



The Glebe Gazette

Thursday 4th September 2014

Welcome back

Welcome back to the start of what we know will be an exciting year ahead. It was lovely to see the children back in school looking so smart yesterday as they got to know life in their new classroom. School has been very busy during the holiday with our kitchen extension and the refurbishment to the school hall. We now have the kitchen completed which has greatly enhanced our catering facilities. This will make a big difference to school and we look forward to showing you soon once the hall floor is completed, hopefully by the end of next week so assemblies and lunch in the hall can then resume as normal.

The Cornflake Club

You should have all received a letter at the end of last term explaining the changes to our breakfast provision. This is to ensure this provision is safe for your children at all times and will provide a better service.



The Cornflake Club is available from 8:00am to 8:30am every morning. This week it has been based in FS1 however once the building work is complete this will be permanently based in 'The Green Room' which is by the Y2 classroom & garden (right of the front gate).

There is a £1 charge per child per day for this club and 50p each for additional siblings, which includes breakfast and covers staff supervision. We have also resourced this club with toys and games so the children have got plenty to do!



Giving Learning the X-factor!

With the launch of the new primary curriculum we have made some exciting changes to our whole school curriculum. Each class is focusing on the **Imaginative Learning Project** each half term which will be the theme a lot of their work will revolve around. We piloted this approach last half term and the children loved learning in

this way!

This half term years Imaginative Learning Projects are:

- FS1—What do I know about me?
- FS2—Who am I and where do I live?
- Y1—Superheroes
- Y2—Towers, Tunnels, Turrets
- Y3—Heroes and Villains
- Y4—Potions
- Y5—Off with her Head!
- Y6—Revolution



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

After-school clubs will start week beginning 15th September and these clubs will then run for the term. Look out for a letter which will explain the range of clubs on offer, the weeks they take place and how you can book a place and pay for them.



After School Clubs

Thank you for your continued support in school, Mrs S Oakes Smith



Class Dojo and Golden Time

We are excited to announce the launch of 'Class Dojo' This replaces house points and is an online system for rewarding pupils achievements and celebrating their success. Pupils can receive 'Dojo' points for a range of things in school...we are always looking out for opportunities to celebrate good behaviour and recognise their achievements! Pupils have their own avatar and once rewarded 'Dojo' points and are recorded points via 'Class Dojo' online. This half term, we will provide parents with a link to their individual child's dojo account via an online APP so you can see how many points they are receiving, what for and celebrate with them! There will be rewards for pupils along the way once they earn 50, 100, 150 and 200 points as well as us recognising their successes in our Celebration Assemblies.

We have made some changes to the 'Assertive Discipline' policy in school. You probably know it as the children 'having their name moved' or 'keeping it on the board' and earning stars towards their treat afternoon once per half term. The new changes mean that children now have a new start on the board each day and can then earn 5 minutes of Golden Time for every day during the week that they keep their name on the Golden Time Rule Board. Over the week they can earn a maximum of 25 minutes of Golden Time. Golden Time will then take place each Friday afternoon so pupils are rewarded with greater immediacy. You will be informed via your child's journal of how many minutes they have earned that week!



The children are all very pleased to be receiving weekly rewards for their super behaviour!

Year 1 Parents—Start and End of the School Day

To aid the transition into Year 1 we have enabled Year 1 parents to hand their children over to staff at the Year 1 conservatory door and then collect the children from the classroom door again at the end of the school day. This means Year 1 parents walking around the new Key stage 2 extension.

However, we do appreciate this path around the building is tight if there are pushchairs coming the other way. Therefore to try to rectify this issue we will open the small back gate (by the car park to the rear of school) on a trial basis. This will be open for **Y1 Parents ONLY** from 8:25am to 8:35am. This will then also open at 2:45pm for parents who need to collect their child using this gate at the end of the day. Y1 parents without pushchairs or with other children to drop off/collect on the main year are still free to use the path around the KS2 extension. This will be reviewed to ensure we maintain the safety of all children on the school site at all times.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Below are some of the key dates for this term. Further details will announced closer to the dates.

| Dates | Event |
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| Friday 26th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning at 8:30am followed by opportunity to go into your child's class from 9:15 to 10:15am (*please note their will be no Celebration Assembly on that day) |
| Half Term | School Closes at 2:45pm on Friday 24th October & opens on Monday 3rd November |
| Parent Conferences | Wed 5th November & Thurs 6th November |
| Friday 28th November | Non-uniform Day (theme to be agreed by The School Council) to raise money for Leukaemia Research |
| Y1—Y6 Panto | Tuesday 2nd Dec |

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