



Friday 9th September 2022

Her Majesty The Queen

As you will be aware, Buckingham Palace yesterday announced the death of Her Majesty The Queen. We send our condolences to the Royal Family and to everyone who is affected by this very sad news.

The UK will now begin an official period of mourning for 10 days, until Her Majesty's funeral. We will send further details to you about this period and how the school will be responding to it. The DFE have indicated that schools in England will remain open. We will of course be adjusting our plans to provide time to reflect and consider this significant, historic and sad period of time.

From Monday, a book of condolence will be available in reception. All staff and parents who wish to pass on their condolences to the Royal Family are welcome to visit to sign the book. You may also sign the online book of condolence at www.royal.uk

This sad news will affect adults and children in many different ways. If we require any support for our children Mrs Oliver has access to bereavement resources and if any children need to reflect and grieve, trained staff will be available to provide support and answer any questions they may have.

Rev'd Lydia has let us know that today Holy Trinity with St Francis and St Mary's Churches will be open from 12-1pm where there will be an opportunity to light a candle, sign a book of condolence and leave a floral tribute if anyone should wish. A single bell will toll throughout the hour - if you are close to one of the churches, you may hear it - it marks the start of a period of national mourning.

WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year, it is great and wonderful to see all of our families back in school this week. The children have been amazing, and we look forward to another successful year at Glapton.



WELCOME CHILDREN

We warmly welcome all our new starters in reception.... Corey, Evan, Jett, Eliza, Oscar, Sonny, Remeigh-Taylor, Aayat, Layla, Grayson, Dexter, Parisa, Callie, Levi, Navy, Summer, Matilda, Rocky, Athena, Harmony, Cara-Jay, Holly, Avaiyah, Archie, Lewis, Dylan, Klara, Cohen, Archie, Rowan, Lia, Logan, A'Lydia, Nylah, Sebastian, Myah, James, Iten, Alexander-Jay, D'Khari, Orah-Nicole and Nathan



We also welcome new starters across the rest of the school Adam, Alah, Ornetta, Benjamin, Kinan and Oriana



WELCOME STAFF

We warmly welcome Miss Rae, our new teacher in Juniper class, Miss Swift, our new TA in KS2, and Mrs Baci, our newest member of staff to join the office team. We hope you will give them a friendly welcome to our school and we look forward to you getting to know them over the coming year.

REMINDERS

Just a reminder that children are expected to be in full school uniform with logo on the outer garment which should be worn at all times. Keep nail polish, spiky hair-dos, jewellery (apart from plain studs or sleeper earrings on non PE days), fancy hair accessories, heels or boots for the weekend! Please make sure your child has a white polo top with a logo for their outer wear in the Summer Term unless they are wearing a red summer gingham dress. Black, smart school shoes are the only acceptable footwear and open toe sandals are not allowed for health and safety reasons. Hair bands and bobbles should be red, red gingham, black or grey or white only.



Please find attached our 'Useful Information for Parents Guide. Everything you need to know and remember is detailed in here.

NEW BUILD



We are very excited to have opened our new build and to welcome you through our new entrance into the refurbished reception area. The children have enjoyed using the corridor to access both sides of the school and will all have their first session in our brand-new library next week.

EYFS DROP IN

On Wednesday 14th September parents of our new reception (F2) children are invited to drop into school between 9:05 and 10:05 in the morning. This will be an opportunity for you to see how your little one has settled and will provide a little window onto their world at school. We do hope to see as many of you as possible on this morning.



PUPIL GROUPS



Our elected pupil groups are already starting activities to support their school. The School Council will be running a whole school assembly on 15th September followed by the Boy's Library group on 22nd September. The ECO team are getting their plans for the new garden ready and they will soon be looking for parent or grandparent volunteers to help with the digging! More details to follow.

Other groups in school include School Nutrition Action Group, Curriculum Champions and The Safeguarding Group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Phonics Session – Tuesday 20th September 2:30pm

Parents Evening – **Tuesday** 27th September and **Thursday** 29th September

Parents Reading Session – Tuesday 4th October 2:30pm

Elm Class Assembly – Thursday 6th October 2:45pm

Parents SATs Information Session – Tuesday 11th October 2:30pm

Harvest Festival Celebrations – Wednesday 12th October

Birch Class Assembly – Thursday 13th October 2:45pm

Breakup for Half Term – Friday 14th October 3:15pm



ATTENDANCE



Please find attached our attendance guide for parents. There are lots of rewards and prizes for children with weekly and termly 100% attendance. Don't forget that one child who achieved 100% attendance last year will be selected in our prize draw and win the prize of a day out with their family.

WEBSITE

www.glaptonacademy.co.uk

Don't forget to use our website, where all the information you need can be found. On the class pages you will find your class newsletter and homework mats, on other tabs you will find policies, information and latest news.



Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to sharing lots of news with you over the coming term

Yours sincerely,

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