



Glebe Parent Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2021



Happy New Year to you all. I know that this isn't the start of the new year that any of us would have chosen and I have missed welcoming the majority of our families back this week. However, we find ourselves in this situation once more, with our community apart but, hopefully, very much together in spirit.

Nursery

I received updated guidance from the Department for Education yesterday evening regarding a change in stance for school-based nurseries. Previous guidance from last weekend reported that school-based nurseries came under the same restrictions as other year groups in primary schools. However, the latest guidance says that nursery classes in schools should remain open and should allow all children to attend full time or their usual timetable hours. The guidance for the rest of the school remains unchanged (dare I say, for now). I will, of course keep you all updated with any changes once we have had time to digest them and make plans. Thank you all for your continued patience as we continue to navigate this latest school closure. The only analogy I can make for how it feels is a bit like having a second child – you imagine because you've experienced it once before, it's easier the second time around, but that never seems to be the case!

Thank You

I just want to say a huge thank you to the staff for their hard work and the resilience they have shown this week. At very short notice, the teachers have put together the home learning provision and all staff have put their own fears and anxieties aside to teach and support the children who are in school. We are incredibly fortunate – you as parents and me as the school's leader – to have such dedicated and professional staff within our community.

Home Learning

Thank you all for your positive comments about the remote learning we have set up, and hopefully the initial glitches have been overcome. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are unable to access any of the work.

As I said during the last lockdown, none of you signed up for home learning and it is a tremendous feat to ask you to complete it and juggle your many hats as parents, home educators and employees. I commend you all for all you have done and all you will continue to do until it is safe for us to re-open to everyone.

Over the next few weeks, a member of staff will be in touch to check in and see how you all are. In the meantime, if you are worried or just need to talk to someone, please call the office and someone will call you back.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Penney

Welcome

Wishing all the families who have joined us this term a very warm welcome. Although we have not all been able to meet face to face yet, I hope your time at our school will be happy and successful.

Term Dates for Next Academic Year 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Wednesday 1st September*

Half Term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Term Ends: Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January*

Half Term: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

Term Ends: Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April*

Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Term Ends: Friday 22nd July

*= Training Days:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022