



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## Welcome back to the new school year

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to school after the summer break. I am particularly delighted to extend the welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us both in our Reception class and across the school. We also welcome to the team Ms Mankoo who joins us as class teacher in Pine class, and Mr White and Mrs Ticehurst who join us as Teaching Assistants.

## Team Building Week

The autumn term has got off to a fantastic start with our school wide 'team building' week.

In Key Stage 1 the children have been learning to work together in teams as they to prepare for a special party this afternoon to mark 170 years of Girton having a school. They have been making party hats, decorations, food and games. The children have also enjoyed sharing their memory boxes as we have celebrated their individual talents and their links to other countries.



### **Team Building Week- Preparations for the KS1 party**

In Key Stage 2 children have been participating in a range of different activities, with each day taking as its theme one of our core values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, compassion and excellence. The activities have been designed to get the children working together with their new class mates and developing their skills of co-operation. Activities have ranged from building marble runs of card and newspaper, (which the children tell me required a lot of perseverance!), to working as a group to complete a blindfolded obstacle course in order to develop a sense of shared responsibility.

This is what the children in Rowan class had to say about team building week:

"It has been an excellent way to come back to school!" Carys

"I have enjoyed the marble run because it was fun making a cardboard run and working together as a team!" Beren

"I liked the blindfolded obstacle course because I couldn't see anything so I had to listen well to my partner." James

"It was fun having the responsibility of guiding someone else around the course." Anouk

Our Reception children have had a busy first week getting used to the new school setting and their Year 6 buddies have done an excellent job of helping out in the dining hall and on the playground.

## Building Update

Whilst we have been enjoying the summer break, the builders have been hard at work completing the repairs to the school roof. We are delighted at the progress that has been made and we anticipate that the project will be completed within the next couple weeks.

## Welcome Meeting

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm we will be having a "Welcome Meeting" where I will present the school's plans to work closely with parents during the year, and share a selection of our priorities for ongoing development. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and visit their classroom, and for Year 6 parents, a short presentation about the residential trip to France. I hope you will be able to join us.

## Harvest Assembly

Each year we have a Harvest Assembly, to which we invite the parents and carers of new Reception children and any other families who are new to the school. This year the

assembly is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. It usually lasts around 45 minutes. Please join us if you can.

## School Lunches

The cost of school meals this year is now £2.25 per meal.

The cost for the first half term is £78.75.

The cost for the second half term is £78.75.

The total cost for the term is £157.50.

As I am sure you are aware, children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. However, if you are a family eligible for free school meals I would strongly urge you to continue to apply even though these meals are now free for all, as this opens up the option for the school to receive 'Pupil Premium Funding,' which is a valuable source of income especially when budgets for all schools are so tight.

## Thank you from Mrs Sebley

I would like to thank all the children and their families for all the lovely cards, gifts and kind words they gave me at the end of term. They were all amazing and very much appreciated. The cards still sit on our dining room table so every now and again I have a read!

## Website Launch

Our new school website is due to launch soon. Parents have had the opportunity to withdraw consent for their child to appear on the school website. We will never put names of the children with their photograph. If you would like to withdraw consent for your child's photograph to appear on the school website, please ask the office for a form. The re-launch of the website will coincide with some changes to our newsletter, as we will begin to publish photographs of some of the events happening in school. We will also be publishing a new look version of 'The Whiteboard' as written by the Year 6 children, once the website goes live. We will inform

you of the launch date and hope that you will find it to be a useful tool.

## Volunteering Opportunities

We are extremely grateful to the many volunteers we have in school who help out with such a wide range of things, from listening to readers, assisting children playing instruments, preparing classroom resources to organising the library. If you feel that you have some time to give, then please do get in touch with us as any help is greatly appreciated. You can speak with your child's teacher or to members of the office staff.

## Celebration Assemblies

This year, we are looking forward to inviting parents in to school to join us for special 'Celebration Assemblies' on selected Friday morning. We will contact parents a week in advance to invite them to attend Celebration Assemblies and we look forward to sharing with you the good work that the children have been doing.

## A Few Reminders

Can I take this opportunity to please remind parents to ensure that they make eye contact with their child's teacher when collecting their children at the end of the day? If your child is going home with someone different, please put this in writing to the class teacher. This is to help to ensure the safety of all of our pupils.

And finally, the office staff work extremely hard to ensure the smooth running of the school and they are always happy to help; however they are extremely busy so we would appreciate your help in ensuring that the children take responsibility for bringing all items needed with them for the school day.

