



Spring Term 2016

Friday 15th January 2016

Glaphorn C.E. Primary School
Issue 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a good start to term with lots of excitement from the children about their new topics, from castles, kings and queens to travelling back in time to find out about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age, not forgetting the Bronze Age which is in the news this week! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-35280290> Curriculum letters were sent out last week but if you missed yours, they can be viewed on our school website class pages.

<http://glaphornschool.uk.org/children.html>

We have a busy and exciting year coming up, with lots of changes for the school. Building work on the new classroom, group room and toilets will begin the week beginning 8th February and is due to be completed by 22nd July. The first phase of the project is moving the catering pod and so our school meals will be cooked off site for that week and possibly the week after half term too. This shouldn't affect anything from the parents' or children's point of view as you will just need to order meals through Nourish as usual.

Planning permission for the change of use for School House has been submitted and we hope the legalities will have been completed by the end of March so we can start work on the building in the summer term to bring it up to an appropriate standard. Thank you to FOGS who are busy fundraising. We hope to use money raised, alongside work on the house, to develop the garden area to use as a designated ball area to extend our playground.

I will keep you updated with any developments on both these projects but in the meantime, if you have any questions, do please ask.

Thank you for all the parents who attended the Parent Consultations this week and received a copy of their child's Autumn Report. Do please take the time to return the feedback form and let us know what you think of the new system.

Katherine Towns
Head

Homework

Well done to all the children receiving **reading certificates** for reading regularly at home. We are noticing big improvements in reading across the school with the regular reading at home, daily phonics in Robins and Barn Owls classes and frequent guided reading sessions for all children.

Barn Owls upwards: Don't forget to encourage children to use **Skoolbo** to practise their literacy and maths skills at home. Logins can be got from school if your child has mislaid theirs.

'**Teach your Monster to Read**' is a great computer game and APP for Robins and Barn Owls to practise their phonics and tricky words at home!

SCHOOL DIARY

Week beginning Monday 18th January

Day	During School	After School
Monday 18 th January	9 a.m. Robinson's Resource Collection Strings lessons	Arts and Craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 19 th January	Running Club	Basketball club
Wednesday 20 th January	Brass lessons Recorder lessons Gardening club	Football club
Thursday 21 st January		Dance club
Friday 22 nd January	French club Woodwind lessons	Rugby club

Week beginning Monday 25th January

Day	During School	After School
Monday 25 th January	Strings lessons	Arts and craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 26 th January	Running club	Basketball club
Wednesday 27 th January	Brass and recorder lessons Gardening club	Football club
Thursday 28 th January	Barn Owls to Warwick Castle	Dance club
Friday 29 th January	Woodwind lessons French club	Rugby club

Week beginning Monday 1st February

Day	During School	After School
Monday 1 st February	Strings lessons	Arts and craft club Cheerleading club
Tuesday 2 nd February	Running club	Basketball club
Wednesday 3 rd February	Brass and recorder lessons Year 4 to St. Peter's for Candlemas Service Gardening club	Football club
Thursday 4 th February		Dance club
Friday 5 th February	French club Woodwind lessons	Rugby club

Dates for the Term

28th January, all day - Barn Owls Trip to Warwick Castle

9th February, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Y4/5 Cluster Basketball Tournament at Prince William School led by Miss Marrison

12th February, 9 a.m. - Nightingales and Red Kites Assembly - Parents Welcome

15th - 19th February - Half Term Holiday - School Closed. School reopens on Monday 22nd February.

14th - 18th March KidLit Festival - Classes to visit Oundle School to hear authors:

Monday 14th March, 10.30 a.m. - Barn Owls

Tuesday 15th March, 1.30 p.m. - Robins

Thursday 17th March, 10.30 a.m. - Red Kites

These visits will take place during the school day and no packed lunch/special arrangements are required.

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th March - Nightingales Trip to Aylmerton with Polebrook School, accompanied by Mrs Towns and Miss Marrison.

Thursday 17th March - Robins and Barn Owls Trip to Rockingham Castle

TBA - Nightingales and Red Kites Trip to Flag Fen

Wednesday 23rd March - Robins and Barn Owls assembly - Parents Welcome

Thursday 24th March - Friday 8th April - Easter Holiday - School Closed.

School reopens on Monday 11th April.

Robinson's Resource Collection - Message from FOGS

Please bag and bring your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags and household linens. They can be placed under the tree in the school car park. Robinsons come at 9 a.m. on Monday 18th January and for every kilo collected, the school earns 50p. So, time for a clear out!

Thank you!

Cluster Sportshall Athletics

A massive congratulations to our Year 3/4 pupils who participated in the Cluster Sportshall Athletics on Tuesday this week, narrowly beating Oundle Primary to first place! Well done to Mrs. Taggart for organising it and to all our athletic participants!

