



NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the final half term of what has been the most unusual of years. You will have heard that government restrictions look likely to remain in place until Monday 19 July, so we are currently planning to continue operating as we are with a few tweaks in line with eased restrictions in May. We will then plan to re-open in September with a return to our normal procedures unless the DfE directs otherwise. This will be something really exciting to look forward to in the new academic year. We would all like to thank you once again for your tremendous support during this year of restrictions and equally to say how amazing our children have been, and how well they are all coping despite the monumental changes they have had to get used to.

STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to Mr Payne and Mrs Pye who are appointed as permanent Assistant Headteachers from September. They will work alongside Mrs Hurst and Mrs Warman to lead the school in its next stages of development. Mrs Pye will continue to be our SENDco and take a lead on Attendance. Mr Payne will be taking a lead on pastoral care and our behaviour policy.

At the end of this academic year will be sending our best wishes to Miss Edwards as she starts her maternity leave. Mrs Quigg will return to us for a short while in September before she too goes on maternity leave in the autumn. We will also be saying goodbye to both Miss Allmark and Miss Wrate, who are both taking up new positions in new schools. We will also send our best wishes to Miss Morley who has decided to take up a part-time position in another school, which will offer a better work life balance for her and her young family. We hope to see her back now and again when and if we need supply teaching cover in school! Miss Brockie's fixed term teaching contract will come to an end, and she will be returning to Ireland to take up a teaching post there. Finally, Mrs Hill has decided to leave her full-time position in the office after 18 years at Glapton Academy. She is planning to spend more time with her family and take lots of breaks in her caravan during term time! We will miss everyone enormously but are very excited for them as they move on to their next exciting chapters.



We will be welcoming new staff in the new academic year and look forward to introducing them to you very soon. Mr Weeks will take up a position in Reception class, Miss Croft (who was a teacher trainee with us in the spring) will be taking a Y3 class and Miss Malhotra will be teaching in Y4. We are currently in the process of recruiting a further permanent teacher and of course an office administrator. We will keep you informed.

PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK (PSQM)

Under the leadership of Mr Payne and assisted by Miss Cartwright, we can proudly announce that Glapton Academy has achieved the PSQM Science award!

This has been an incredibly challenging year and all the reviewers at PSQM have been very impressed by the high quality of the submission they received. The commitment to leading science in our primary school over the last demanding 18 months has been outstanding, and the positive impact evident in the reflective statements and supporting documents sent to PSQM describing provision in our school.



SUMMER TERM EVENTS PLANNED

Transition



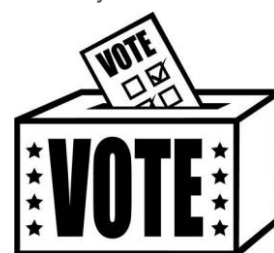
Informal transition began last week with individual children, but took a bigger step on Monday with all Reception to Year 5 children visiting their new year group to have a first little practice in the year above. Children moved up in their current class groups for an English lesson. Next week the children will be mixed up a little to have a practice at a Maths lesson in their new group, followed by a morning session the week after. On **Thursday 8 and Friday 9 July**, we plan to hold two formal **transition days**, where our new reception children will attend school for two half-day sessions, with one session including a lunch. The rest of the children

will move to their new classes in their new classrooms and, where possible, with their new class teacher. We are hoping most of our Year 6 pupils will be able to visit their new secondary settings too and have extra transition for our Y5 children planned during the final week of term.

Pupil Group Elections

Pupil group elections for next year will be held on **Wednesday 30 June**. This will be a democratic process with children casting votes by ballot paper for candidates of their choice. Children are being asked to consider if they want to run for election and to start campaigning. **The groups available are:**

- 1) School Council - looked after by Mrs Warman
- 2) School Sports Organising Crew - looked after by Mr Roulstone
- 3) School Nutrition Action Group - looked after by Miss Gibbons
- 4) School Assembly Action Group - looked after by Miss Watts
- 5) ECO Action Group - looked after by Mr Payne
- 6) Boys Library Group (Girls welcome) - looked after by Mrs Pye
- 7) Curriculum Champions - looked after by Mrs Randall



Sports Day



Sports Days are planned for the afternoons of **Tuesday 22 June (KS2)** and **Wednesday 23 June (Reception & KS1)**. We had to wait for the government announcement before finalising plans but sadly must now confirm the events will go ahead without parents in attendance. Next year we promise to make a really special, exciting event for you all to attend! We will take lots of photos of each class team and will be providing children with quality medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finalists. Medals will be awarded in a little podium ceremony at the end of each event and photos will be taken to post on the website and on Class Dojo too. Please make sure you have updated any photo permissions, as no permission will mean no photo. All children must have PE kit to take part in Sports day - White T-shirt, Black shorts, plimsolls or trainers

After School Care Club

Our new After School Care Club will commence a summer term trial on **Monday 28 June**. If you have contacted school to express your interest, you will shortly be asked to register online and agree the terms and conditions. We have a lot of interest, so please do not forget to email the school office if this is something you would like to take advantage of during the trial or in September.



