



Monday 9th December 2024



WINTER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of another busy but very exciting autumn term, we would just like to update you with some information, news and reminders.

STAFFING NEWS FOR THE SPRING TERM



MRS WARMAN

Mrs Warman will be returning to Glapton academy on Monday 16th December, after spending her maternity leave with her wonderful little boy.

I hope you will join us in giving her a very warm welcome back to school as she adjusts back into her role as Deputy Headteacher.

MRS RALPH

We are both really excited but also saddened to announce that our wonderful Deputy Headteacher of this year, Mrs Ralph, will be leaving Glapton Academy at the end of this term to pursue a fantastic new opportunity.

During Mrs Warman's Maternity Leave, Mrs Ralph has been an incredible leader, making a lasting impact on both children and staff with her dedication, professionalism, kindness, and hard work. She has definitely been my right hand 'man'!

She has also served the children and families of Glapton Academy, as both a Teaching Assistant and Teacher, for 15 years! A real Glapton success story.

The Trust, rightly recognise her many talents and have appointed her as Deputy Head Teacher at another of their primary schools. This has all happened really quickly but is a truly well-deserved opportunity for Mrs Ralph. It does also mean that she will still be in regular contact with Glapton! We are all immensely grateful for everything she has done to support our school community and cannot even begin to express how much she will be missed! She is amazing!
Please join us in wishing Mrs Ralph all the best in her future endeavours!

MRS SMITH - SAPLINGS CLASS

Mrs Smith has reluctantly made the decision to retire after so many years leading Glapton Nursery. She will be leaving us at February half-term.

On behalf of myself and everyone at Glapton, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to her for the incredible dedication and care she has shown for our little ones over the years. Her patience, kindness, and passion for teaching has made a lasting impact on all of the children she has nurtured and inspired.

We know you will join us in wishing her all the best when she does embark on this well-deserved retirement and we hope it's filled with happiness, relaxation, and new adventures.

MISS LEEK

Miss Leek was unfortunately unable to meet you on December the 3rd as planned, as she was poorly. She is looking forward to getting to know you in January but will also be visiting on the 17th December for a final handover.



LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD – TIME TO CELEBRATE

We have been undertaking the national award for outstanding parental engagement, currently being undertaken by 1,881 schools in England.

Today we have found out today that we have achieved this fantastic award. Working towards the award has helped us to demonstrate our commitment to parent partnerships and reflects our vision for this wonderful school. It has provided the structure and framework to review our current practice and develop strategies moving forward to continue to develop and improve.

This recognition highlights our commitment to fostering a much stronger partnership between the school and parents, ultimately supporting them in better understanding and actively participating in their child's learning journey. The award has helped us to explore ways to enhance our approach to parental participation, and inspired us to collaborate more extensively with external agencies to enrich the educational experience for our children and their families.

This positive experience has reinforced our dedication to parental involvement but has also sparked a continuous journey of improvement as we strive to create an environment that benefits every child and family in our school community.

This is just the beginning – we aim to get better and better!

Thank you to our amazing families and particularly those that were involved in the assessment – Jennifer Morledge -Seeds, Jennifer Booth, Carla Parker and Ian Bannerman.

Thank you to the Glapton staff and particularly Miss Haywood who has been our LPPA Co-ordinator.



FACEBOOK

Glapton academy now has its very own Facebook page! Watch out for details very soon!



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your support once again.

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be.

For this to happen, they want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face. Your generosity has really helped by raising £254.58 pence for the Charity this year.



MUSIC MARK

The Nottinghamshire Music Hub has once again nominated us as a 'Music Mark School'. We have gained Music Mark recognition by engaging in development conversations related to improving music provision and showing that we value music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum. We provide lots of instrumental opportunities and also have a strategy for music in place which provides for all children



PERFORMANCES AND NATIVITIES

All performances commence at 2pm.

The Glapton Lane Nursery Pedestrian Gate will open at 1.30pm and **SHUT PROMPTLY** at 1.59pm. **No entry** will be permitted after this time unless a prior arrangement is in place. There will be 30 minutes to arrive, get settled and catch up with friends and family. This will also allow an uninterrupted start to the festivities for the children.

Literally the best week of the year!

Please bring your tickets (named) to gain entry.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Once again, our fantastic kitchen team will be cooking a wonderful Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December.

This lunch will be totally free as it is funded by the sponsors of our Academy Trust.

