

Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 2

Friday 25th September 2015

Parent's Welcome Meeting

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the Welcome Meeting last Wednesday evening and we have received a lot of positive feedback about the event. I am aware that some parents were unable to attend the meeting, so I am preparing a letter which summarises the key messages which were shared at the Welcome Meeting. This will be sent out on Monday via parentmail, so please look out for it.

At that meeting, I outlined my intention to include a regular slot in the newsletter to inform parents about the ongoing process of school improvement (see below). In addition, the governing body will also be writing to parents at the end of each term with a summary of our progress in relation to Ofsted's recommendations for further development.

Ongoing School Improvement

On our INSET days at the start of term, attended by all teachers and teaching assistants, we focused on ensuring school wide consistency across of range of aspects including the development of learning environments, presentation of pupil work, approaches to marking and feedback and the use of rewards and sanctions. We also undertook training on the use of a learning platform which we anticipate launching soon with the children, and training on using a restorative approach to promote positive pupil behaviour.

Since term began our 'in-house' developmental work has included training for teaching staff on the use of models and images to support mathematical learning and opportunities for teaching assistants to meet regularly with teaching staff to establish effective working partnerships and classroom routines. Ongoing developmental work within classrooms has focused on the effective deployment of teaching assistants so ensure we obtain maximum benefit from the dedicated teaching assistant support we now have in each classroom every morning.

We have also benefited from training sessions for teachers facilitated by the Local Authority's English advisor on effective planning processes and from the Local Authority's Primary Improvement Advisor on marking and response to move children's learning on.

Staff Update

This week we have welcomed two new members of staff to the team: Mrs Priyanka Agarawal joins us as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Susan Lomax joins us as our new Clubs and Enrichment Co-ordinator. We are delighted to have them on board.

We also would like to share the good news that Mrs Laura Fitch's baby daughter Layla Grace Fitch has arrived. Mum and baby are doing well and we send them our congratulations.

I also wish to inform you that Miss Leonie Youd will be leaving us at the end of the term. Miss Youd is preparing to move to Switzerland with her fiancé and we wish her every success with her future plans. Miss Youd has been a fantastic teacher during her time at Girton Glebe and a highly valued member of the team. We are currently in the process of recruiting and will of course keep you informed when we have made our new appointment.

Harvest Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Harvest collection for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. As you can see we amassed an impressive collection of produce which is greatly appreciated by all involved with Jimmy's. It was also a pleasure to welcome new parents to the school for the special Harvest Assembly. We were treated to some fantastic Harvest Songs from each of the phases, and the Reception children did a magnificent job of performing the story of 'The Little Red Hen.'



Collection of Harvest Produce for Jimmy's Night Shelter.

FOGG Jumble Sale

Just a reminder that the first FOGG Jumble Sale of the year is happening on Saturday 3rd October. If you are able to help with setting up after school on Friday 2nd October, selling items on Saturday 3rd October or assisting with tidying and dispersing the remaining jumble at the end of the sale please sign up at the FOGG doodle poll <http://doodle.com/poll/stxgyhdghvecvp2w>. We hope many of you will also support the event by donating items for sale and by coming along in search of a bargain!

Upcoming Dates and Date Changes

Information Evening for Reception parents- Tuesday 29th September – 6pm

Birch Class Assembly- Friday 2nd October – 9am

FOGG Jumble Sale – Saturday 3rd October – 11am

INSET day- Friday 9th October-(School closed)

Changes of Dates

Since sending out the first newsletter, we have made a couple of date changes. Apologies for any inconvenience. The **Year 6 SATs meeting** was scheduled for Monday 5th October but we have since discovered this clashes with a meeting at Impington Village College. We have rescheduled this meeting for **Monday 12th October at 6pm**. Please join us if you can.

Secondly, there was an error with the published **Open Afternoon and Evening** date which read Thursday 20th November. This will in fact be happening on **Thursday 19th November**, and more information will be provided nearer the time.

House Captains

Well done to the newly elected Year Six house captains: Amy and Ruben (Newnam House); Charlotte and Jacob (Trinity House); Abbie and Louis (Churchill House); Rona and Hassan (Robinson House). The house captains have already begun some of their special duties including collecting up the house tokens at the end of the week. They have had plenty to collect so far as lots of children have been working extremely hard to earn their house points!

School Council

We have also held our school council elections recently. Becoming a school council representative is an important job as councillors are required to attend regular school council

meetings and represent the views of the children in their class about a whole range of different issues.

Well done to our newly elected school councillors: Tehya and Ruben (Birch); Ayesha and Sam (Cherry); Anouk and James (Rowan); Natan and Lillie (Lime); Emma and William (Pine); Sandy and Hannah (Oak); Jessie and George (Beech); and Cate and Finley (Willow).

