



Glebelands News

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There has been some wonderful learning in school this week and I have seen lots of smiley faces as I have been walking around the school.

Year 4 have been cooking all week and have made chickpea curry, vegetable rosti and Mexican pasties. There have been some lovely aromas coming from the hub all week and I hope that they have enjoyed the finished products.

Our whole school assembly focus on Wednesday 7th October will be a Harvest Assembly. We will therefore be collecting food for the Ely Foodbank. This Foodbank supports people in Ely, Chatteris, Haddenham, Cottenham, Soham, Burwell and Waterbeach. If you would like to contribute to the collection please send your donation into school from **Monday 5th October**. We have included some information about the foodbank with this newsletter.

School attendance is a key focus area for us this year as good school attendance is known to be an important factor in successful outcomes for children as they journey through education. This is a gentle reminder that registers close at 8:50am and therefore classroom doors close at this time too. Classroom doors are open at 8:45am to allow children to come into school. If you arrive at 8:50am please go straight to the office so that we can direct your child to class via the front door. If your child is unwell and therefore absent from school, please contact the school office to make them aware.

I wish you are very happy weekend.

Glebelands House Standings

Shooting Stars - Yellow: 31
Blue Lightning - Blue: 18
Sparkling Spaceships - Green 12
Inferno Fire - Red : 8

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at March Library or Chatteris Library this year, they have certificates and medals waiting to be collected - they will be in the library in which they signed up. They would love the children to celebrate their achievement of reading 6 books over the 6 week holiday. They also have a limited number of special kit bags to hand out to their finishers. The official award ceremonies were held earlier in September so hopefully you will start to see children bringing their certificates into school for celebration assemblies.

Working Party - Saturday 3rd October - 1pm

We have a lovely opportunity for you all. We are looking to clear our outdoor areas. We have a lot of tidying up, weeding and some removal of fences that we would love some help with. If you can help, please come along. We would love to see you! If you have a particular skill (that may not help with the above) that you could offer to help us across the site, please get in contact with the school office.

School Attendance

Please find the class weekly attendance figures below:

BIRCH	96.21%	CEDAR	89.29%
ELM	95.36%	HAWTHORN	97.92%
MAPLE	98.33%	WILLOW	96.67%
ALDER	98.28%	HAZEL	97.93%
ASH	91.33%	COPPER BEECH	93.55%
OAK	89.58%	POPLAR	88.97%
CHESTNUT	94.48%	SYCAMORE	91.33%

Overall weekly attendance for the whole school 94.22%.

Phonics

We want to keep you up to date with the sounds we have been focusing on each week as this will help you to support your child at home.

In FS we have been learning the letters i, n, m, d. In

Year 1 our new GPC is ou: out, loud, ground

School Meals

Please find next week's menu attached.

Glebelands People

These are posted on our school website the weekend after the children have been awarded their stickers in assembly, so please take a look!

Questions of the week

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer "nothing" when asking children what they've learned at school. Therefore, we are going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

EYFS: If you were a superhero what would be your superpower?

Year 1: How many different flowers can you name?

Year 2: What seven things do all living things do?

Year 3: Can you identify the subject, verb and leftovers? The traveller checked her map.

Year 4: Is cheaper food always worse for you?

Year 5: How might you separate a mixture or a solution?

Year 6: Who was the famous privateer hired by Queen Elizabeth I?

Dates

28 September—Y2 Trip to The Raptor Foundation
19 October—Flu Vaccinations FS—Y6
20 October—Parents' Evening Online
22 October—Parents' Evening Online
26-30 October—Half Term
9 November—Y4 Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
1 December—EYFS Nativity
2 December—EYFS Nativity
8 December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas
10 December—Christmas Jumper Day
10 December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas
16 December—Christmas Dinner
18 December—Last Day of The Autumn Term
4 January—Training Day (No children in school)
5 January—First Day of The Spring Term
13-15 January—Year 4 Residential to Burwell House
15-19 February—Half Term
4 March—Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre
25 March—Last Day of The Spring Term
12 April—Training Day (No children in school)
3 May—Bank Holiday (No children in school)
31 May—4 June—Half Term
7 June—Training Day—(No children in school)
7-9 July—Year 5 Residential to Caythorpe Court
21 July—Last Day of the Academic Year