Glebelands News

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There has been a wonderful atmosphere around school this week, with lots of learning, achievement and exciting opportunities taking place across all year groups.

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have all begun rehearsing for their Christmas productions. They are working incredibly hard to learn their lines, remember all of the songs and practise their performances. We are already seeing their confidence grow and know that the performances will be a real highlight of the festive season. Please remember to return your ticket request form to the school office as soon as possible.

This week has also been Assessment Week across the school. Children have worked hard to apply their knowledge and demonstrate what they have learned in their tests. We are very proud of the effort, determination and positive attitudes they have shown throughout the week.

A small group of our Year 6 children represented the school at a football tournament held at Neale-Wade Academy this afternoon. They have been fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and behaviour. At the time of writing, the tournament is still taking place, and we are looking forward to hearing how they have got on.

Finally, photographs from the recent PTFA Christmas photoshoot have now arrived in school and will be sent home with children today. We hope you enjoy seeing these special photographs and thank our PTFA for organising this lovely opportunity for our families.

Staffing

We would like to make you aware that Mr Harfield will be leaving our school at the end of the Autumn Term. While this news is tinged with sadness for all of us, we hope you will join us in congratulating him on an exciting new opportunity.

Mr Harfield has successfully secured a new role leading a brand-new specialist provision for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs in Peterborough. This is a dream role for him and one that perfectly reflects his passion, expertise and commitment to ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed.

Throughout his time at our school, Mr Harfield has made a tremendous contribution to the lives of our children, families and staff. His care, commitment and dedication to our school community have been greatly valued, and he will be very much missed.

Whilst we are naturally sad to see him leave, we are equally delighted for him as he embarks on this exciting new chapter. We know that many of you will share these mixed emotions and will want to join us in wishing him every happiness and success in his new role.

Although he will be moving on to new challenges, we hope that Mr Harfield will remain a visitor to our school and we look forward to hearing about the success of his new venture in the years ahead.

School Attendance

Please find the class weekly attendance figures below:

BIRCH	80.34%	CEDAR	85.52%
ELM	92.50%	HAWTHORN	88.62%
MAPLE	95.00%	WILLOW	96.67%
ALDER	98.28%	HAZEL	92.14%
ASH	95.67%	COPPER BEECH	89.03%
OAK	92.50%	POPLAR	96.07%
CHESTNUT	92.67%	SYCAMORE	89.00%

Overall weekly attendance for the whole school 91.72%.

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: x, y, z

In Year One, our new GPC is aw eg saw, claw, draw

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!

School Meals

Please find next week's menu attached.

Glebelands House Standings

Shooting Stars - Yellow: 86
Blue Lightning - Blue: 84
Sparkling Spaceships - Green 80
Inferno Fire - Red : 63

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: What do owls like to eat?

Year 1: Who is your favourite fairy tale character and why?

Year 2: How did London change after the Great Fire?

Year 3: What are the three periods of the Stone Age?

Year 4: How can you calculate the perimeter of a 2D shape using multiplication and addition?

Year 5: What methods could you use to multiply a two digit number by a one digit number?

Year 6: What are the 4 main layers of the Earth?

Dates

1 December—EYFS Nativity 14:30
2 December—Y2 Reading Café 09:00
2 December—EYFS Nativity 10:00
3 December—Y3 Trip to Flag Fen
8 December—Year 1 Christingle 14:30
10 December—Christmas Jumper Day
10 December—Year 2 Christmas Performance 14:00
16 December—Christmas Dinner
18 December—Last Day of The Autumn Term
4 January—Training Day (No children in school)
5 January—Frist Day of The Spring Term
13-15 January—Year 4 Residential to Burwell House
9 February—Parents' Evening
11 February—Parents' Evening
15-19 February—Half Term
4 March—Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre
23 March—Y3/4 Performance
24 March—Y3/4 Performance
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