



Wednesday 7th June 2023



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that we are into our last half-term of this academic year!
We have lots of exciting things planned so I hope the sun shines down on us!



STAFFING NEWS

Once again the new academic year will bring many changes as staff move on to new places and new adventures.

Miss Rae will be leaving after her contract comes to an end and we wish her all the best in the next phase of her career.

Mr Weeks has secured a new post closer to home and Miss Malhotra is taking a break from teaching and trying her hand at something new.

Miss Johnson will continue to look after Hazel class until the end of term while we recruit a new permanent member of staff.

I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for all of their hard work and wishing them well for the autumn term.

Class arrangements and staffing will be confirmed to you in July.



TRANSITION

As usual children will start to have a practise in their new year groups starting this week.

They will have an English lesson this week and a maths lesson next week slowly building up to two full days in their new year groups.

This is a lovely way to introduce children to their next year group and for key staff to get to know the needs of their new children.

Transition allows for an informed, happy and confident start for children on day one in September.

Class lists will not be finalised until July and due to staff changes some children will not meet their new teacher until the autumn.



INTERNET SAFETY

I attach some really useful information sheets to support you to keep your children and families safe online. They are definitely worth a read.

- 8 things parents need to know about YOUTUBE KIDS
- 12 Social Media Online Safety Tips
- What parents need to know about FACEBOOK
- What parents need to know about HOUSEPARTY.



OLYMPIAN ATHLETE VISIT

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Joe Roebuck who is a GB Olympic swimmer. He also was ten times British Champion, double Commonwealth silver medallist, double European medallist and London 2012 Olympic semi-finalist! His events are the 100m and 200m Butterfly and the 200m and 400m Individual Medley.

He led some really motivating physical fitness circuits with all of our main school children and then wowed them in an equally inspirational assembly.

Your generosity with sponsorship was overwhelming and over £1000 was raised! This money supports the athlete's charity and allows us to improve our PE resources in school.

Thank you for your incredible support.



KS2 SATs

A Special shout out must go to our incredible Y6 cohort.

They showed their determination, resilience and positive mental attitude during what was a tough week for them all.

You may have heard on the media that there was a national outcry about how difficult the papers were, especially the reading paper.

Some children were initially upset upon seeing the papers but every single one of them gave every paper (there were 6) their best shot.

We could not be more proud of them all, and whatever the results, they should be very proud of the effort they made and their indomitable spirits!

Thanks must also go to the whole staff team who looked after them so well during this week.

Results are due to be published to schools in the second week of July.



KS1 SATs

Our lovely year two children also took SATs assessments during May and have been working really hard to show their achievements in Maths and English.

This cohort will be the last to take SATs as they become non-statutory from 2024. Progress will then be measured from the Reception base-line test to Y6 end of Key Stage assessments (SATs). They were due to be scrapped this year but all current Y2s missed out on the reception baseline test due to the restricted school opening during the pandemic. The Local Authority will be moderating our KS1 outcomes in late June so we will be able to let you know their outcomes in the end of year reports.



OFSTED 2023

As you know OFSTED have graded our school as a Good Provider and their wonderful report is now published on the OFSTED website.

We could not be more proud of our children whose qualities shine through the report.



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

As a celebration of our OFSTED status we had our very first WHOLE School photograph taken on May 24th.

Every child (with permission) joined in for a fabulous professional photograph of both children and staff, from Saplings through to Year 6.

It was quite a feat to assemble over 400 children and adults on the specialist staging but once again the children did us proud.

It was actually an incredibly exciting and even, emotional, event to gather us all together as one big 'Glapton Family' in this successful year for our school.

The photographer said that he had taken photographs like these all over the country and despite him usually dealing with older children he had never had the pleasure of photographing such a well behaved, sensible and caring group of children and staff!

We will be sending details of how you can purchase this special memento as soon as we receive them.



PUPIL GROUPS

Children will soon be campaigning again to be part of next year's pupil groups with our elections taking place in late June.

Groups available are

- School Nutrition Action Group
- Assembly Action Group
- ECO Team
- School Sports Organising Crew
- Library Group
- Curriculum Champions
- School Council

Alongside taking whole school assemblies and meeting with visitors such as governors and even OFSTED Inspectors, our groups have been really busy.

Achievements include many activities from hosting a lunch with Lillian Greenwood MP, supporting our Healthy Lunchbox Campaign with lunchtime stickers, introducing our Talking Protocols to the whole school, winning nearly £5000 in a garden design competition and starting the design for our ECO garden, organising athlete visits and Sports Day arrangements, running the library and outdoor reading tubs every lunch time and keeping things in tip-top shape to creating systems for lunch tub parking and increasing safeguarding provision.

