

Glebe Primary School Newsletter

10th September 2018

Sorry for the lateness of the first newsletter of the school year – after this week, normal service will resume and you will receive the newsletter on a Friday.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed yourselves.

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces on Tuesday morning – thank you to everyone who gave cards and gifts to myself and the teachers at the end of the last school year. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

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.

I would also like to welcome all the new staff who have joined Glebe this year. Miss Lubbers has joined the Year 1 team, Mr Keen and Mr Dwyer are in Year 2, Ms Pearce is teaching in Year 3 and leading the Lower KS2 Phase, Mrs Dennis is job-sharing in Year 4 with Mrs Jayasekera, Mrs Everett and Miss Scheurleer have joined Year 5. Mrs Le Fevre is the Teacher of the Deaf leading the SRP and Mrs Costick is supporting SRP pupils. Ms Kirk has joined the office team and is our new Finance Officer. Mrs Robinson has taken on a new role here as Human Resources Officer. They have all made an excellent start to their time at Glebe and I am sure you will all make them feel very welcome.

Standards and Expectations: On Monday the teachers and I met to go through our expectations for the year as well as how we can ensure that we maintain high standards of behaviour and learning throughout the year. On Tuesday I shared this with the children and I am happy to report that the children have made an excellent start to the new school year. We will be ensuring that this continues throughout the year and I thank you in anticipation of your support in helping us in this endeavour.

End of Year Expectations: Please visit the school's website as we have uploaded the end of year expectations for each year group in Literacy and Maths. We hope that by making these available to you, you will be able to see what standards your child will be expected to achieve by the end of the school year and that by having access to these that this will help you in supporting your child to achieve this standard.

Class Dojo: Please sign up to this free app, if you haven't already. It is a great way for us to keep you informed about how your child is doing in class as well as reminders for upcoming events. You can also send Dojo messages to your child's class teacher. We do ask that you consider the timescale of a response from the class teacher as they are only going to respond in a reasonable timeframe. I would also ask that you refrain from sending Dojo messages at the weekend, very early in the morning or late in the evenings. The teachers need their beauty sleep and down time to ensure they are refreshed and can be the best versions of themselves – your children will benefit from this.

Could I please also ask that you only report absences via our absence line which is an option when you call the school's landline and not via Class Dojo? Office staff will inform the class teacher if a child is going to be absent.

Hot Chocolate Fridays: This is a new initiative that I will be introducing in the next few weeks. I have shared it with the staff but not with the children...yet. All staff will nominate children who consistently display exceptional behaviour in school each week and I will invite them to join me for Hot Chocolate on a Friday afternoon. I am hoping (and expecting) to be inundated with nominations every week and will invite a selection of children every week. Please don't be disappointed if your child does not receive an invitation in the first week, if their behaviour has caught the eye of a member of staff (for the right reasons) then it won't be long before they receive an invitation.

Polite Reminders:

As we have new families at Glebe, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about a few things.

Scooters/Bikes: Children must dismount their scooter or bike whilst on school premises for the health and safety of everyone. Please could all parents take responsibility for getting their child to dismount their scooter or bike as soon as they are within the school gates? Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Playground Equipment: The playground equipment is to only be used during school time by the children. It is not to be used before or after school. Thank you.

Parking: Those parents who are fortunate enough to have a parent parking permit, please ensure you park considerately. Don't forget that as long as your tyres are within the white lines of the parking bays you are ok – please do not park in the middle of a space as this prevents other parents from parking in the same bay. We all agree that the parking situation is very difficult, but I would like us to be aware that the safety of the children comes first. Please respect our local residents and do not obstruct their driveways at any time.

Local Activities Section:

Ickenham and Swakeleys Horticultural Society Flower Show: I was delighted to be invited to this event by the committee as their Guest of Honour on Saturday. It was a lovely afternoon and it was fantastic to see that so many Glebe children had taken part. The Glebe Gardening Club excelled as usual and we received first prize in the Junior grown produce category. It is so important that the school is a central part of the community and it was lovely to see how much pleasure the Glebe Gardeners brought to the locals who attended the event.

The Rock Project Greater London

School of Rock & Pop where 7-18 year olds are taught how to play guitar, bass, drums and vocals in small groups and as a band. Sessions run every Thursday at Vyners School. Juniors (7-11yrs) 4.45-6.45pm and Seniors (11-18yrs) 7-9pm. Free Taster Session! Contact Pritpal on 07855 863058 or email uxbridge@therockproject.com

Philosophers' Corner: Does a school holiday week actually go quicker than a term time week does? (Because it certainly feels like it!)

Enjoy your week.

Mrs Penney 😊