



APRIL 2021 - END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/carers

Thank you so much for your support since our wider reopening on 8 March. You will be justifiably proud of your children, who have adapted amazingly well and fully embraced life back at school despite the restrictions.

Important information - COVID-19 contact tracing over the Easter holidays

The Department for Education has again asked schools to support the COVID-19 track and trace process over the first 6 days Easter break (**Friday 2 April to Wednesday 7 April inclusive**).

Where pupils or staff test positive during the period above, **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test & Trace, and inform school when we return on Monday 19 April.

However, where pupils or staff test positive during the first 6 days, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, then schools are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Please notify us of a positive COVID-19 test result during the Easter holidays, where symptoms have developed within 48 hours of being in school, by e-mailing admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk immediately and providing the following details:

- Full name of pupil
- Date symptoms started
- Date of test
- Date positive test result received
- Type of test - Lateral Flow (rapid results) or PCR (results after laboratory processing)
- If Lateral Flow test, was the result confirmed by a PCR test - Yes/No
- Date last attended school
- Your mobile telephone number

The office will be closed to routine enquiries over the Easter holidays so please let us know if you need to update your contact details, and please ensure you continue to check for school texts and e-mails.

General Covid Guidance

Up to date Covid guidance for parents, including information on asymptomatic testing for families of school-age children, can be accessed on the gov.uk website by clicking the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

It is vitally important to ensure that if anyone in your household develops Covid symptoms, then the entire household should self-isolate immediately and arrange a Covid test for anyone displaying symptoms as soon as possible.

Online Newsletter

With the possibility of children still needing to learn on-line at home should their Bubble close, I attach a guidance newsletter to give you information about online safety at home.



STEM Week



The first week back was our STEM week - a fantastic learning experience for the children as they got stuck into an innovative Design Technology Project. After researching a design brief, they created their design, making and evaluating prototypes of products ranging from dinosaur nests to greenhouses and even storybook character sliders. The children studied links with science, maths and engineering and had a hands-on, interactive week of learning. STEM week offered great opportunities to talk to each other and work in teams as they eased their way back into school life.

Governors

Our new Chair of Governors, Martyn Turner, has been working hard behind the scenes to enable our Governing Body to work effectively in supporting and challenging the school. We are also delighted to announce the appointment of a new Governor, Lucy Lynch. Lucy has a background in education and a particular interest in Science and STEM. Key Governor roles at the moment are as follows:



Martyn Turner:	Chair of Governors, Link Governor for Safeguarding, Behaviour & Attitudes and the Curriculum
Erica Stirrett:	Vice Chair of Governors and Link Governor for Health & Safety
Louise Wildeman:	Parent Governor and Link Governor for Special Educational Needs/Disability and Looked After Children. Louise is also monitoring the use of the Sports Premium.
Ian Bannerman:	Parent Governor and Link Governor for Parent & Community Links

We look forward to seeing more of our governors as restrictions ease and we move into the next academic year.

Red Nose Day

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Thank you for your support on Red Nose day by sending in donations and also for sending in all of your little 'Super Heroes'. They did look amazing, as did some of our staff! Our Red Nose Day fundraising raised a fantastic £256.16 for Comic Relief, so thank you again. During the day, the children competed to tell the best joke in their class, with the class winners shared in our whole-school TEAMS assembly. The winning joke was told by Braiden in Year 3: 'What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese!' 😊

Staff Absence

We will be delighted to welcome Mrs Ralph back after Easter, following a period of recovery due to a serious operation and shielding. Mrs Kay remains absent and we send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. We have also had occasions this term with other staff being absent from school in line with current guidance. One day we had 7 members of staff absent, and I have been so impressed seeing the remaining staff pulling together and covering all the necessary areas despite being exhausted themselves. I am sure you all appreciate the efforts of our amazing staff team at Glapton, and will show us a little patience on the rare occasions we may be slightly late to collect a child from a gate or to return a call. Things are looking really positive for the summer term and I am sure school life will just get better and better every day as we slowly return to normal.

New Build

Planning permission has recently been submitted for our new build. The plan is to join the KS1 and KS2 building together to allow safe access to the school by all of the children throughout each day. The build will also create a space for our wonderful new library and allow a staffroom to be built, where all the staff will be able to meet together each day when restrictions allow. This will really unite and harmonise the school and show how much our staff are valued. There will also be an office for the Headteacher, allowing for a much more visible presence at the heart of the school building. We are currently awaiting the results of a nocturnal survey to ensure that we do not have any bats hibernating. As soon as this has taken place (early May), we hope for permission to be granted and to get building.



Easter Focus



We have dedicated Wednesday and Thursday of this week to teaching the children about the Easter story and what it means to Christians across the world. The children know lots about the Easter Bunny, chicks and Easter eggs and we would also like them to remember the key knowledge of the Easter story. If you get the opportunity, you could check if they know the Christians beliefs shown below. They will probably be able to tell you lots more too!

