

### Glebe Parent Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022



I hope you have all had a good week.

### **Covid Notification**

I know that some parents have enquired about when we inform parents/carers of confirmed cases in classes. Guidance has changed in terms of when schools have to notify both the Department for Education and parents/carers of cases of Covid in schools. We are now required to notify if there are 5 or more confirmed cases in one year group. We are not expected to notify parents if there are fewer than that.

In all cases we adhere to our contingency plan (which is available on our website) and take the necessary measures in-house.

As schools are significant communities (staff, pupils, wraparound care providers, etc.) the Government have changed the guidance as this variant is affecting so many more people. As a community of over 800 people (and this is before we take household members into account) we will see numbers increase in line with national statistics.

Our numbers of confirmed cases are still lower than other schools locally and nationally which is testament to the effectiveness of our contingency plan but it is only to be expected that we will be impacted by the virulent spread of the omicron variant.

#### **NSPCC Number Day**

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 4th February 2022.** Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC needs our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, t-shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Please see the attached photo for ideas of how to get creative for Number Day.

Thank you,

Miss Gilbert & Mrs Long

### 12 Reads of Christmas

Today was the deadline for the children to hand in their bookmarks. As we have had such a big response, it will take time to go through them all and award the certificates and so the prize draw will be drawn next week and the details will be shared in next week's newsletter, not this week's as stated last week. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

#### Term Dates for the next academic year

Please note these are not for the current school year (they have already been set), this is advanced warning for next year so you can plan ahead in terms of booking holidays (hopefully).

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Thursday 1st September – Training Day – school closed for all pupils

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Training Day - school closed for all pupils

Monday 5th September 2022 – children return to school

Half term – Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022

Friday 16th December – terms ends for Christmas holiday

#### Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Training Day – school closed for all pupils

Wednesday 4th January 2023 - children return to school

Half term - Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023 – terms ends for Easter holiday

### Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - Training Day - school closed for all pupils

Tuesday 18th April – children return to school

Half term - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Monday 5th June - Training Day - school closed for all pupils

Friday 21st July 2023 – terms ends for summer holiday



As you know we recently hosted an all school live stream event called NED's Mindset Mission.

We trust your child was encouraged by the show, which taught about having a positive Mindset for learning and life!

The children were very excited about the yoyo-tricks the performer showed them and it's been lovely to see how many of them have been already been learning some of the tricks themselves at break times and lunchtimes.

If you would like any additional resources connected to Ned's mission to work through at home, please visit:

http://www.mindsetmission.com/parents.html

If you'd like to purchase a NED Yoyo for your child, they are still available at school. Just go onto School Money, where you can purchase one.

### Online Safety

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming.

We have attached a 'How to manage what your children watch on TV' guide this week.

Many Thanks Mr Perkins and Ms Arshad

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

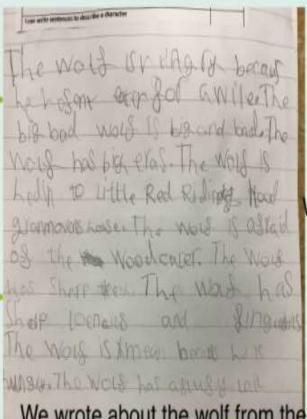
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### Nursery



## Reception





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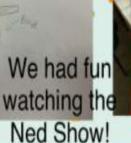


We drew animals that we might see in the UK in art.



We learnt about directions

in computing.





PIC COLLAGE

This week, we used Spelling Shed in class and enjoyed completing the tasks our teachers set for us. We also used mirrors to explore symmetry.