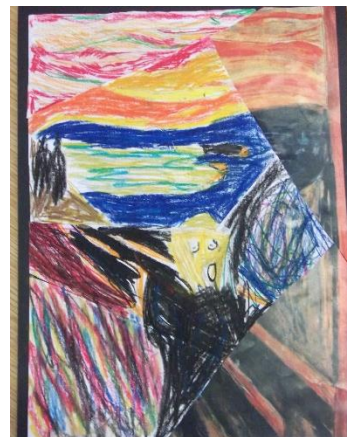
A Few Reminders

I have sent out two reminder letters about headlice so far this term. Please can I ask all parents to check their children's hair carefully for headlice, even if the child is not experiencing any itching, as sometimes headlice can go undetected for some time? If your child has headlice, please treat accordingly. The headlice letter sent out earlier in the year contains information on suitable treatments. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should not be bringing toys in from home to play with at playtime and lunchtime. We have a range of play equipment and school that the children enjoy using and of course encourage imaginative play. However, when children bring in their own toys this can cause upset if toys become lost or damaged, and can also lead to children feeling left out if they do not have the same toys as others. I hope that I can count on your support with this as you encourage your children to keep their toys at home.

News from the classrooms

It has been fantastic to see the children getting stuck in to their topics in the last fortnight. Birch and Cherry class have been hijacked by a highwayman on the way to the library! Rowan, Lime and Pine have begun their 'Painters, Pictures and Photographs' topic with some collaborative painting. The fabulous picture below was produced by Luca, James H, Martino and Alex in Lime class.



In Year 1/2 the children have been reading lots of fairy tales and Mr Wolf has been causing lots of mischief, even stealing number bonds in maths lessons! And Reception class have particularly enjoyed 'Forest Fridays' and have shown that they are already great at working in a team.

Mrs Helen Scrivner

Girton Glebe's new Breakfast, After school and Holiday club
Breakfast club open from 7:30am
After school club now open until 6:00pm. Holidays 8:00am to 6:00pm
A variety of breakfast, snacks and fruit are on offer for the children.
For more information, to register and to book our holiday play schemes Visit
www.smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk
Like our Facebook page and keep up to date with what's going on at Smartkidz
Play and Learn!
All Staff hold an enhanced CRB
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Week 1

Week commencing
 31/08/16, 21/09/16, 12/10/16, 09/11/16,
 30/11/16, 04/01/16, 25/01/16

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a fresh approach

Monday

- ✓ Mega cheese & tomato pizza
- Shortbread biscuit with fresh milk
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink



Cheese & tomato pizza



Jacket potato with cheese & beans



Feathered lemon sponge with custard



Roast pork, stuffing & vegetables



Fish fingers

Tuesday

- Beef Bolognese with pasta twists
- ✓ Jacket potato with cheese & baked beans
- ✗ Oaty fruit crunch with custard
- Fruit iced smoothie
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Wednesday

- Chicken in tomato & basil sauce with rice
- ✓ Macaroni cheese with granary bread
- Feathered lemon sponge with custard
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Thursday

- Roast pork with apple sauce, stuffing, gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- ✓ Golden topped Quorn shepherd's pie with gravy
- Chocolate cracknell with fresh milk
- ✗ Fruit & yogurt granola pot
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Friday

- Birds Eye fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✓ Crispy vegetable fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✗ Eve's pudding with custard
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Week 2

Week commencing
 07/09/16, 28/09/16, 19/10/16, 16/11/16,
 07/12/16, 11/01/16, 01/02/16

Monday

- Award winning baked pork sausages with gravy & mashed potatoes
- ✓ Quorn sausage with gravy & mashed potatoes
- ✗ Fruit pie with custard
- Yeo valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink



Pork sausages with mash



Chicken Korma with rice



Fresh fruit and milk



Fruit and yogurt granola pot



Vegetable pasty

Tuesday

- Creamy chicken korma with rice
- ✓ Pasta Neapolitan with French bread
- ✗ Pear & chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Wednesday

- Beef lasagne with granary bread
- ✓ Mega cheese & tomato pizza
- Apple & cinnamon pancakes with ice cream
- ✗ Fruit & yogurt granola pot
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Thursday

- Roast chicken breast fillet and stuffing with gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- ✓ Vegetable pasty with gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- Chocolate oateake biscuit with fresh milk
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Friday

- Birds Eye fish fingers or salmon fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✓ Bean & vegetable bake with chips
- Steamed jam sponge with custard
- Fruit iced smoothie
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Week 3

Week commencing
 14/09/16, 08/10/16, 02/11/16, 23/11/16,
 14/12/16, 18/01/16, 08/02/16

Monday

- Golden breaded chicken burger in a bun
- ✓ Cauliflower & broccoli bake with French bread
- Flapjack with fresh milk
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink



Breaded chicken burger



Sweet and sour vegetables with noodles



Fruit cobbler with custard



Roast turkey with roast potatoes



Fruit crumble with ice cream

Tuesday

- Golden topped shepherd's pie with gravy
- ✓ Sweet & sour vegetables with noodles
- ✗ Fudge tart with chocolate sauce
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Wednesday

- Organic pork meatballs in tomato & basil sauce with penne pasta
- ✓ Quorn balls in tomato & basil sauce with penne pasta
- ✗ Fruit cobbler with custard
- ✗ Fruit & yogurt granola pot
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Thursday

- Roast turkey breast fillet with stuffing, gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- ✓ Cheese whirl with crispy roast potatoes
- Steamed chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

Friday

- Birds Eye fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✓ Leek & potato bake with tomato bread
- ✗ Fruit crumble with ice cream
- Fruit iced smoothie
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink