



## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to Block 2 of our autumn term.  
We hope you all had a lovely half-term break

### **Parent Information sessions**

Last half term we held sessions for parents looking at how we teach spelling, maths and calculations, phonics and also to give information about KS2 SATS which will take place in May.  
If you couldn't make it the presentations are available on our website on the 'Help at Home' tab.

<https://www.glaptonacademy.co.uk/helping-at-home/>

### **Parents & Carer Evenings**

We had a great turnout to these events where we looked at what your child's expectations for the year would be and how you could help get them there. If you didn't make it your teacher will continue to try and make an appointment to see you.

Our next evenings are in the Spring Term 2022.



### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all of you who generously donated foodstuffs for our celebrations in October. These were much appreciated and were kindly taken to the Clifton Foodbank by Miss Cartwright and some of her colleagues.

### **Life Space & SCARF**

**SCARF** – Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship – provides a whole school approach to children's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

The SCARF Life Space is with us this week and all children will enjoy a session.

These SCARF workshops provide high-quality, inspiring enrichment experiences, developing essential life skills. Expert educators will be delivering the workshops covering sensitive issues including drug use, safe and unsafe relationships, and mental health. Children remember these workshops long after they've left primary school. Schools booking a visit receive our award-winning SCARF online resources at no extra charge. SCARF – Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship – provides a whole school approach to children's physical and mental health and wellbeing.



### **Workshops this week are:**

Decisions (Y6), Friends (Y5), My wonderful body (Y1), All about me (Reception), Meet the brain (Y3), It's great to be me (Y4), Taking care of myself (Saplings) and Feelings (Y2).

### **Staffing News**

Congratulations go to Mrs Emma Pye who will be leaving us at the end of term. She has been promoted to the position of Inclusion Lead Practitioner at the Flying High Academy Trust. We will be very sorry to lose her but wish her all the best in this new venture.

Mrs Crown joins us as a new temporary Intervention teacher working mainly in UKS2 but also across school to help children catch up and recover any lost learning over the last couple of years.

Ms Dickens and Ms Gardner join as also as two new additional mid-day supervisors.

We welcome them all to the team.



### **Students**

We have a number of students with us this year who you may see in and around school. Our support gives them the best start to their teacher training and ultimately their careers and we also benefit from the extra adults in school.

Keylie Woodward is supporting in Y1, Emma Cochran in reception and Gina Norcroft in Saplings.

Miss Normansell-Thomas, Ms Winfield and Mr McKay will be joining reception and Year 1 from Notting Trent University as they start their Bed degrees.

### **Parent Helpers**

We have planned an enrichment programme and sports events for the year for all of our classes. Many activities include trips out of school where we need additional adults to support. Please look out for requests to support and let us know if you can help on any of the trips. Your child does not need to be in the class involved on the trip. If you wish to regularly support on trips or on other activities in school you will need DBS clearance. Please speak to the office if this applies to you.

Thank you for the fantastic support we have already received from parents this half term so far.



## Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight 2021 is an opportunity for our school and our children to make small changes in their lives that save energy and help to protect the planet. The average energy saving reported by schools taking part in Switch Off Fortnight is 10%. Switch Off Fortnight is a fun and rewarding campaign that will be led by Mr Payne and our Eco Group. Watch out for messages from this active pupil group over the fortnight.



## National School Meals Week – NCC VIP to visit

National School Meals Week is the one week in the year when we celebrate all that is great about today's school food, with this year's activities scheduled for 8th – 12th November 2021. A VIP leader from Nottingham City Council will be visiting school to be involved with food preparation and serving of our school meals for a day and to have a school meal with the pupils! NCC are also launching their very own School Tucker Trial, encouraging children to stay for the whole week. There are also NEW themed events for NSMW 2021:

Monday – Plant Based Power Lunch – Eating less meat helps save Co2 emissions, it's good for you and the planet!

Tuesday – School Food Challenge – Find out where your lunch has come from! Wednesday – Roast Dinner Day – Will you choose a vegetarian or meat roast? Thursday – Mix it up Thursday – Awaken your taste buds, try a vegetarian dish! Friday – Food for Fuel – Find out how your food helps you grow strong and gives you energy to learn and play.

