



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 9th September 2016

WELCOME BACK!

New staff

Firstly, allow me to introduce myself: I am Andrew Simpson and I am delighted to be joining the dedicated team at Girton Glebe as the new Headteacher.

It is my pleasure to welcome you back for the new academic year and I would like to extend a special welcome to those families who are new to the school.

I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months so please do introduce yourselves to me on the playground and if you need to arrange a meeting with me please do not hesitate to contact me in school.



Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher

We are also pleased to welcome Mr Kohler to the team as our newly-appointed assistant headteacher who will be working alongside Mrs Whitworth, Mrs Tate and myself on the Senior Leadership Team. Mr Kohler will also be teaching in Maple Class.



Curriculum Evenings

This year's curriculum evenings will be on Wednesday 21st September (for parents with children in Year 1 and Year 2), Thursday 22nd September (for parents with children in Years 3-6) and Tuesday 27th September (for parents with children in EYFS).

All the evenings **start at 6pm** with an introduction and information about school development by the Headteacher. After this introduction there will be a chance to hear about the year ahead from the class teachers and an opportunity to talk with them at the end if you wish. There will also be an opportunity for Year 6 parents to hear about the trip to France. Please can I remind you that this is an evening for parents and that we don't cater for children at this event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Changes to the Outdoor Environment

As many of you will have already noticed, we have had some building/maintenance work carried out during the summer period. A section of our Key Stage 2 playground has been concreted, removing the area that was previously grassed and allowing better access during inclement weather. We have also had some rather colourful fencing erected around what will be our Quiet Area in the corner of the Key Stage 1 playground. Furniture for this outdoor space has been delivered and, once constructed, we will be able to open this area to children who would like a quiet space to sit during break times and lunchtimes.

Harvest Assembly

Each year we have a Harvest Assembly, to which we invite the parents and carers of new EYFS children and any other families who are new to the school. This year the assembly is on Friday 14th October at 9am. It usually lasts around 45 minutes. Please join us if you can.



Term Dates- Autumn term 2016

Term begins-Monday 5th September

EYFS children begin-Thursday 8th September

INSET day- Monday 10th October

Half term -Monday 24th October-Friday 28th October

Term ends- Tuesday 20th December

Term Dates-Spring term 2017

Inset Day – Wednesday 4th January

Term begins- Thursday 5th January

INSET day-Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January

Half term-Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Term ends – Friday 31st March

Term Dates - Summer term 2017

Inset Day – Tuesday 18 April

Term begins- Wednesday 19th April

May Day (school closed)- Monday 1st May

Half term- Monday 29th-Friday 2nd June

Term ends-Friday 21st July

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (9.00am-9.30am)

Birch: 23 September

Maple: 30 September

Cherry: 21 October

Lime: 18 November

Rowan: 25 November

Other Events – Autumn Term

Curriculum Evenings:

KS1: Wednesday 21 September (6pm – 7pm)

KS2: Thursday 22 September (6pm – 7pm) & Y6 France Residential

EYFS New Parent Meeting: Tuesday 27 September (6pm – 7pm)

Y6 SATs Information Meeting: Wednesday 12 October (6pm – 6.30pm)

Y6 IVC Invasion Games Festival: Friday 7 October (9.30am – 12.00pm)

Harvest Festival: Friday 14 October (including class participation)

Y3 IVC Invasion Games Festival: Friday 14 October (9.30am – 12.00pm)

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 18 October (3.30pm – 7pm)

Thursday 20 October (3.30pm – 5.00pm)

Cherry Class Cake Sale: Friday 21 October

Open Day: Thursday 10 Nov (2pm – 3pm and 6pm – 7pm)

Bikeability: Monday 31 October

Individual Photos: Wednesday 9 November

FOGG Christmas Fair: Saturday 26 November (2pm – 4pm)

Open Morning (Maths drop-in): Friday 2 December (9.00am – 10.30am)

IVC Swimming Gala: Tuesday 6 December (10am – 12pm)

Choir/Band Christmas Concert: Thursday 15 December (7pm – 8.10pm)

Carol Concert: Tuesday 20 December (9am)

KS1 Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 7 December (pm)

KS1 Performance: Friday 9 December (am & pm)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 16 December

Smartkidz Ofsted

I must extend huge congratulations to Mr Adam Smart and his team for their incredibly successful Ofsted inspection which took place during the summer holidays.

The inspection team commended Smartkidz for their well-planned activities and wide range of resources and said that the staff, "...deliver consistent messages to children about the expectations of positive behaviour. This helps the children to learn about fair boundaries and how to interact respectfully with others."

The inspectors also commented on the emphasis on supporting a healthy lifestyle and observed the "passion and ambition" shown by Adam and the team in providing the best opportunities for the children.

Team Building Activities

The school has been a hive of activity this week with children completing a wonderful array of team building tasks in order to support our Core Values at the beginning of the academic year.

Walking from classroom to classroom I saw children working together whilst taking part in a multitude of challenging tasks. These tasks ranged from True/False activities to Cross-the-Pond games and in Rowan Class I saw the children working in groups to build the tallest free-standing structure they could make from sweets and spaghetti!

Well done, children, your team spirit has been fabulous, I am very impressed!!



PE Timetable

Ash – Friday

Oak –Wednesday and Friday

Willow – Monday and Wednesday

Lime - Tuesday and Wednesday

Rowan – Tuesday and Thursday

Maple – Monday and Thursday

Cherry – Monday and Tuesday

Birch – Monday and Thursday

School Lunches

Just to remind you all, 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 part of the government's 'Free Infant School Meals' initiative, children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. 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 school to receive 'Pupil Premium Funding,' which is a valuable source of funding especially when budgets for all schools are so tight. I will send out more information about Pupil Premium funding in the coming weeks

Mr Andrew Simpson, Headteacher

LUNCH MENU



WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 29th Aug • 19th Sept • 10th Oct • 7th Nov • 28th Nov • 19th Dec • 16th Jan • 6th Feb • 6th Mar • 27th Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Award winning pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Organic beef chili with mixed rice	Chicken pasta bake with garlic and herb focaccia	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips
	Quorn sausage with gravy and mashed potatoes ✓	Macaroni cheese and wholemeal bread ✓	Cheesy parsnip bake with garlic and herb focaccia ✓	Roasted pepper flan with roast potatoes ✓	Quorn dippers with BBQ sauce and chips ✓
	Salmon salad wrap	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Ham Ploughman's	Jacket potato with tuna and sweetcorn	Egg and cress on an open bun ✓
DESSERTS	Chocolate surprise cake and organic milk	Apple and banana crisp with custard 50p	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Peach pudding with vanilla sauce	Mini chocolate oat biscuit and fruit 50p
	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 60p	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt

50p
Contains 50% fruit

WEEK 2

Weeks commencing: 5th Sept • 26th Sept • 17th Oct • 14th Nov • 5th Dec • 2nd Jan • 23rd Jan • 20th Feb • 13th Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Local pork and apple grill in a bun	Leek and ham pasta bake with french bread	Organic minced beef pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Salmon bites or cod goujons with chips
	Quorn grill in a bun ✓	Bean and vegetable bake with diced potatoes ✓	Falafels in a wrap with winter slow ✓	Quorn fillet, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes ✓	Vegetable enchilada with mixed rice ✓
	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Tuna and cucumber roll	Ham salad baguette	Cheese salad wrap ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and winter slow ✓
DESSERTS	Fudge tart with chocolate sauce	Sticky toffee apple sponge with custard 50p	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Strawberry whip and a mini shortbread biscuit	Mini gingerbread and fruit 50p
	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 60p	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt

WEEK 3

Weeks commencing: 12th Sept • 3rd Oct • 31st Oct • 21st Nov • 12th Dec • 9th Jan • 30th Jan • 27th Feb • 20th Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Organic beef lasagne with garlic bread	Chicken and sweetcorn pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers and chips
	Sweet potato and chickpea curry with mixed rice ✓	Neapolitan pasta with garlic and herb focaccia ✓	Mega cheese and tomato pizza ✓	Vegetable samosas with rice and yogurt and mini dip ✓	Spanish fritata and chips ✓
	Egg and cress baguette ✓	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise	Ham salad baguette	Sausages under wraps
DESSERTS	Rice pudding with mandarin oranges	Cappuccino cake with organic milk	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Apple pie with custard 50p	Mini flapjack and fruit 60p
	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 60p

AVAILABLE DAILY!

- Seasonal vegetables
- Salad bar
- Freshly baked bread
- Fresh water

ALTERNATIVE DESSERTS

- Cheese & biscuits
- or
- Fresh fruit with a drink



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