

GLEBE NEWS

Mr Reed

I am delighted to announce that Mr Reed and his wife are now the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy. Rafael Arthur George Hanson-Reed arrived on Monday morning weighing 7lbs 9ozs. Mother and baby are doing well and Mr Reed, I'm sure will be enjoying his paternity leave. Ms Chesney will be teaching his class during this time.

Homework

You should now be aware that we have made a slight tweak to our homework arrangements. Taking on board what the children and parents have told us, we have adopted a uniform approach to the day it is sent out and when it is returned. All homework in all year groups will be sent out on a Wednesday and needs to be handed in on a Monday. This is to give families more freedom when it comes to completing it. From the discussions we have had with children, some preferred to have a homework-free weekend and complete their work during the week whilst others had after school clubs/activities and so preferred to complete it over the weekend. We hope this model suits everyone as it also gives the teachers time to mark it before the new work is sent out.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back

It was so lovely to see lots of familiar faces on Tuesday morning. Thank you to everyone who has seen me personally to wish me well – it is truly appreciated and has gone a long way to settling my nerves! I celebrated 20 years in teaching on 1st September and have spent 18 of those years here at Glebe. I am incredibly proud of this school – the staff, pupils and their families – and I am delighted to be able to lead the school I love onto even greater things in the future.

A very warm welcome to all families who are new to Glebe – I hope your time with us is a happy and successful one. We pride ourselves on the friendliness of our community, so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to either ask a member of school staff or the experienced Glebe parents, all of whom will be happy to help.

New staff

I am not the only member of staff who is in a new role here at Glebe. We welcomed 6 new teachers on Monday and 6 new LSAs on Tuesday. Miss Baines and Miss Chalk make up our shiny new Year 6 team – both are highly experienced Year 6 teachers. Mr Meyrick has joined Year 3 along with Miss Lance. Miss Kavanagh has joined the Year 2 team and Miss Westrupp is spending a year with us teaching in Reception. Miss Oyepitan, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Lilley and Mrs Whittaker have been appointed to support pupils from our Specialist Resource Base for Hearing impaired pupils whilst Mrs Newing and Mrs L. Fitzwater are working in the Nursery to support the morning enrichment sessions. I am sure that you will all welcome them into the Glebe community and join me in wishing them every success during their time at Glebe.

Prefects & Other Key roles

The Year 6 pupils have been busy writing letters of application for the role of prefect. Senior School Leaders are meeting on Monday after school to go through the applications and select a group of prefects for this year. From this group, we shortlist a small group to be put forward for Head Girl and Head Boy. All school staff vote for Head Girl and Head Boy. Other roles that Year 6 pupils can apply for are House Captain and Play Leaders. In other year groups, children have put themselves forward to be School Council representatives for their classes. The children give a short speech indicating why they feel they would be best of the role and then their classmates vote for a girl and a boy to represent their interests at the School Council meetings. I will let you know who the successful applicants have been for all of the roles on offer in next week's newsletter.

Deaf Awareness

While all of you were enjoying the final day of the holidays, the staff were in school on Monday receiving training in a number of things, one of which was Deaf Awareness. As the London Borough of Hillingdon's only specialist resource for deaf pupils, it is vital that we ensure that everyone in the school community has regular training to guarantee we continue to provide the highest standard of support for our deaf pupils.

Start as we mean to go on

This was the theme of my assembly to the whole school on Tuesday morning and it is aimed at all of us. We all made a pledge that we would start this new school year in the best way possible – working hard and looking out for each other. I hope you will encourage your children to continue this throughout the year.

Polite Reminder Section

Parking: New school year, new Head Teacher, same old issues! It has already been reported to us that parents are parking on the double yellow lines to drop their children at school. We are in such a difficult position in terms of parking at school and I know how frustrating the situation is, but please don't put yourselves or the children in danger. On a slightly different point, I know Mr Alford made this request in July, but please could I remind all of you who have been fortunate enough to receive a permit to take care when parking so that you don't reduce the limited spaces that are available to other parents? I'd like to take this opportunity to ask all other parents to park considerately so that we reduce the number of complaints from residents about parents parking across driveways and being verbally abusive to residents.

Parking Permits: We have had a number of requests from parents this week about the availability of parent parking permits. It appears the council have told parents to contact us to request permits/application forms. **All 80 permits were allocated during the summer term.** I have contacted the council today to enquire if this meant that we would be given more permits. But, unfortunately, it doesn't. However, they did tell me that 7 application forms have not been returned to the department. If you are one of the applicants and you haven't yet sent your form and the £20 payment to the council, **please do so by next Friday (15th September) otherwise we will assume you no longer need a permit and re-allocate them.**

Hot School Meals: Please could all parents who wish for their child to have a hot meal to ensure you book and pay in advance on School Money? Thank you J

A star is born: Those of you with beady eyes who were watching the England v Slovakia game on Monday night may have noticed a certain member of Glebe School was a mascot and was partnered with Dele Alli. Rio Knight, from 3M and grandson of our beloved Mr Budden, was selected from thousands of applicants to take part. I am told Rio's selection had nothing to do with being Mr Budden's grandson and was all on his own merit!

Coming Up: Just a quick reminder that Glebe is once again getting involved in Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, their biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Our event is taking place in the afternoon, from **3-4pm, on Thursday 21st September**. As ever we'd greatly appreciate it if you could bake or buy some cakes for us to sell...so that you can then buy some for yourself later! Please do come and support this worthwhile cause.

If you need some inspiration - <http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/ideas/baking-recipes/>

One in three of us will face cancer, and the money we raise at our Coffee Afternoon will help Macmillan make sure no one has to face it alone.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Penney