difference.

Anti-Bullying

During Anti-Bullying week we looked at our provision and worked with the children on identifying what bullying is, safe places, adults to talk to and how to stop bullying. The children all wrote positive messages which can be seen on our Friendship Tree in the KS2 hall. We have updated our Anti-Bullying policy which will soon be available on the website and we will have an Anti-Bullying campaign running in school.

We also ran a competition to design a slogan and poster for our school to keep us safe at Glapton. The competition was won by Eliza and Darina in Y2, with their slogan "Stand Up, Stand Strong, Stand Together!" Their poster was transferred to a quality design by a graphic designer and is available to see throughout the school.

Coming Soon...

A new reading incentive is coming to Glapton with PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES ... Make sure your partnership book is in school EVERYDAY and any reading at home is recorded for the launch. Watch this space ...

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 27th January - Y5 STEM challenge day

Monday 27th/Tuesday 28th January - Parent/Carer Evenings

Thursday 6th February - Sycamore Class Assembly

Friday 14th February - Break up for half-term - 3.15pm

Monday 24th February - School re-opens to pupils

Yours sincerely,



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