We will be making the occasion extra special by allowing our children to wear their own Christmas jumpers for the day. Please bring your, voluntary, £1 donation for Christian Aid, we really appreciate all your support.

Don't worry if you haven't got a Christmas jumper, just use some of your Christmas decorations to wear as a 'Christmassy' accessory.



SANTA AND STALLS

I'm sure you don't need reminding but Santa will be visiting Glapton Academy on FRIDAY DECEMBER 13th 2024.

If you would like to see him you will need your ticket.

Tickets are being sold on the KS1 playground from 3pm on the 12th December.

Please ask your grown up to bring you to the KS2 hall between 3.30pm and 4.45pm.

Entry will be in 30 minute slots.



Santa will be in his grotto!

Tea, coffee and other goodies will be available for grown-ups to buy while they wait and we have some festive stalls for them to visit too (including our really popular 'Secret wrapping Room').

CHRISTMAS CRACKER DAY

Miss Shenton will be organising another Christmas Cracker Day on Thursday 19th December. It will be an exciting maths day filled with festive fun! Throughout the day, each class will be delivered 3 special maths problems which they will be able to find inside three Christmas crackers! If the class manages to work together to solve the problems, they will receive a special surprise from their elf at the end of the day!



THANK YOU CLUB

A massive thank you one again to all of our children who have stayed on the TEAM board throughout this term. We are incredibly proud of your efforts and will be giving you a big thank you on Thursday 19th December in the afternoon when we will hold our autumn term 'Thank You Club'.



RATTLE & ROLL PERFORMANCE

Please see the attached flyer for information on Rattle & Roll Performance who are running a Christmas holiday club with fully funded places including lunch on the 2nd and 3rd of January 2025.



BUDGETING COURSES

At the Food Bank based at the Hope Centre they are offering a course for families, especially the person who is in charge of paying the household bills.

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Simple Guide to Budgeting

Everything you need to know to produce a personal budget, why we need to budget, what to include and how to calculate.

Identify ways to increase your income.

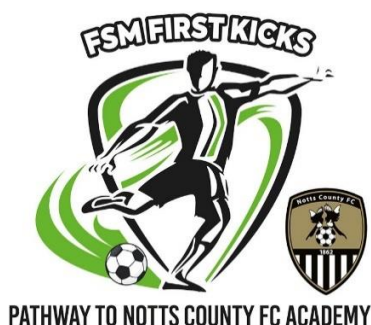
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FIRST KICKS REGISTRATION

The pathway to team football and/or Notts County FC Academy for 4-7 year old boys & girls.

- ⊕ One-off £10 registration fee for 4-7 year olds
- ⊕ All FIRST KICKS sessions are FREE and fully funded by FSM, with nothing more to pay after registration
- ⊕ FA-qualified coaches deliver fun sessions for all abilities
- ⊕ Available at all FSM venues across Nottinghamshire

<https://www.fsmcentres.co.uk/product/first-kicks-registration/>

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



ATTENDANCE – 12 Days of Christmas

We really want to promote our attendance!

Every pupil who has 100% attendance for the next 12 school days (4th – 20th December) will go into a Christmas prize draw.

Please encourage your child/ren to take part in the challenge.

School attendance has such a huge impact on a pupil's social and mental welfare, as well as academic achievements. We want to ensure we are working with you to enable each child to attend school every day.

Mrs Oliver was off shopping for a great prize at the weekend!

BIKE & SCOOTER RACK EYFS & KS1



Mrs Oliver organised a token fundraising in Tesco which raised £500.

We have order a bike and scooter rack that Mr. Sulley will be installing on the KS1 playground to keep all your 'wheels' safely stored during the day. Thank you Tesco shoppers!

BREAKING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

We finish for Christmas on Friday 20th December at 3:15pm. Planet Play (After School Club) will not operate on this day.



FINAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th December – KS1 Nativity
- 10th December – LKS2 Nativity
- 11th December – EYFS Nativity
- 12th December – UKS2 Christmas Concert
- 13th December – Christmas Fete 3.30pm
- 16th December – Mrs Warman returns from Maternity Leave
- 16th December – Christmas Parties
- 17th December – Christmas Collective Worship – Church Visitors
- 18th December – Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December – Christmas Cracker Day
- 19th December – Thank you Club.
- 20th – Break up for Christmas.

January 7th 2025- 8.45am – School reopens to Children

We are looking forward to enjoying the last festive two weeks of the term and I will write to you again before we break up.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mrs. C Hurst.

Mrs. C Hurst BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH NLE
Headteacher