Many thanks to you all for your continued support and I look forward to working with you all this year.  
*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**

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## **Girton Glebe School-Dates for the Diary**

### **Term Dates- Autumn term 2015**

**INSET day-** Friday 9th October

**Half term** -Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Term ends-** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **Term Dates-Spring term 2016**

**Term begins-** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**INSET day-**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Half term-**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### **Term Dates - Summer term 2016**

**Term begins-** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**INSET day-**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day (school closed)-** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Half term-** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends-**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **Special Assemblies- Autumn Term**

**Celebration Assembly-** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September-9am

**Birch Class Assembly-** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October– 9am

**Harvest Assembly** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October- 9am

**Celebration Assembly-**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October-9am

**Orchestra performance** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 9am

**Celebration Assembly-** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 9am

**Cherry Class Assembly** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 9am

**Celebration Assembly** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 9am

**Rowan Class Assembly-** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 9am

**Celebration Assembly** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – 9am

### **Other Events – Autumn Term**

**FOGG AGM-**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September-3.30pm

**Welcome Meeting** – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September- 6pm

**Information Evening for Reception parents-** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm

**FOGG Jumble Sale** – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 11am

**Year 6 SATs meeting** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October- 6pm

**Year 6 Invasion Games Competition-**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**FOGG Children’s Disco** –Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Scratch Day-** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 5/6 ESFA Seven-a-side Football School Cup-** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Orchestra performance** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 9am

**Year 6 Bikeability** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Parent and Child Consultations** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30pm- 6.50pm *and* Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm-5pm

**Open Afternoon and Evening-** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**FOGG Christmas Fair** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November- 2pm-4pm

**Year 5/6 Swimming Gala-** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Year 5/6 Cross Country Competition-** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Year 1/2 Production** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am *and* Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 1.45pm

**Christmas Concert with Cottenham Brass Band** – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December- 7pm

**Reception Nativity** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am

**Carol Concert-** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December –2.15 pm



# Lunch menu winter menu 2015/16



## Week 1

**Week commencing**  
31/08/15, 21/09/15, 12/10/15, 09/11/15,  
30/11/15, 04/01/16, 26/01/16



Meals with this symbol contain **50% fruit**

### Monday

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



### Tuesday

Beef Bolognese with pasta twists  
🍎 Oaty fruit crunch with custard  
Fruit iced smoothie  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Wednesday

Chicken in tomato & basil sauce with rice  
Feathered lemon sponge with custard  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Thursday

Roast pork with apple sauce, stuffing, gravy & crispy roast potatoes  
Chocolate cracknell with fresh milk  
🍎 Fruit & yogurt granola pot  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Friday

Birds Eye fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips  
🍎 Eve's pudding with custard  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink

## Week 2

**Week commencing**  
07/09/15, 28/09/15, 19/10/15, 16/11/15,  
07/12/15, 11/01/16, 01/02/16

### Monday

Award winning baked pork sausages with gravy & mashed potatoes  
🍎 Fruit pie with custard  
Yeo valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink



### Tuesday

Creamy chicken korma with rice  
🍎 Pear & chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Wednesday

Beef lasagne with granary bread  
Apple & cinnamon pancakes with ice cream  
🍎 Fruit & yogurt granola pot  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Thursday

Roast chicken breast fillet and stuffing with gravy & crispy roast potatoes  
Chocolate oatcake biscuit with fresh milk  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Friday

Birds Eye fish fingers or salmon fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips  
Steamed jam sponge with custard  
Fruit iced smoothie  
Fresh fruit & a drink

## Week 3

**Week commencing**  
14/09/15, 05/10/15, 02/11/15, 23/11/15,  
14/12/15, 18/01/16, 08/02/16

### Monday

Golden breaded chicken burger in a bun  
Flapjack with fresh milk  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink



### Tuesday

Golden topped shepherd's pie with gravy  
Fudge tart with chocolate sauce  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Wednesday

Organic pork meatballs in tomato & basil sauce with penne pasta  
🍎 Fruit cobbler with custard  
🍎 Fruit & yogurt granola pot  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Thursday

Roast turkey breast fillet with stuffing, gravy & crispy roast potatoes  
Steamed chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce  
Yeo Valley organic yogurt  
Fresh fruit & a drink

### Friday

Birds Eye fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips  
🍎 Fruit crumble with ice cream  
Fruit iced smoothie  
Fresh fruit & a drink

Vegetables served each day may differ from those shown above

### Available daily:

- ✓ Seasonal Vegetables
- ✓ Salad bar
- ✓ Freshly baked bread
- ✓ Fresh water

Salad bar available subject to the style of service - Some menus or items on the menu are subject to change. All vegetables are seasonal with the exception of peas, sweetcorn and baked beans

