



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Winter Newsletter

Welcome to the winter newsletter after what has been a busy but wonderful start to the academic year. Here are some of the things that the children have been up to:



### Anti-Bullying Week

The children worked hard on their behaviour and relationships during anti-bullying week resulting in a record number of them being involved in the fun and games of Thank You Club. The week culminated in a teamwork challenge day, where the children looked at problem solving, relationships and protected characteristics.

### Eco Teams

Our Eco team held an assembly for the whole school, they told the children about their plans for designing a new garden outside of the new building and close to the KS2 hall. The eco team have previously won a competition with east midlands airport and we have received a grant of £4,700 for or new garden. Not only that, but the prize also includes the support of a professional garden designer. Look out for more details in the New Year.



### Children in Need

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up for Children in Need and contributing to this great cause. We raised lots of money thanks to your generosity. Pudsey would be proud of you all!

### Y6 Residential

For the first time, nearly all of our Y6 cohort attended our Y6 residential trip. They spent 2 nights and 3 days at Willersley Castle, getting stuck into a huge variety of activities, showing their teamwork, resilience and perseverance. I am so proud to tell you that the castle staff wrote to me directly to say that our children were the most polite and the best behaved they have **ever** had attending the castle. Well done Y6, what an achievement, you should be very proud of yourselves.



## Water Safety

You will have heard of the tragic accident on a frozen lake in Solihull. I know you will join in with the Glapton Community to send our condolences to the families and community of the young boys involved. Please take the opportunity to talk to your own children about safety around water and to remind them to **NEVER** venture out onto or near icy or frozen water – no matter how thick of safe it looks



## Behaviour



As you know, behaviour at Glapton is impeccable most of the time. Our behaviour policy has supported huge improvements in the behaviour of all our children over the last few years, with them responding well to our rewards and incentives. 'Thank You Clubs' occur every term and these are just a 'thank you' to the children who follow our rules every day. We will be holding a 'Thank You Club' this week for those very children who kept to our rules, in the first term back. Children who don't make the club this time will just carry on with their activities in class as normal and hopefully we will see them in the club in the spring term or after our next behaviour week.

## Drop In Whole School

We were really happy to see so many of you dropping in to see what your children get up to in their first couple of weeks in school, they loved having you and we hope you enjoyed it too.



## Life Education Space

The Life Ed Space visited for 3 days just after half-term. The children experienced workshops looking at decisions, friendships, all about me, my wonderful body, feelings, meet the brain and taking care of myself. This is part of the Coram Life Education SCARF curriculum, a children's charity providing Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops were delivered by skilled educators and were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

## Childhood illnesses

I recently sent you an information letter about Strep-A infections. Here is a quick summary of symptoms to look for over the holidays and a guide to when you may need to consult your GP.

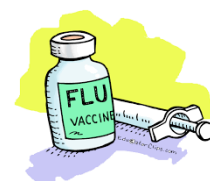
Strep-A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents/carers should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever

A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.



All our children were offered the flu immunisation in December which will protect them against any new strains in circulation this winter. If your child was away, or you didn't take up the offer, it is not too late as the immunisation can be arranged through your GP.



### **Reading Rocketeers**

Don't forget, 20 reads equal a token which equals a prize. Please record your children's reading or ask them to do so in their partnership book every time they read. They can exchange their first token for a prize or save their tokens for a much bigger prize like the Guinness World Records Book or even David Walliams - The Ice Monster and many more!

### **Lost Property**

Lost property is starting to build up again and it is very frustrating when unnamed items cannot be matched to children. Please, please, name all of your children's clothes and remind them to take good care of their belongings. Lost property will be put on tables in the last week of term, and we encourage you to look through to find any items that have gone missing.



### **Collective Worship**

During this term, your children have been learning about Guru Nanak and how Sikhs all over the world celebrate his birthday. Guru Nanak was the founder of the Sikh religion and the children learnt about beliefs, the origin, the holy symbol and the Sikh place of worship.

Children also learnt about St Andrew being the patron Saint of Scotland and how St Andrew's day is celebrated in Scotland and across the world. New themes are planned for the spring term. Children also joined over 200,000 children from over 1,000 school across the country to join in an act of remembrance together on November 11<sup>th</sup> in a live Remembrance assembly.

### **Class Assembly**

Cherry and Hazel Classes also held their class assemblies, and we were delighted to welcome so many of you into school, we hope you enjoyed hearing all about the learning in Y5 and seeing what your children have been getting up to in school this term.



### **Lillian Greenwood MP Art Competition**



A group of children entered Lillian Greenwood MP's Christmas card competition 2022 and attended a lunchtime art club with Mrs Hurst to create their entries. I am delighted and proud to let you know that Caleb (Y6) has won a voucher to spend in a variety of shops and his artwork will be displayed in the Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery over the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

3 children also received highly commended certificates for producing a beautiful Christmas card and in special recognition of the wonderful artwork and design. They were Kyle (Y4), Thea and Evie (both Y6). Well done to all the artists.



- The children have been learning all about the Christmas story through their RE lessons and Christmas productions. They have also learnt about what Advent means and how candles are lit in Christian Churches on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas day.

Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)

Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)

Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)

Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

### **Class Visits & Visitors this Block**

Y1 - The Christmas Story at St Mary's Church

Y2 – Victorian Day

Y3 – Roman Day

Y4 - The Christmas Story at St Mary's Church

Y5 - The National Space Centre

Y6 - Willersley Castle and The Nottingham Justice Museum

### **Christmas Jumper/ Christmas Lunch**

The children looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers, and a big thank you to all those of you who contributed to Christian Aid, supporting children across our country. Thank you also goes to those of you who donated pre-loved Christmas jumpers, which were gratefully received by children in school who didn't have a jumper this year. The children and the staff also enjoyed a wonderful, festive, Christmas lunch and a big thank you goes to our kitchen team for preparing such delicious food.



### **Christmas Performances**

Wow! Wow! Wow! The KS2 concert was incredible, and the turnout and response of the audience was heart-warming. Well done KS2.

Reception class were also amazing, learning all of their songs and words so well and performing brilliantly to all of the grown-ups who visited.

KS1 Nativity had the biggest audience of all, the children performed superbly, and all of our visitors went away happy.

Lastly, Saplings class brought us all Christmas cheer, warming our hearts in this cold December month with their Christmas songs and performance for their mummies, daddies and grownups who look after them. Well done children, we're all very proud of you.



### **Christmas Parties**

Christmas at school wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas party. Thank you for your support with food and party clothes, the children had lots of fun and really enjoyed themselves.

## Staffing News

As the term draws to a close, we have said goodbye to Miss Lampitt and also Mr Gibson and we wish them well in their new ventures.



We will be welcoming back Miss Gibbons after her maternity leave, which sadly also means we say goodbye to Mrs Ranjit who has been looking after Beech Class.

Mrs Crown, who has been our intervention teacher and academic mentor, will be leaving us after Christmas, and we wish her lots of luck for her retirement and all the new adventures that lay ahead.

Mrs Husbands will also be leaving us, but we are delighted to welcome Mrs Layton, an experienced KS1 teacher who has been permanently appointed to take over in Chestnut Class.

Congratulations go to Mrs Baci, who has been promoted from School Administrator to be our new School Business Manager.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up from school – 3:15pm  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Children return to school  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Rowan Class Assembly  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Parents/ Carers Evenings  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Alder Class Assembly  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Thank You Club  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Breakup for Half term - 3:15pm



**Please may I remind you that the dates for the whole year are published in your child's partnership book for you to check each week.**

Finally, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all ready for the new term in January 2023.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Hurst'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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