Enjoying a nutritious two course school meal at lunchtime supports academic attainment, helps children to concentrate better and has a positive impact on behaviour in the classroom.

## Drop in Session

Please pop into class on the 10<sup>th</sup> November after drop off. Come and see what your child gets up to and see their classroom. Join in with some activities and have a little insight into their school day.

9am to 10am. Please sign in at the classroom door after the bell and registration.



## Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

This is the BBC's charity and their mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential.

They raise money both throughout the year and in our annual November appeal which is put to work where it's needed most. Children in Need fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive

Monies we raise will go towards funding over 3,900 local charities and projects which directly support children and young people in communities right across the UK.

The charity supports children affected by a whole range of disadvantages such as poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma. We also work with a range of partners to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the UK's children and young people today, including: mental health and wellbeing, violence impacting young people, child sexual exploitation, holiday hunger; access to employment, and social injustice.

On 12th November we will once again be raising money for Children in Need. Your child may come dressed up (with a Pudsey theme) for a contribution of at least £1. Details of payments to follow soon.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week will be held in school from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November. We will be holding a **KINDNESS DAY** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation for some of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that **'One Kind Word'** has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year.

Our anti-bullying focus this year will also be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks. The theme for the week is **ONE KIND WORD**.



## Whole School Photo Day

Wrates photographers will be taking individual and sibling photos on the 19<sup>th</sup> November to be ready in time for Christmas. Pre-school siblings can have their photo taken with their siblings at 8.30am. Please arrive to reception if you wish to take up this opportunity.

## Flu immunisations

Children will have the opportunity to have their flu immunisation on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. NHS letters will be sent to you in due course. Flu is an unpredictable virus that kills thousands of people. The flu vaccine is the best defence we have against it. The main purpose of the childhood vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and reduce transmission of flu in the wider population, as children play a key role in the transmission of flu including to those who may be at higher risk from the complications from flu such as the elderly.

As vaccination provides individual protection to the children who receive the vaccine, it is especially important that any child with an underlying health condition that puts them more at risk from flu has the vaccine.

## Class assembly Dates

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Cherry Class 2.45pm – gates open 2.30pm

## December Dates for your Diaries

- 7<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Concert
- 8<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity
- 10<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Parties
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Thank you Club & Break up for Christmas

## Partnership Book & Reading Rocketeers

Don't forget all the dates for the year are already in your partnership book. Please use it for messages to teachers and most importantly to record your child's reading EVERY DAY.

Reads are converted into points for tokens which can be spent in our bookshop in the foyer.

The more tokens your child collects the bigger the prize.



## Attendance Award

Our Attendance award for last year went to Callie Leake. Congratulations Callie!

Callie's family will receive family tickets to a day out of their choice (T&Cs apply) as a reward for getting Callie to school every day.

Don't forget that all children with 96%, 98% and 100% attendance will be entered into our prize drawer with big prizes.

Our attendance leaflets with all you need to know about expectations will be sent out later this week.



## Diwali

We will be having a Diwali focus on Friday supporting children to learn lots about this religious festival celebrated across the world this week.

If you are celebrating we wish you a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy. To you and all your family. Happy Diwali.

## Bonfire Night

Fireworks are in the air already. We hope you all enjoy your celebrations and include the firework code to help your evenings stay safe.

Keep the next page of the letter to hand for your celebrations.



- Always follow the firework code
- Stand well back
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never go near a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode

We want children to enjoy fireworks but they need to know that they can be dangerous if they are not used properly. Each year over half of all firework injuries are suffered by children.

Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? They should never be given to a child under five and other children should use gloves.

### **Sparkler Tips**

- Always light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand
- Don't take sparklers to public displays, it will be too crowded to use them safely
- Plunge finished sparklers hot end down into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out as they can stay hot for a long time
- Always supervise children using sparklers
- Give children gloves to wear when holding sparklers
- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes - they may catch light
- Show children how to hold sparklers - away from their body and at arm's length
- Teach children not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while holding them

Lastly Have fun & stay Safe!

Here is looking forward to a fantastic autumn term 2

Mrs C Hurst etc.