



### **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

As the nights draw in and the days start to chill, we come to the end of our first half term and are delighted to have had such a positive start to this academic year.

### **DROP IN RECEPTION CLASS**

We were really happy to see so many of you dropping in to see what your little one was up to in their first couple of weeks in school. They loved having you and we hope you enjoyed it too.



### **PARENT/CARER PHONICS SESSION**

Mrs Eden-Smith held a very informative and useful session all about early reading and supporting your child with their phonics. Unfortunately we were disappointed to see so few parents there. Mrs Eden-Smith has posted the PowerPoint on our website so please do take a look. We will be holding another session later in the year for those of you that missed out.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Y6 have kicked off the academic year with two class assemblies all about WWII. Both Elm and Birch class did us proud and we hope you enjoyed their last class assembly at Glapton Academy!

Don't worry, you will get another chance to see them perform in the Y6 Leavers Assembly in July.



### **16-DAY BOOK**



We hope you have enjoyed having the first instalments of our 16-day book. The book will come home each 16<sup>th</sup> day throughout the year to give you an insight into your children's work and their curriculum. Please make sure you send the book back the following Monday.

### **HARVEST**

We held our Reverend Esther who have sent in donations for our Harvest gifts. These will be taken to the Clifton Food Bank and we really appreciate your efforts.



Harvest Festival celebrations on 12<sup>th</sup> October. We were delighted to welcome who came in to lead a service for the whole school. Huge thanks to all of you who have sent in donations for our Harvest gifts. These will be taken to the Clifton Food Bank and we really appreciate your efforts.



**THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

### **THANK YOU CLUB**

Our first 'Thank You Club' was held overjoyed with the amount of

The club is simply a 'thank you' to all of those children who have followed the school rules all day and every day, involving an extra playtime with all of the toys and activities. There is another one planned for after behaviour week in November and our goal is for all of our children to attend.



on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and we were children who were able to attend.



### **PARENT/CARER EVENINGS**

Parent/Carer evenings were held this half term, giving you a chance to discuss the expectations for the year ahead whilst also letting teachers get to know a little more about your child. The turnout was excellent however, if you didn't attend, class teachers will be following up and offering an additional appointment. If you did attend I hope you had the pleasure of walking through our new corridor and library and could see the wonderful resources of books we now have for your children to enjoy.



### **TIME CAPSULE PLAQUE**

Some of you may remember the children creating a time capsule for our school in 2020. This contained stories written by the children, news articles, items relating to the pandemic e.g. facemasks and other memorabilia of the time. The capsule was then buried in the foundations of our new extension. The site now has a plaque and if ever found the capsule will have captured the life of our school, community, country and world through the eyes of our children making them part of history for future generations.

### **SATS INFORMATION EVENING**



Miss Shenton and Miss Edwards held an information evening for parents and children to let them know all about the end of KS2 SATs that they will be taking in May 2023. This meeting was to share information, myth bust and ease any anxiety or worry. It was great to see such a good turnout and we hope you found it useful. More information will be provided nearer the time.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

We are really pleased to let you know that your child's portrait photograph will be taken once again this year. The photographer will be in school from early morning to take pre-school sibling groups and throughout the day to take individual and other sibling photos. These photographs will be ready in time for Christmas.



### **PARTNERSHIP BOOKS**



All children should have their partnership books now with their information complete. Please use the book to record your child's reading every day and remember that your child will be awarded a token for every 20 recorded reads. Your child may spend their token in our Rocketeers shop or indeed save their tokens to buy a high value book at the end of the year.



All the prizes are on display on the tree in our new corridor and the children walk past these every day. Please also use the partnership books to send any messages to your child's teacher and to look for messages that may be sent to you. Each week also has all the important dates for the whole year ahead. This should mean that you don't miss out on any of the exciting events planned for this academic year. Please make sure your child's partnership book is in school every day.

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, children will be invited to wear their Christmas jumper for the day and donate to Christian Aid. If you have any pre-loved jumpers that your child has now grown out of and would like to donate them to school, they would be greatly appreciated and support all of our children to be able to feel festive for the day. Please send them in directly to your class teacher or to the office.



### **VIP VISITOR**

During National School Meals Week 2022, we are very excited to be hosting a special lunch for Lillian Greenwood MP for Nottingham South. The focus of the visit is to highlight environmental issues and encourage children to get involved with making a difference. During this week, we are encouraging as many children as possible to have a school meal for the whole week with each day having a different theme. Our School Nutrition Action Group (S.N.A.G) will meet and greet Lillian Greenwood and spend their lunchtime with her discussing issues and letting her know all about their good work.



**FARNBOROUGH ACADEMY**

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SPENCER ACADEMY

Congratulations to Farnborough Academy.

Following two successive inadequate inspections for the predecessor school in 2013 and 2017, we are delighted to share that Farnborough Spencer Academy has been rated as **"GOOD"** in all four categories, and consequently as **"GOOD"** overall.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School opens to children  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Life Education Bus visiting school – supporting our PSHE curriculum  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Children’s individual and sibling photographs  
Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November – Switch-Off Fortnight – run by the ECO Team  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School drop-in sessions 9am-10am

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Hazel Class assembly 2:45pm

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying and Behaviour Week – the theme this year is ‘Reach Out’

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Y6 Residential Trip to Willersley Castle in Matlock

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Cherry Class Assembly – 2:45pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Flu immunisations for children

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas concert number 1

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 concert number 2

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Thank you club

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School closes for the Christmas break – 3:15pm.

Wishing you a happy and safe autumn break and looking forward to seeing you next half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Hurst'.

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