



Autumn Term 2019

Friday 22nd November 2019

Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 5 Glapthorn C. E. Primary School

Dear Parents,

Last Friday was Children In Need day, and all the children and staff came dressed in their pyjamas to raise money! Thanks also to the parents that turned up at the school gates in their PJ's and made a donation! We raised a great total of about £120. Well done!

I have received some positive feedback about the new arrangements for parents' evenings, and the next step will be to put up some screening in the hall to ensure privacy. As always, you are very welcome to come and speak to your child's class teacher with any additional concerns or queries outside of parents' evening times. As the parents' evening time slots are short, making an additional appointment allows for a longer, more in depth conversation if necessary.

Calling all parents of children in Robins Class! On Wednesday, 27th November, Miss Gregory and Mrs Sutterby will be leading an 'early reading' session for parents. Please do come along to find out more about ways to help your child learn to read, and the importance of reading at home.

We have many Christmas events coming up at Glapthorn! Friday 29th November will be our Wreath Making evening, organised by FOGS! This is always brilliant Christmas fun, complete with mulled wine and mince pies. Come and create your very own beautiful Christmas wreath whilst raising money for our school! No experience necessary! Our class Christmas craft days take place throughout the week beginning Monday 2nd December. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can lend a hand with the tricky business of making crafts with the children! The FOGS Christmas party is in the diary for Friday 6th December after school. Children can bring Christmas party outfits to change into at the end of the day- please look out for further information about tickets and times.

Sunday 8th December is the Christingle Service, at 5pm at St Leonard's Church, Glapthorn. We will be making Christingles in school for this very special family Christmas service. All families are very welcome. Friday 13th December will be Christmas jumper day in school. Come dressed in a Christmas jumper for a donation of a Christmas raffle prize (could be a bottle, chocolates, toiletries etc), and a £1 donation for Present Aid. Each year, we support the Christian Aid 'Present Aid' project, and each class decides on a gift to send to those in need around the world.

Our Christmas performances are fast approaching and rehearsals are in full swing! Monday 16th December is our open dress rehearsal at 2pm. This gives the children an opportunity to practise in front of a small audience before the 'real thing'! We ask that you bring preschool children along to this performance ONLY please. We are aware that childcare can sometimes be tricky. However, we are conscious that the children put a lot of effort in to preparing for the performances, and it can be very disappointing for them if they cannot be heard.

We will hold a small Christmas party for the children in classes during the afternoon of Thursday 19th December. The children do not need to bring a change of clothes for this event. Please come along to our end of term Carol Service at St Leonards Church, Glapthorn, on Friday 20th December at 2pm. This is a really lovely way to end the term, and everyone is welcome!

Have a lovely weekend,

Lou Coulthard

Head

Week beginning 25th November

Monday 25th	Running Club	
Tuesday 26th	School Council Gardening Club	
Wednesday 27th	Lego Club Brass/Strings/Recorder lessons Robins reading session with parents	Latin Club Premier Hockey Club
Thursday 28th	Library Club Woodwind lessons	
Friday 29th	FOGS meeting French Club	Premier Football Club FOGS Wreath Making

Week beginning 2nd December

Monday 2nd	NG Christmas Craft Day Running Club	
Tuesday 3rd	Robins Christmas Craft Day Eco Club Gardening Club	
Wednesday 4th	Red Kites Christmas Craft Day Brass/Strings/Recorder lessons	Latin Club Premier Hockey Club
Thursday 5th	Barn Owls Christmas Craft Day Library Club Woodwind lessons	
Friday 6th	French Club	Premier Football Club FOGS Christmas party
Sunday 8th		5pm Christingle Service at St Leonard's Church

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE : Sunday 8th December

This fabulous seasonal service will take place in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn, on Sunday 8th December at 5pm (when it is dark!) and the School will provide Christingles to allcomers as usual. We would love as many children as possible from all year groups (R-Year 6) to join in this beautiful service and also ideally to take part by reading a prayer, part of a lesson etc., either on their own or with others. Please let Mrs. Sutterby know if your child would like to do a reading. Lots of help and support will be given by school staff to help the children prepare their readings. We do hope you will be able to join us.

	Upcoming dates for your diary
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	2pm Christmas play dress rehearsal
17th December	2pm Christmas Performance
18th December	6pm Christmas Performance
19th December	pm Christmas parties in school
20th December	2pm Carol Service, St. Leonard's Church Break up for Christmas holidays
7th January	Children back to school

Robinson's Collection Dates this academic year

Please bag up any clean unwanted clothing, shoes, bedsheets, curtains, material of any sort, etc., and leave under the tree inside the school car park gate by 9am

Future collections are scheduled for 13th January,

2nd March, 11th May, 6th July

This is such a worthwhile fundraiser! As well as de-cluttering your house, it raises fantastic funds for the School with little effort required from FOGS or School!

Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

16th - 21st October

The Book Fair was such a success this year and you bought in excess of £450 worth of books (a record by a long way!), so I do hope you all picked up some wonderful books and bargains. As a result, we have managed to buy loads of terrific books both for the classroom and for our older free readers which is fabulous - thank you so much for all your support.

Maths Based Games

If anyone is clearing out any maths based games in good condition which are complete and would be suitable for use in our after school club, please could they come in our direction as we would be most grateful for them to help support the after school club children with their fun-based maths learning.