



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Staffing Changes

Today we have said our goodbyes to three members of staff. We were hoping to see Mrs Roban in school today for the Reception nativity, but unfortunately she was not well enough to attend. We wish her a speedy recovery from her forthcoming operation and hope that she will pay us a visit in the New Year so we can say goodbye properly and mark her ten years of service to the school; initially as the Art Specialist and later as Early Years leader and Assistant Headteacher. Miss Youd also leaves us today after two and a half years at Girton Glebe, during which time she has made a great contribution to the life of the school and has moved on the learning of many children. We wish her well with her forthcoming wedding and relocation. And finally we say goodbye to Ms Mankoo who has been teaching Pine class this term. We thank Ms Mankoo for her hard work in Pine class and wish her well in her future endeavours.

After Christmas we are excited to welcome Mrs Heather Tippin and Miss Sarah Farmer to the school team who are joining us teaching Beech class and Pine class respectively. Both teachers have had opportunity to spend time in school over the last fortnight to meet the children in their classes and liaise closely with other staff members. Ms Cansdale is continuing with us in Reception class.

Ongoing School Improvement

On Wednesday, myself, Mrs Whitworth and two governors met with the School Improvement Partner from the Local Authority to review the progress the school is making. It was an extremely positive meeting with some very encouraging feedback about how effective leadership is driving forward improvement. Visits to classrooms and opportunities to look at pupil learning in books clearly demonstrate the schoolwide improvements being made.

In recent weeks, the Primary Improvement Advisor has had the opportunity to work with each of the phase teams as they planned current maths and English projects. The English Advisor has also joined the year 3/4 team as they planned a unit of work on instructional texts, and some mouthwatering recipes were produced by the children as a result. We have also benefitted from a training session for staff facilitated by

the Primary Advisor with a focus on next steps marking to ensure that children are clear about the next stage in their learning.

In-house training opportunities have focused on the moderation of reading, writing and maths judgements and our teachers have been assessing the progress made by the children this term.

Christmas Activities

It has been a lovely run up to Christmas at Girton Glebe. Last Friday and this Monday the children in years 1 and 2 put on a sensational performance of 'Baubles.' They did a magnificent job of acting, singing and dancing to packed audiences. A huge thank you to all involved in making their performance a success. The parents and visitors were extremely complimentary about the high quality production.



Year 1/2 Production of Baubles

This morning the children in Reception class treated us to a fabulous nativity play. They did a lovely job of retelling the Christmas story. Well done to all of the children and to Ms Cansdale, Ms Parker and Mrs Harman for their hard work.

Yesterday lunchtime was our School Christmas lunch. The kitchen staff did an amazing job cooking up a storm as the children and staff enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner complete with Christmas music and crackers.



Enjoying Christmas lunch

Yesterday evening the school choir and Cottenham Brass Band and Youth Band really got us in the festive spirit with a magnificent concert. Thank you to the governors for serving the mulled wine and mince pies and to all those who made the event possible, especially Mrs Whitworth, and of course to Cottenham Brass Band, Cottenham Junior Band and the Girton Glebe Choir.



Final rehearsal for choir's concert with Cottenham Brass Band

Today has been a special day in school. Not only is it the last day of term, but many a festive jumper has been on show as we support the 'Text Santa' Christmas jumper appeal to raise money for 'Save the Children', 'Macmillan Cancer Research' and 'Make-A-Wish UK.' The children have learnt about the work of these charities in assemblies earlier in the term and we are delighted to have raised £181.53 for these good causes. Smartkidz are hoping to add to our running total with their mince pie sale after school. As well as Reception's nativity, as part of the day's special events, we have enjoyed a special magic show, which had the audience entertained!

We are just about to get together for our final celebration of the year as our carol concert is due to begin imminently and all of the classes are treating us to a Christmas song with the whole school joining in for a number of carols.

Other Events in School

You may have seen a photograph in the Cambridge News of some of the children in Willow class taking part in a recycling visit. All of the children in Oak, Beech and Willow enjoyed a visit from the recycling centre as part of their materials project.



Beech class getting creative with recycled materials-making bulb planters and elephants with their milk bottles

Four of our year 6 children recently participated in the finals of the county's English competition which was held at Ely Cathedral. It was a fantastic achievement to reach the finals, so well done to Zoe, Hassan, Amy and Aman.

Sporting Success

A number of our children from years 5 and 6 participated in the swimming gala at Impington Village College and came an impressive second overall! Mr Smart and Miss Tweddle reported that the children were fantastic ambassadors of the school at this event and their team spirit was exemplary. Congratulations to all of the children who took part for their great swimming and the support they showed for each other.

Year 5 and 6 pupils also had the opportunity to participate in the cross country competition at Wimpole Hall. The children did a great job of persevering around the course despite the mud and really enjoyed the event!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th January- INSET day (pupils not in school)

Tuesday 5th January- First day of term

Wednesday 6th January- Oak, Beech and Willow classes-village walk

Tuesday 12th January - Cherry class visit to Science centre

Wednesday 13th January - Birch class visit to Science centre

Monday 25th-Friday 29th January- Anti-bullying week in school

Tuesday 9th February and Thursday 11th February- Parent consultations

Friday 12th February- End of half term

And finally...

As the Autumn term comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the achievements of the last few months. It has certainly been an eventful term with many really magical moments. Those moments sometimes come from the big events: the beautiful singing we heard last night from the school choir; the excited buzz around the school for our Open Day and Evening. Others emerge within the run of an ordinary school day: the pride of a child coming to tell me they have earned their 25 housepoints 'Bronze certificate'; the excitement of visiting classrooms to see children and teachers engrossed in their learning.

It has been a real pleasure to be back at Girton Glebe this term with the fantastic team of staff, brilliant children and such a supportive parent body. I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas. Stay safe, enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school in the New 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
www.smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk
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 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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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, 05/10/16, 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