



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Last week we welcomed back our children for the second half of the Summer Term and our classrooms have already been their usual hive of activity. Please read on for a round-up of our most recent news and events...

Staffing News

From September 2018, Mr Russell will be moving to a part-time contract for family reasons and shall be working three days a week (Monday – Wednesday).

We currently have an advert open for a job-share position with Mr Russell and I shall update you later this term once we have made an appointment.

Sports Day

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to share sports day with us last week. This was the first time that the event has been hosted on school grounds and there was a wonderful atmosphere on the field as the children completed a carousel of activities throughout the afternoon.

Despite a brief downpour, conditions were perfect and the children took part in the usual sports day favourites, such as, long jump, javelin and 3-legged race as well as a new sprint race and boundary sprint adapted to suit our new field.

Many thanks to all of our children who took part and for doing so with such spirit! Well done to all staff and volunteers for their hard work in preparing for the afternoon's events and thanks to parents and carers for your continued support!

Swimming

Swimming sessions are now taking place each week as part of our regular PE sessions and I would like to thank all parents and carers who have been supporting us with supervision during these lessons. As always, your help is greatly appreciated and it is a pleasure to work within such a supportive school community.

With the weather being as hot as it has been lately, and with the forecast being as consistently warm for the next fortnight, it is essential that children come to school with sun hats, drinks bottles and a covering of suntan lotion, especially if they will be in and out of the pool during the day. The children may also bring suntan lotion with them if they need to top up during the day.

Painting & Pampering – Thank You!

Huge thanks to the dedicated team of FOGG volunteers who, on Sunday 10 June, gave up their afternoons to paint and pamper the swimming pool and school grounds.

Throughout the afternoon, they painted the benches and fencing in the pool area and Tommy's train on the Key Stage 1 playground, spruced up the courtyard and Millennium gardens and kept the wisteria outside of Birch class in check.

Many thanks to all involved, your time and effort is greatly appreciated by staff and pupils alike!

Library Books

We currently have 349 books on loan from the library, which is great, however, of these, 281 are now overdue.

Please can you help your child find any library books lingering at home and return them, so we can share the stock amongst other eager readers.

Borrowing will stop w/c July 9 to enable a stock take and final book amnesty, and we would appreciate your help in putting these overdue books back into circulation as soon as possible.

Governing Body Vacancies

Our Governing Body are currently seeking to appoint three new members who are able to volunteer their time to support the school in delivering its vision, ethos and strategic direction.

The Governing Body assist in monitoring academic standards, financial performance and support with setting the school's aims and policies.

We are seeking local people who have skills in education, finance/business, pastoral skills, and HR and legal skills who can support us with these key roles.

To find out more about these roles, please email the school office office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk or Rowena Barnes, our Chair of Governors rbarnes@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk

School Development

Over the last fortnight, development sessions have been spent training all staff in pool resuscitation ahead of this half term's swimming lessons and planning for the class structure for 2018-2019. This week, teachers also carried out a writing moderation session to compare judgements across all year groups.

Senior leaders have been analysing data from the previous half term and the headteacher has held progress meetings with all teachers. These meetings cover progress data for each child within that cohort and plan support for the half term ahead.

Over the next few weeks, senior leaders will be monitoring spelling and homework and staff meeting sessions will focus on maths moderation and the launch of SeeSaw for the whole school.

Forest School Additions

We are incredibly fortunate to have such an extensive Forest School area at Girton Glebe and we are also very grateful to Mr Smart for all of his hard work in developing this space.

Recently, we were donated a 12-foot dingy to add to this area which can be seen in the photograph below.



The dingy has been dug into the ground and is now being used by our children for story-telling and role-play sessions.

At the beginning of the summer break, we will also be having a shelter installed over the fire circle which will enable us to use this space all year round. Many thanks to FOGG for funding this development and a huge thank you to all for assisting us in the continued evolution of this area.

Arthur's Knights

Our Key Stage 2 pupils are now working incredibly hard on rehearsals for the summer production which will take place on July 17 & 18.

Our Year 6 pupils are taking on *Arthur's Knights and the Dragon*, the musical tale of King Arthur and his unorthodox knights (Sir Kay, Sir Tenley-Knott, Sir Tifficate...) on their quest to defeat the dragon and rescue the queen from Morgan Le Fay and The Black Knights with Pink Helmets!

Our Key Stage 2 pupils will be taking on a different role in the production this year and will be the choir for the entire performance. Singing rehearsals begin on Monday!

Diary Dates

Impington VC Transition Days (Year 6): Monday 25 June – Wednesday 27 June

Comberton VC Transition Days (Year 6): Thursday 5 & Friday 6 July

Year 5 Mini-Olympics: Monday 9 July (morning)

Year 3 – Year 5 Japanese Taster Sessions: Monday 9 July (afternoon)

Year 6 Performance of Macbeth at Girton College: Monday 9 July: afternoon with performance at 1900

EYFS Multi-Skills Festival: Thursday 12 July (am)

Year 2 Tennis: Friday 13 July (am)

Reports Home: Friday 13 July

Feast Week Fete: Saturday 14 July (1215)

Moving-up Afternoon: Monday 16 July

Report Drop-ins for Parents/Carers: Monday 16 July & Tuesday 17 July (1545 – 1630)

Key Stage 2 Performances: Tuesday 17 July (1800), Wednesday 18 July (1400 & 1800)

Year 6 Leavers' Tea: Monday 23 July (1700)

Leavers' Assembly: Tuesday 24 July (0900)

Final day of term: Tuesday 24 July

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher