



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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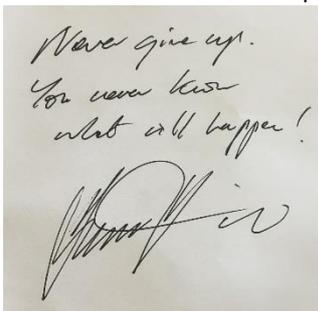
The second half of the autumn term is now in full swing and there have been many exciting things happening at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a roundup of our latest news...

## Wall of Champions



Thank you all so much for sending in items for our Wall of Champions display. The school foyer looks wonderful and many visitors have commented on the fabulous achievements of our children. We have a number of certificates on display but it would be lovely to receive more photos of our children either with their trophies/certificates or taking part in competitions and events outside of school.

We will soon have one further addition to our Wall of Champions display. On Monday evening I was fortunate enough to be amongst the audience at Ely Cathedral that had gathered to see Damon Hill, the 1996 Formula One World Champion, discuss his autobiography. After the event I managed to talk to Damon and I asked him if he would kindly write a message for the children at Girton Glebe Primary School. His message to our children is, "Never give up. You never know what might happen!" We will have this message framed and placed in the foyer to go alongside our other Girton Glebe champions!



## Girton Glebe Open Day

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all who came out to support our Open Day on Thursday 10 November. It was lovely to see such a healthy balance of current and prospective parents enjoying all that we had to offer and talking so enthusiastically about what they had seen around the school. The classrooms and corridors looked amazing and our teachers did a fabulous job of preparing such a broad range of engaging activities for both parents and children.

Many thanks to the ever-reliable FOGG who provided free refreshments and thank you to all of the children who returned in the evening to support the event – especially our Year 6 tour guides. You were excellent!

We received many positive comments during the day including parents who said, "It was so reassuring to see my child enjoying activities and feeling secure in their class environment" and, "The Year 6 pupils were great ambassadors, guiding new families around the school."

## Remembrance Day

On November 11, our Year 6 children went to St Andrew's Church to lay a wreath and observe a minute's silence to mark Remembrance Day. Our children also marked the occasion with silence within classrooms at 11am. Thank you to Mrs Whitworth and Year 6 for representing Girton Glebe Primary School at the church.

## Bikeability

During the first week of the half term, some of our Year 6 children took part in the Bikeability cycling proficiency training led by specially trained instructors. Our children learnt how to handle their bikes safely on the playground before being taken out on to the roads close to the school to learn how to negotiate traffic and stay safe around cars and pedestrians. Well done to all of the children who took part in this event – please remember what your instructors taught you whilst you are out and about!

## Children in Need



Next Friday (November 18) is BBC Children in Need day. We will be supporting this event at Girton Glebe Primary School by holding a non-uniform day and asking the children to bring donations for the charity with them on the day. It would be wonderful if our children could 'Dress Spotty' for the day and adorn themselves in polka dots but standard non-uniform is also acceptable if you cannot manage this.

Please send any donations you feel comfortable in offering along with your child who will pass them to their class teacher on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Once all donations have been received, I will let you know the total we managed to raise before this is sent to Children in Need. Many thanks in advance for your support of this event!

## Family Support Worker

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cathrin Przywara to our team who joins us as the family support worker from the Impington Village College cluster.

Cathrin is available to support families who have concerns about their child's education, behaviour or attendance and will be working with us every Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm.

She can be contacted directly on 07921 258532, or via: [cprzywara@impington.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:cprzywara@impington.cambs.sch.uk) You can also drop in and her on Thursday afternoons whilst she is with us in school.

## Mathematicians Wanted!

We are still appealing to mathematicians who could kindly support us in helping to raise the profile of maths in real-life contexts by asking parents and members of the community, who use any aspect of maths in their day-to-day lives, to come and talk to groups of children about how this subject area plays an important role in their work.

There isn't a fixed format for these sessions and we are more than happy for volunteers to suggest the amount of time they are able to offer and the number/age of children they feel most comfortable in talking to.

If you are interested in supporting us with this and feel that you could offer some of your time then please see either Mr Simpson or Mrs Whitworth for more information.

## School Absences – A Few Notes

Can I please remind parents of children who are of non-statutory school age (under 5s) that for any withdrawals from education during term time you are still required to complete a Request for Leave of Absence form available from the school office.

We do appreciate that in some circumstances it is difficult to get children to school on time but over the last few weeks we have had a long string of lates with children missing morning registration. If you are having difficulties arriving at school for 9am, and there are issues that I need to be aware of, then please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

## PE Kits

A gentle reminder that all children should have their PE kits available in school on PE days. We have had a number of children forgetting kits recently which has meant that they have been unable to take part in the planned activities.

## Diary Dates

A few dates for your diary:

**Mon 14 Nov:** Shakespeare Festival Performance

**Fri 18 Nov (9am):** Lime Class Assembly

**Fri 18 Nov:** Children in Need non-uniform day (see above)

**Weds 23 – Tues 29 Nov:** Travelling Book Fair in school

**Thurs 24 Nov:** KS2 trip to Colchester Castle

**Mon 28 Nov – Fri 2 Dec:** Book Week

**Mon 28 Nov:** Fancy dress (as your favourite Roald Dahl character)

**Fri 25 Nov (9am):** Rowan Class assembly

**Weds 30 Nov (9am):** EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents – further details to follow from Ms Cansdale.

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher

# LUNCH MENU



## WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 29<sup>th</sup> Aug • 19<sup>th</sup> Sept • 10<sup>th</sup> Oct • 7<sup>th</sup> Nov • 28<sup>th</sup> Nov • 19<sup>th</sup> Dec • 16<sup>th</sup> Jan • 6<sup>th</sup> Feb • 6<sup>th</sup> Mar • 27<sup>th</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept • 26<sup>th</sup> Sept • 17<sup>th</sup> Oct • 14<sup>th</sup> Nov • 5<sup>th</sup> Dec • 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan • 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan • 20<sup>th</sup> Feb • 13<sup>th</sup> 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: 12<sup>th</sup> Sept • 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct • 31<sup>st</sup> Oct • 21<sup>st</sup> Nov • 12<sup>th</sup> Dec • 9<sup>th</sup> Jan • 30<sup>th</sup> Jan • 27<sup>th</sup> Feb • 20<sup>th</sup> 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 ✓

DESSERTS	Egg and cress baguette ✓	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise	Ham salad baguette	Sausages under wraps
	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.