



MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very successful start to our summer term but cannot believe we are in the last part of the year already.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

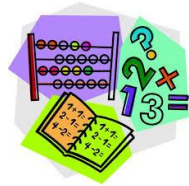
We hope Y1 parents enjoyed Willow Class Assembly. The children shared their exciting learning so far this year, shared their phonics song and tested some parents on their senses!

Well done Y1



JUNIPER CLASS ASSEMBLY IS RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY MAY 19TH.

KS2 SATS



We are super proud of our Y6 pupils this week as they undertake their SATs tests. Their resilience, positivity and perseverance has been a privilege to watch so far. We know they will all try their best despite the immense changes they have had to navigate over the last 2 or 3 years. Whatever their outcomes we could not have asked for more from them.

Well done Super Stars.

NURSERY PLACES

Our Nursery is filling fast and we have had unprecedented interest in places for September. Please don't leave it too late if you are looking to apply for a place in Saplings for next year.



SCHOOLS MASSIVE BREAKING NEWS!



Our school has been selected to be part of the Schools Massive 2022 Project at Nottingham Playhouse.

Our Y6 cohort will be learning and performing a scene from a Shakespeare Play live on stage to a real audience!

The performance is on the evening of THURSDAY JUNE 30th at 5pm.

Y6 families are invited to the playhouse to watch them perform alongside other schools in this special and prestigious opportunity.

TICKETS ARE FREE.

If you have a child in Y5 and would like a ticket/s to support our Y6 children please let the office know in case we have any spares.

STAFFING NEWS

We are delighted to let you know that Mr Weeks has been appointed as a permanent teacher at school. A number of posts this year are fixed term as three members of our teaching staff are currently on maternity leave. Ms Lampitt has been appointed to Year 5 to replace Miss Shah. Ms Lampitt has lots of teaching experience both internationally and locally and we are delighted to appoint her to our team. She will be starting in Year 5 from after the May bank holiday. We would like to send a big thank you to Miss Ray who has been looking after Cherry Class while we recruit a permanent teacher. You may have noticed Miss Shah back at school recently, she is doing some supply cover for us when she is available which is fabulous as she knows our school so well.

Mrs Smith in the office is leaving us to take up a post nearer to her home and we wish her lots of luck for the future.

Mr Grabowski is also leaving after half term for a new challenge. He has been at Glapton for 7 years and has been dedicated to supporting our children. He will be missed by us all and we wish him all the best for his future plans.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Y4 are looking forward to a trip to the Contemporary Arts Gallery in Nottingham this month. Nottingham Contemporary is one of the largest galleries of contemporary art in the UK. This visit will enhance our children's understanding of Art, PSHE, Citizenship and Geography, providing them with experiences that will enhance their cultural capital.



During the day, there will be opportunities to visit the galleries and exhibitions, which display sculptures and compositions exploring the themes 'schools of tomorrow', children's rights as well as art from other cultures. This will be a day of discovery, which will offer our children the opportunity to be inspired by the creativity and expression of artists.

We are planning for this to be an annual trip.

LITTER PICK

Our Eco Warriors, led by Mr Payne supported Neighbourhood Development Officers for Clifton East and Clifton West this week by joining in with a local Clifton Litter Pick.

Officers were dedicating a couple of days cleaning up their wards as part of the Big Spring Clean campaign and our Eco Team borrowed pickers and a stock of bags and joined in to clear the areas around our school.



BOOKS

It won't be long until our brand new library opens in the new building! We are setting up an electronic library system to encourage our children to choose and scan out the books they would like to enjoy alongside their phonics or school reading books. We want to make sure that all of our books are on the system so please have a good look at home and bring in any books that have got lost under beds or behind sofas. No fines, we promise!



NEW BUILD

The new build is progressing well, scaffolding has been removed, windows and doors are in and internal fittings are being sorted. It won't be long until we come to the historic moment of opening Glapton Academy as one big primary school with a fantastic new heart at the centre.

