



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We are approaching the end of another busy term at Glapton that brings us one third of the way through the term already! Let us hope that when Christmas comes we are all able to celebrate safely with our friends and families.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Pye

As you know, Mrs Pye will be leaving us at the end of term and we all wish her lots of luck in her new venture in a Trust Central Team. Mrs Pye has supported major changes for our SEND provision and has had such a positive impact on our children. Thank you so much Mrs Pye!



Mrs Oliver

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Oliver to our school from January as our new Assistant Headteacher and SENDco. Once she has had time to settle in and get used to us at Glapton she will be in touch with all of our families who have children with Special Educational Needs.

Mr Roulstone

Mr Roulstone is moving over to another one of our LEAD schools at the end of term. They will benefit from the skills and expertise he has used to enhance our provision here at Glapton for so long. Thank you Mr Roulstone for all you have done for the children of Glapton both through sport and in the classroom. You will be very much missed and we all wish you lots of luck.

ANTI-BULLYING AND BEHAVIOUR WEEK



We spent time as a whole school recently looking at our rules, charters and our blue print for behaviour. We emphasised rewards and teamwork and asked the children to think about ways they can support each other to show kindness and friendship.

All the children made an individual kindness statement, which we have joined together as a chain of kindness. They are displayed in the hall as a strong message to us all. Kindness is a chain reaction so pass it on!

THANK YOU CLUB

During this term, all of the children who have kept to the school rules each day will be given a big THANK YOU at playtime on Friday. The children will have lots of toys and equipment, parachutes and footballs to play with. Many of the staff will be supporting and letting the children who are always so well behaved know how much we appreciate their efforts.



CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for your amazing support for Children in Need! Most of the children came dressed up or with a spotty accessory and a donation of a £1. Once the money is safely counted, we will be able to share the total with you and let you know how you have helped to support the children who need it the most. Together, we can transform lives.

FOCUS ON WORLD RELIGIONS

During our RE focus lessons and assembly times we will be exploring the major world religions at different points throughout the year. This half term, we have explored what Diwali celebrations involve, and learnt a little about the Hindu religion. We have also found out about Guru Nanak, who founded the Sikh religion, and talked about how Sikhs might be celebrating his birthday this month.



Leading up to Christmas we have been discussing Advent, and what it means to Christians. We have also explored the Christmas Story and its huge importance in the Christmas celebrations for Christians across the world, whilst learning the key knowledge that is crucial to making sense of the story.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

In light of the latest coronavirus (Covid-19) guidance and the new variant, this year we will not be sharing any party food. Instead, we are asking that children bring in their own party snack. They may also bring in a drink, but this must not be carbonated. Children may also bring in party clothes to change into after lunchtime. Please ensure these clothes are clearly-labelled in a bag to avoid confusion and prevent any items from going missing. We are looking forward to continuing the Christmas celebrations with the children and thank you in advance for your support to make these experiences possible.



CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR FRIENDS AT SCHOOL

Once again, each class will have its own Christmas post box or system in school to safely collect Christmas Cards. Christmas Post continues this week and we are still happy to support the distribution of cards for our children.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 15th December. We are all looking forward to the magnificent spread Mrs Sulley and her team will put on for the children on Wednesday. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper (with their uniform) and any Christmas accessories for lunch on the day. Please order and pay through the School Gateway App if you want your child to join in the fun.

GOVERNOR NEWS

A message from the Chair of Governors

The Academy Governing Body is a group of unpaid volunteers made up of parents, community representatives and staff. Our role is to provide support and challenge – we are champions for the children. As such, we visit the school, study detailed information and meet regularly to review progress. This term has been demanding for pupils, parents and staff. The demands of the pandemic have been ongoing whilst the stop-start building project and other site matters have been trying. However, I can reassure parents that the school has responded with determination, honesty and a clear commitment to continue to drive up standards. The governors recognise and applaud the tremendous efforts made by the whole staff to deliver a happy and ambitious learning community. We will continue to operate as critical friends for the school and look forward to a successful 2022. We wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Martyn Turner
Chair of Governors

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15 th December 2021	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Christian Aid
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 17 December 2021	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 4 January 2022	INSET day
Wednesday 5 January 2022	Children return to school
Week beginning 10 th January 2022	Behaviour Week
Thursday 20 th January 2022	Rowan Class Assembly
Monday 24 th /Tuesday 25 th January	Parents Evenings
Thursday 3 rd February	Alder Class Assembly
Friday 11 th February	School finishes for Half Term

LOST PROPERTY



Lost Property will be on the KS1 playground on Wednesday and Key stage 2 on Thursday. Please come and look through: there are coats, lunch boxes and bottles amongst the many jumpers ...with no names!

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2022 you must apply for a place for them at the school of your choice. This must be done online via the Nottingham City Council Admissions Portal at:

https://ems.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

The deadline for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

Please contact the School Admissions Team on **0115 841 5568** or email schooladmissions@nottinghamcity.gov.uk to request a paper application form if this is preferable.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

As you know our booked school photography day was unable to go ahead due to COVID illness at Wrates Photographers. We have tried very hard to find an alternative photographer, but were unable to secure one before Christmas. Photos will be arranged in the New Year so please look out for more information to come soon.



Finally, I am sure you will join me in sending a huge thank you to all the amazing staff at Glapton. From the office, kitchens, support staff team and our incredible teachers they have started the journey to recovery for your children exceptionally well.

We do hope that they and you have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas with your families and friends and we look forward to seeing you refreshed in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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