

GLEBE NEWS

Attendance: 1W | Housepoints: Burnham | Walker the Bear: RWB

Recipe for Change

We are trialling the new-style lunchtime routine with the children from Monday. As I mentioned previously, the timings of the start and end of lunchtimes will alter slightly but the children will still get an hour to eat and play. The biggest difference the children will notice is the 'restaurant' style. Individual tables of 6 children will be set up with cutlery in the centre of the table. A table at a time will be called up to the serving hatch and be served their food which should eliminate the long queues and noise levels in the hall. Paul Aagaard, from the Recipe for Change team will be running a series of role play assemblies on Monday morning to show the children the new system so they can have a practise at following the new procedures.

Lost Property

Black level ski racer drawstring bag with a blue cord belonging to Nathan in year 6.

Elisha, Year 6, has lost a named school cardigan.

Attendance

Please report absences as early as possible on the first day via the absence line **NOT** Class Dojo. Thank you.

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was so lovely to see so many of you during the two evenings and it was lovely to receive such positive feedback from parents about their child's progress, the quality of the work in their child's books, how impressed you've been with the class teachers right through to how



polite and helpful the prefects were. If you were unable to make an appointment for either of the evenings, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet. As I've said before, it is so important to see what your child has been learning and hear about the progress they have made as this demonstrates to your child the value you are putting into their education.

Mrs Smith's maternity leave

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Smith well as she leaves us for a while. I am sure she is relieved to be out of the staffroom and all the labour-related horror stories we are sharing with her! She has promised to visit once she and the baby have settled into a routine. I will, of course, keep you updated with further baby news once we have it. Mr Josh Kropveld will be teaching her class and sets until July. Miss Baines will be taking over the role of Phase Leader for Upper KS2 during Mrs Smith's maternity leave.



2LG Class Assembly

Miss Gilbert's class performed a fantastic assembly on Thursday morning. They gave us a whistle-stop tour of what they have learned so far this school year. They performed an alternative version of the 3 Little Pigs with the Big Bad Pig terrorising the 3 poor, defenceless little wolves and an excellent song about staying safe online. As part of their History topic on medieval times, they told us all they have learned about castles and they even designed their own coat of arms. A huge well done to the whole class and to Miss Gilbert who was ably assisted by Mrs Blake, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Fitzwater.

A Plea from Reception

We are desperately looking to acquire some pallets, cable drums and offcuts of artificial grass. If anyone has any of these lying around or has access to these we would be really appreciative to have any donated. We are also looking to enhance some of our small world resources for outdoors so if at any time you are having a clear out and find any action figures, plastic animals, or small matchbox type cars we would love to take them off your hands. (Please do not send in any nursery-aged themed toys such as Octonauts, Peppa Pig etc.) Please send any donations to the office c/o Miss Wands. Thank you

Lost Property

Please mark all uniform, coats, PE kits and lunchboxes with your child's name. This will enable lost items to be returned.

World Book Day

At Glebe we like to do things a little differently as World Book Day is no exception. We are celebrating it next Tuesday 27th February (instead of next Thursday when everyone else will be dressed up). We are marking the day with a visit by author Jack Trelawny and I am looking forward to playing "Guess the Book Character" with all the staff and children in their costumes. Don't forget, there is a prize for the best costume. Me? I'll probably opt for my usual character – page 37 in the Simply Be catalogue!

School Trips

As trips take place within school hours, under the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, no charge can be made by the school. Voluntary contributions to cover the cost of your child's place are requested. However, if sufficient money to cover the cost of the trip is NOT raised then it may have to be cancelled, since we would otherwise have to take funds away from other parts of the school's teaching programme to subsidise the trip.

Payment should be made via the electronic system, "School Money". By making payment you will be giving consent to your child taking place on the trip. (In all cases we need parental consent for your child to participate) Free School Meals: Packed lunches can be provided for trips, if required (please notify school office)

Hot School Meals

If you wish for your child to have a hot meal, please remember to book if your child is in Years 3 – 6 and please note that the system "shuts off" at midnight, not allowing booking for the following day, so please book ahead.

Breakfast Club

Don't forget that the same system applies to booking a place at Breakfast Club – please book ahead of time. This ensures that staff are aware of numbers which helps with staffing levels and ordering of food. Please note we cannot accept children if a place has not been booked for them – we do not have other staff available at that time of the morning who can supervise your children.

Considerate Parking

I have held off mentioning parking for several weeks as although the issues have in no way subsided, it felt like mentioning it each week was having little effect. However, I do ask that you all park considerately in the bays – whether you have a permit or not. Don't forget as long as your wheels are within the white lines of the bay, the front or back end of your car can overhang the space. The vast majority of the bays can fit two cars if both park sensibly. I think we just have to look at it as those of you who drive to school are all in the same position, please think of others when you park. Thank you.

Sports News

Another huge well done to Mrs Long and the two Netball teams who played against two teams from Deanesfield on Wednesday evening. The scores were 11-0 and 6-0 to Glebe! I think it is fair to say the girls are on cracking form! Thanks again girls, for making everyone at Glebe so proud.

Magnetic Putty

You may have seen on the news about the case of a child who was poisoned by levels of arsenic found in magnetic putty. We don't use this type of putty in school but I know that magnetic putty is very popular with the children at the moment so may have some at home. I wanted to make you aware in case you

hadn't heard. One of our parents informed me that she contacted NHS direct who told her that if children are not showing the symptoms (which include headaches and nausea) they should be fine, but if they are showing these symptoms, it is worth checking with your GP. This only refers to magnetic putty. http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5412761/Girl-poisoned-ARSENIC-playing-Amazon-toy.html?ito=whatsapp_share_article-masthead

Governor

It is not too late to let the Governing Body know if you (or someone you know) would like to look into the opportunity to become a Governor. We are ideally looking for people with a background in the finance or legal profession. Please contact the school office who will pass on their details to the Governing Body

FOG News:

- Mother's Day Gift Shop on Friday 9th March. FOG volunteers will be selling a variety of gifts for £4 each, giving the children the opportunity to buy a Mother's Day gift independently. All gifts will be wrapped for the children. Children need to bring in £4 cash on the day. There is a limit of one gift per child.
 - The discos will be held on Thursday 22nd March. The timings remain the same as usual, i.e. Years 1, 2 & 3: 5:30-6:30pm and Years 4,5 & 6: 7-8pm
- Wristbands will be on sale from Monday 5th March onwards and as before, children will not be admitted to the disco without a wristband with a contact number clearly written on it.**
- PLEASE NOTE: Disco entry has changed. Wristbands are now £5 each, and for this price each child will get:**
- **entry into the disco**
 - **a party bag of crisps, sweets, chocolate, a drink & a toy.**
- Special dietary needs and allergies will be catered for but parents will have to oversee this for their child on arrival at the disco. Please speak to members of FOG if you have any queries.*

Children do not need to bring money to the disco.