Completion is estimated to be 7th July and I will keep you informed of details nearer the time.



HEALTHY EATING



We have been boosting our messages on 'Healthy Eating' with the support of our SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) team.

Children in F2 and KS1 are being encouraged to eat all of their vegetables and earn their 'Clean Plate' award. They are wowing us with their discovery of new foods they now love!

The Government have recently announced the findings of a research project in The Netherlands. The research evidenced a huge improvement in the eating habits of fussy eaters and increased health outcomes through schools using rewards and incentives for healthy choices.

This is what we do already at Glapton with our Clean Plate Awards, 5-a-day awards, Healthy Lunchbox and Healthy Dinner awards and other incentives such as Golden Table.

Obesity is identified as a local problem contributing to limited life expectancy and an increase in adult disease statistics. By encouraging healthy eating choices at school we are doing our bit to prevent our children becoming obese adults.

The most successful way of doing this is through providing a hot, healthy free school meal to all of our youngest children.

PLEASE BE CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT MAKE MONEY FROM THE UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEAL SCHEME. The funding received from the government pays for the cost of the provision of the meals.

FOOTBALL FANATICS

On Thursday May 19th we will be running a 'Football Fanatics' lunchtime service for all our children. The dinner menu has an awesome footballers theme and our SSOC (School Sports Organising Crew) will be providing special football fun activities for KS2 CHILDREN!

Make sure you book a dinner on Thursday May 19th if you want to join in the fun.



Y5 PARENTS EVENING



Next year we have a fantastic opportunity for our Y6 pupils with an amazing residential stay, in a castle, at a fantastic price. Payment plans and financial support is available to support the trip.

We would really like ALL of our next year's Y6 to attend and so that no one misses out.

I have taken lots of children on residential trips in the past with this company and cannot fault them.

Mrs Warman and I will be inviting you to a short meeting after school with your child to show a video of the trip, give you more details and answer any questions. We will send a separate letter with details nearer the time but pop this date in your diary.

THURSDAY May 19th – Residential Meeting 3.15pm – School Hall.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE STREET PARTY

We have been given an additional bank holiday day this half term (FRIDAY May 27th) when the school will be closed. As this is such an historical and once in a lifetime event we really want to mark it as a school.

On Thursday May 26th we will be having a lunchtime street party. The children will have a special picnic lunch (or healthy lunch box in KS2) and eat outside with the staff on long tables with music and bunting!

Please make sure that your photo permission is up to date so that we can take lots of historic photos!



HARRY POTTER DAY

Miss Cartwright will be accompanying a small group of inquisitive Y5 Scientists to take part in a Harry Potter Biology day at the Nottingham High School. They will carry out experiments with a Harry Potter theme with the aim of conserving species. They will analyse chemicals, carry out dissections, use microscopes and present their findings!

How exciting!



SAFEGUARDING

You may have noticed school staff wearing High Vis Vests on duty in the mornings and at break times.

This is so that children can easily and quickly identify staff should they need support or help when all out together playing on our lovely grounds.

We also hope it will support you to identify staff in the mornings if you have a concern or a query.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May 19th Football Fanatics Lunch
- May 19th Juniper Class Assembly
- May 26th Jubilee Street Party on School Playground
- May 26th Thank You Club
- May 27th Bank Holiday and Half Term Break
- June 6th School re-opens
- June 8th New EYFS Parents Session
- June 16th Chestnut Class Assembly
- June 20th KS2 Sports Day June 22nd KS1 Sports Day
- June 23rd Beech Class Assembly
- June 30th Larch & Walnut Class Assembly
- July 1st – Enterprise Day
- July 5th – Parent/Carer drop in session
- July 13th – Summer BBQ
- July 14th – Election Day
- July 20th – Y6 School Leavers Performance
- July 21st – Thank You Club
- July 26th – Finish for the Summer
- Y7 Transition TBC



Here's looking forward to a wonderful summer term

Yours sincerely

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