- The Easter story is about Jesus
- Jesus had his last supper with his Disciples on (Holy or Maundy Thursday)
- Jesus was betrayed by Judas
- Jesus had to carry his own cross
- Jesus was crucified and died (Good Friday)
- Jesus was buried in a tomb
- Jesus rose again (Easter Sunday)
- Easter celebrates hope, new beginnings, forgiveness, generosity and kindness.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will restart during week commencing Monday 26 April and will be in a new format. Registrations for this facility will be taken during week commencing 19 April. There will be a small charge for this club to cover the costs of breakfast. Details will be sent out after the Easter break.

Year 5 Extended Day

The Year 5 extended day ends on Thursday 1 April at 4pm. This change has offered an invaluable opportunity to baseline assess our Y5 children and precisely target their catch-up needs without them missing any of the wider curriculum. Thank you for your support for this opportunity and I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the teachers and TAs involved, as well as the staff providing the care in Siblings Club. Any further additional Catch-up or Booster sessions outside of the normal school day will be targeted to specific groups or individual children and we will contact you directly. This will not be until the final half term of the summer. **Please note the changed times for the Y5 gates below.**

Reminders for Monday 19 April 2021

Gates & Times:

Class	Gate	Entry	Exit	Class	Gate	Entry	Exit
Saplings AM	GLNP	9am	12pm	Saplings PM	GLNP	12.30pm	3.30pm
Walnut	GLNP	8.45am	3.15pm	Larch	GLNP	8.45am	3.15pm
Juniper	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	8.45am	3.15pm	Willow	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	8.45am	3.15pm
Chestnut	Manor Farm Lane	8.45am	3.15pm	Beech	Manor Farm Lane	8.45am	3.15pm
Oak	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	9am	3.30pm	Sycamore	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	9am	3.30pm
Alder	Green Lane	8.45am	3.30pm	Rowan	Green Lane	8.45am	3.30pm
Hazel	Green Lane	8.40am	3.20pm	Cherry	Green Lane	8.40am	3.20pm
Elm	Manor Farm Lane	9am	3.30pm	Birch	Manor Farm Lane	9am	3.30pm

Attendance:

Attendance remains compulsory after Easter for all children (including those currently shielding). Attendance below 96% is cause for concern and needs improvement. Children with attendance below 90% are regarded as Persistent Absentees and are referred immediately to the Education Welfare Team. This could lead to a fine being issued. Our Attendance panel will work with you to support your child's return to school if you are having difficulties. There are big prizes up for grabs at the end of the year in a prize draw for children who have achieved 96%, 98% or 100% attendance this year.

Uniform:

It has been fantastic to see children have returned in school uniform, which has given them a real sense of belonging and unity. Glapton school uniform is as follows:

- Red jumper or cardigan containing the school logo
- White polo shirt with the school logo
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Red gingham summer dress
- Plain red, black, white or grey tights
- White, red or grey socks for girls
- Grey or black socks for boys
- Black shoes (not trainers, plimsolls or open toed sandals)
- No nail varnish
- Earrings should be plain gold/silver studs and a watch can be worn when a child can tell the time
- Long hair should be tied back with plain, simple bobbles and headbands in line with school colours.

Items to bring to School:

Children will remain using their own stationery packs provided by school and will only need the following items in school:

- A water bottle labelled with your child's name, containing water only
- Coat if needed
- School Book Bag to carry your new partnership book and reading books
- Drawstring PE kit bag with PE uniform
- A lunchbox if your child is in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and not having a school lunch
- Reception and Y1 will all have a free school lunch. Please remember if Y2 request a lunch it will also be free of charge.

Sun Cream:

I am writing this with the glorious sunshine warming the playground and fields so feeling hopeful for a lovely summer this year! Please could you ensure that your child has sun cream applied at home before the start of the school day. Remember, we cannot put sun cream on for your child. Also could you please ensure that your child has a hat and appropriate clothing for any hot days. School summer caps & hats are available to order through our usual uniform suppliers.

Restrictions & Advice still in Place:

- Entry to school will be by appointment only
- Only arrive at school during the allocated time provided to you
- Space yourselves socially distanced apart from other families
- Only 1 adult should accompany your child(ren)
- Very quickly drop off and leave straight away
- Use your partnership book
- E-mail or telephone the office if you wish to make an appointment or receive a call back
- Ask for Mrs Hurst, Miss Devi or Mrs Pye if you have any issues at drop-off or pick-up.

Classroom Restrictions Remaining in Place:

- Children will seat facing the front and as far apart as possible
- Children will be given their own equipment packs to use
- Many lessons will take place outside
- Classrooms will be regularly sanitised
- Wash stations will be in every class
- Cleaning stations will be in every class
- Our STAY SAFE Charter remains in place

Lunchtimes:

We have decided to continue to run the hot meal/grab-bag menu for the first few weeks of term. This will be reviewed when restrictions start to ease further and when we feel it is safe to do so. We aim to return to full service as soon as reasonable and possible - we will keep you informed.

Finally, we wish you a safe, healthy and peaceful Easter break and hope you have some well-deserved relaxation and fun with friends and family.

School reopens to staff and students on Monday 19 April. We look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely



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