We really would not function as well as we do without these great groups so please do encourage your children to put them-selves forward for next year.



BOUNDARY FENCING

After a few years of campaigning we have finally received planning permission to replace our boundary fencing. The procurement process is now in place and once completed I will let you know an expected date for the works to start.

The existing boundary fencing & gate will be replaced with a new 2.4m high weldmesh fencing & gate making the site even safer for our children.

Thanks also go to our safeguarding group who have supported me to gain permission for this work which will be paid for by the Trust Central funds as opposed to our school budget.



GRATITUDE DIARIES

As you know every child in our main school has received a beautiful notebook. Please encourage your child to cultivate an attitude of gratitude by writing something in their notebook every day with a focus on being thankful for what they have.

Some ideas to build gratitude into your child's day include:

- Start the day by writing down one thing that went well the previous day and why it went well. Encourage them to share their gratitude with others by writing a note to someone they are grateful for.
- Write three things they are thankful for - a person who brought them joy, how they felt about their day, starting a good book, a favourite teacher favourite place, etc.

Try to write in the book every day but do not make it a chore. They are encouraged to take the book out for play and lunch times too.



REMINDERS

As the summer days become sunnier children remove jumpers and coats and unfortunately many lose them. PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING. Even if with just initials.

Please make sure children remain in closed-toe school shoes, even on warm days. Sandals or trainers are not permitted.

Please do not send in Pokémon cards, toys, keyrings, other notebooks etc. These will be looked after and you will be asked to collect them at the end of the day. Too many children get upset when personal items are lost or broken and we do not have storage space for additional items in school. This is an extract from our school information sent to all parents at the beginning of the year.

Toys

Please leave all your teddies and other toys at home and look forward to giving them a cuddle at home-time. Unfortunately they can get lost or damaged at school and you will be too busy with all your exciting learning to look after them.

Please do not attach any toys or other items to book-bags with key-rings as they won't fit in your child's tray!



Sun Safety

Hot weather is forecast so please could you follow the sun-safety guidelines (even on cloudy mornings which may become sunny afternoons.

- Apply a 'once a day sunscreen on exposed parts. Use SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA.
- Bring a hat that can protect the neck, ears and face
- Bring a full water bottle

We will monitor all conditions and ensure shade is available in any extreme temperatures this summer.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THE FINAL HALF-TERM

(Don't forget that most dates are published a year in advance in our partnership book and on the website)

Event	Date	Time (as applicable)
Phonics Screen for Y1/Y2	Begins 12 th June	(Information at foot of letter)
Chestnut Class Assembly	June 15 th	2.30pm for a 2.45pm start
KS2 Sports day	19 th June	9.15am
KS1 Sports Day	21 st June	1.15pm
Beech Class Assembly	22 nd June	2.30pm for a 2.45pm start
Behaviour Week	26 th June	
Behaviour Week Thankyou Club	3 rd July	
Y6 School's Massive at the Playhouse	27 th June	Afternoon Performance
School Book Fair	27 th June to 4 th July	
Bikeability for Y6 Groups	29 th /3 rd June 6 th /10 th /11 th /14 th July	
Walnut Class Assembly	29 th June	2.30pm for a 2.45pm start
Enterprise Day for the children	30 th June	
New Reception Class visits	4 th /5 th July	pm (4 th) and am (5 th) with lunch
Whole-School Parent Drop-in	7 th July	9.10am – 10.10am
Children's Topic Week	WB 10 th July	

Family Picnic	12 th July	2pm- 3pm
Y6 Leaver's Assembly	13 th July	1.45pm for a 2pm start
Finish for the summer	28 th July	3.15pm

We are looking forward to the next few exciting weeks ahead in the sunshine!

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents of Children in Y1 and Y2 (if re-taking).

What is the phonics screening check?

All year 1 pupils in England take the phonics screening check. It's done in school by our staff. The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5 to 10 minutes. Some words are real words and others are nonsense, or 'alien', words that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before.

The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support

The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We'll let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

When will it be happening?

Year 1 will do the phonics screening check in the week of 12 to 16 June 2023.

Do we get to know the results?

We have to report the results to local authority by Friday 21 July. We'll also let you know the results in your child's school report.

If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year. It's normally nothing to worry about.

The results don't count towards any league tables.

Do we need to prepare at home?

No – your child is being taught phonics at school and no special work at home is needed.

However, you can always help your child by:

- Reading to and with them
- Playing sound and reading games
- Teaching them new words, and showing them how they're written

Contact the school

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the phonics screening check, please contact Mrs Layton via the school office.