



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 8

Monday 11th January 2016

Welcome back

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to school after the Christmas holidays. It has been lovely to see everyone back at school and the children have settled into the new term very quickly. We are pleased to welcome Miss Farmer and Mrs Tippin to the team in Pine and Beech class respectively. They have both had an excellent first week with the children.

Ongoing School Improvement

Last Monday, whilst the children were enjoying their last day of holiday, the staff were back in school. I led a whole staff training session on Child Protection and the Prevent Agenda. The teaching staff had the opportunity to work with a Primary Advisor to plan for cross curricular writing opportunities throughout the term. This forward planning will enable the children to apply the skills they have learnt in English into other curriculum areas. We also reviewed our calculation policy to ensure that the methods taught are consistent across the school, enable the development of conceptual understanding and meet the requirements of the National Curriculum.

During the week, several of the teachers have also had the opportunity to work with the Primary Advisor at their planning meetings. We have benefited from a visit from the Early Years Advisor who was able to give guidance on the further development of the indoor and outdoor environment to maximise the learning opportunities for the children. In house training focused on the use of different strategies to check on the progress of pupils during lessons and how best to reshape lessons accordingly.

Uniform Reminder

For most of the Autumn term, I was delighted to see so many of the children coming to school wearing their uniform with pride. Towards the end of the term, and last week, I have noticed that a number of children are not wearing correct school uniform. Can I take this opportunity to remind both parents and children of our uniform requirements:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo, or royal blue fleece with the school logo. Navy blue sweatshirts and cardigans are not part of our school uniform.
- White polo shirt or shirt with or without the school logo.
- Smart trousers, shorts, skirts, culottes or pinafores in plain grey or navy. Casual attire such as denim, leggings and cargo shorts are not part of our school uniform.
- Plain grey, black, navy or white socks or tights. Brightly coloured or patterned socks and tights are not part of our school uniform.
- Smart shoes or ankle boots in plain black, navy or dark brown. Trainers or casual shoes are not part of our school uniform.

During the winter months, it is particularly important that the children have a warm coat in school each day.

Tuesday Morning Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday morning at 9am, a group of parents/carers meet in the school library for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat. They are keen to extend the invitation to any parents who may benefit, for example those who have children with additional needs such as SEN, social, emotional or behavioural issues. It is a chance to meet and chat with other parents/carers who have similar issues both in and out of school. The group has not been established very long, but already the people attending have made new friends and find the chance to chat to others, who understand how difficult it can be having a child with additional needs invaluable. We are sometimes joined by visitors from other agencies. On Tuesday 19th January we have a pupil from the Gretton School coming to talk about what it is like to have Autism and on Tuesday 26th January, Maria Lam is visiting us from Histon Children's centre to answer any questions you may have about the under 5s. Do feel free to come and join the group any Tuesday at 9am, or speak to Mrs Christie for more information.

News from the classrooms

It has been a busy first week back. The children in Oak, Willow and Beech class launched into their first project of the New Year with a walk around the village investigating

places in Girton and thinking about what else they would like to find out about the village. Year 5 and 6 have been immersing themselves in their Space project in advance of their trip to the Science Centre making pin hole cameras and Year 3 and 4 have made circuits using bulbs, switches and motors as part of their 'Bright Sparks' Topic. In Early Years, the children have had great fun creating their own mini-me place markers.

A few reminders

Can I take the opportunity to remind parents that when bringing in a playtime snack, we encourage the children to bring something healthy, such as a piece of fruit, a vegetable or a cereal bar. Chocolate biscuits and crisps should not be brought in for a playtime snack, but would be best forming a component of balanced lunchbox. Sweets should not be brought in for a snack or for lunch. Your support with this would be appreciated.

Can I take the opportunity to remind parents to drive with consideration in and around the school site, especially when the nights are dark so early. Before Christmas the fire brigade came out to school for a false alarm, during which the children's behaviour was exemplary. However, this did highlight the need for cars not to be parked in front of the fire hydrant, which is in the turning circle opposite the disabled parking space. The area which must be kept clear has been marked with cones and I would ask that parents ensure they do not park in such a way to impede access to either the fire hydrant or the disabled parking space.

Also, if any of you are having a clear out after the inundation of Christmas presents and have any board games, lego, toy cars/vehicles, loom bands, play dough toys or similar that might be of use to school during wet playtimes etc, please do send them in FAO Mrs Christie. Many thanks.

And finally, a huge thank you to FOGG for organise this weekend's tree shredding event and raising an impressive £366.66 in the process! Thank you to all involved.

Mrs Helen Scrivner, Headteacher

Girton Glebe School-Dates for the Diary

Term Dates-Spring term 2016

Half term-Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Term ends – Thursday 24th March

Term Dates - Summer term 2016

Term begins- Tuesday 12th April

INSET day-Monday 11th April

May Day (school closed)- Monday 2nd May

Half term- Monday 30th May-Friday 3rd June

Term ends-Thursday 21st July

Special Assemblies- 1st Half of Spring Term

Celebration Assembly- Friday 15th January 2016 – 9am

Celebration Assembly-Friday 22nd January-9am

Oak Class Assembly- Friday 29th January-9am

Celebration Assembly- Friday 5th February –9am

Lime Class Assembly - Friday 12th February - 9am

Celebration Assembly- Friday 4th March –9am

Celebration Assembly- Friday 11th March –9am

Willow Class Assembly- Friday 18th March – 9am

Other Events – Spring Term

Cherry Class Trip to Science Museum –Tuesday 12th January

Birch Class Trip to Science Museum- Wednesday 13th January

Anti-bullying Week-Monday 25th-Friday 29th January

Year 5 Play Leaders Training – Thursday 28th January

Lime Class Cake Sale- Friday 29th January

Parent and Child Consultations– Tuesday 9th February 3.30-6.50pm and Thursday 11th February 3.30-5pm

Half term-Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

French Breakfast- Friday 26th February – 9am

Rowan Class Cake Sale – Friday 26th February

Science Week- Monday 29th February – Friday 4th March

Year 6 Trip to France- Monday 7th-Friday 11th March

Year 5 Hockey Competition- Monday 7th March

Weighing and Measuring Programme for Reception & Year 6- Tuesday 15th March

FOGG Disco- Thursday 17th March

Willow Class Cake Sale- Friday 18th March

End of term – Thursday 24th March

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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All Staff hold an enhanced CRB

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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, 25/01/16



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