Little Acorns – Our new Parent/Carer and Baby and Toddler group



From **Wednesday 30 June**, we can welcome up to 15 parents/carers with their baby and/or toddlers to **Little Acorns**, which will be run by Mrs Webster. Join us in the KS1 Hall every Wednesday from 1.30 to 3pm for fun, activities and play. Adults can relax with a hot drink (in a safety mug of course) while the little ones play. Changing and potty facilities will be available. No need to book, just ring the bell at the nursery gate and Mrs Webster will sign you in. You will need to exit school at 3pm to collect any older siblings. We are really excited to welcome you and attendance is FREE! There is no charge for tea and coffee and children will be provided with a drink and healthy snack.

Behaviour Week

We have Behaviour Week starting on **Monday 28 June**. Every child who can keep to the school rules for this week will be entitled to attend one of our great 'thankyou clubs'. Thank You Club is just that, a thank you to all of the children who keep the school rules every day, nothing more, nothing less. They get extra time to play out with their friends and all of the toys with music and lots of fun. Let's see if we can get everyone in the Thank you Club on Monday 5th July. You can do it!



Enterprise Day



Enterprise day was planned for 2 July, but is now rescheduled to **Tuesday 20 July** due to Covid restrictions possibly still being in place until 19 July. Children in each class will be given a £1.00 stake to invest in an enterprise to make a profit. They can work as individuals or in teams to set up their own enterprise. The class making the most profit can choose an item to buy for the school from the total profits! Children will be asked to **bring money in to spend** on the day in a clearly labelled envelope and

we will ensure all children have thoroughly washed hands before the activities commence. There will be some mixing, but it will be transient and outdoors, as hopefully the restrictions will be lifted by this date. **Items for the Enterprise Day will also need to be in school by Friday 16 July.** For example, if a class has decided to set up a bric-a-brac stall they will need bric-a-brac donated and in school by 16 July. We will be allowing children to set up enterprises such as nail bars or face painting stalls, so please let us know if your child is not permitted to attend these eg. due to allergies or parental preference. Food may also be sold if this is something the children decide to do, so equally please ensure that all food allergy information is up to date.

Parent Virtual Drop-in Day

All year groups will be giving you a little window into their world on **Tuesday 6 July** via **class Dojo**, as well as creating an end of year PowerPoint to celebrate their achievements and adventures as a class over this extraordinary year.



Children's Topic Week



Children will have the opportunity to study a topic of their choice in our very first '**Children's Topic Week**' planned for the week beginning **Monday 12 July**. They will have a half day with their teacher to get their plans in to action. How exciting!

Reports

School Reports will be sent home on **Friday 16 July**. There will be an opportunity for a follow-up consultation telephone discussion for any children we are concerned about.



Parent & Pupil Surveys



Please look out for a link to an online parental view survey coming out soon. The **Parent View Survey** will be a similar format to the survey used by Ofsted and will also inform our School Improvement plan. A **Pupil Survey** will also be held in school to capture their voice too.

Attendance



Don't forget our **Attendance Prize Draw** happening at **the end of term** with a High stakes prize up for grabs! Prizes are available for 100% Attendance, 98% Attendance and our target Attendance of 96%. We have lots of children in the running for the top prize, which is brilliant news!

What a busy half term! I feel exhausted writing it all down but really hope the children will enjoy everything we have planned, particularly our wonderful young people in Year 6 who are not with us for very much longer!

Yours sincerely



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IMPORTANT COVID-19 REMINDERS

We have introduced numerous measures to protect our school community and ensure that Glapton is as Covid-19 secure as possible. Much hard work is still going on behind the scenes to ensure we remain safe. The fact that we have only had to isolate 2 bubbles in the last year tells us that our stringent approach is working, and we thank you for your support so far.

The new Delta coronavirus variant is highly transmissible and currently makes up over 90% of Covid infections nationally. We therefore need your continuing support to ensure we all stick to the Covid guidance and work together to keep our community safe.

IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, HOWEVER MILD, THEY MUST GET A PCR TEST AND THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD MUST SELF-ISOLATE IMMEDIATELY

Lateral Flow Testing – Regular Asymptomatic Testing

Everyone in the country over the age of 11 is being asked to test twice-weekly using the free Lateral Flow devices the government has made available. More information on ordering free Lateral Flow kits can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Covid Symptoms – Be Vigilant

- A high temperature - hot to touch on chest or back
- A new or persistent cough - coughing for more than an hour, or 3+ coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change in sense of smell or taste - if you cannot smell/taste anything or things smell/taste different

PCR Testing & Self-Isolation – When Anyone Has Symptoms

If anyone in your household develops any of the symptoms above, however mild, the entire household must self-isolate immediately for 10 days and anyone with symptoms must get a PCR Test. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You can only leave home to attend a PCR test appointment or post a test kit. Please click here if you need to book a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you still have a temperature after 10 days, you should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. If you only have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste after 10 days, you do not need to continue self-isolating as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

Additional Information

- The 10-day isolation period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken.
- If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 10-day isolation period.
- If you have symptoms, try to stay as far away as possible from other household members. It is especially important to keep away from anyone in your household who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable
- Reduce the spread of infection in your home by washing your hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser, and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Consider alerting people who you do not live with and have had close contact with within the last 48 hours to let them know you have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Following a positive test result, you will receive a request by text, email or phone to log into the NHS Test and Trace service website and provide information about recent close contacts.
- If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, then use the NHS 111 online COVID-19 service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency, dial 999.
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms again at any after ending your first period of isolation (self or household), follow the guidance on self-isolation again.

