



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 7 September 2018

It was lovely to welcome everybody back this Wednesday and see so many smiling faces on the playground after what was, I hope, a long and relaxing summer for you all! The classrooms have been their usual hive of activity and children are already immersed in inspiring topics with their new teachers.

A Warm Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Evans and Ms Barber who joined our staff this week, teaching in Lime class and Oak class respectively.

We are delighted to have them join our team and are very excited about the staffing structure for this academic year.

Parent Information Evening

This year's parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 18 September and will operate on the following schedule:

1800: Ash, Oak & Birch

1830: Lime, Willow, Maple and Cherry

Sessions will take place within classrooms and are an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher to find out about timetables, the curriculum, homework and things that you can do to support learning outside of school.

The gates to the school playground will remain open for these sessions, so please use these to access the site before making your way to your child's classroom, where you will be greeted by teaching staff.

If you cannot make it to these sessions then please inform the class teacher, who will ensure that there will be handouts available for you after the event.

School Development

This Tuesday, all Girton Glebe Staff spent the Inset day together looking at our key priorities on our School Development Plan for 2018 – 2019. We spent a large part of

our day receiving updated Child Protection training and reviewing safeguarding procedures.

We then spent time discussing the content of our new Positive Behaviour Policy and looked at strategies for developing writing across the school.

Positive Behaviour Policy

For the start of this term we have reviewed our behaviour policy to ensure that it reflects both the ethos and expectations at Girton Glebe and the day-to-day practice of school staff.

We reviewed the aims and principles of this policy to ensure that there is consistency in the way that good behaviours are promoted and unacceptable behaviours are dealt with and redefined this list of behaviours to bring them more in line with our ethos and Core Values.

One of the key changes to this policy, which can be viewed in full on the school website, is the introduction of a reward system called 'Great to be Green.' This replaces the traffic lights system which was used within classrooms and sees children awarded with green tokens by members of staff when they are 'spotted' demonstrating our Core Values and making the correct choices around the school.

The tokens provide immediate, tangible praise for making positive behaviour choices. For each three that are awarded they are converted into one House Point. These, in turn, are celebrated during our Friday assemblies.

Supporting Writing at Home

I would like to invite you to our Supporting Writing at Home session on Friday 28 September (0900 in the school hall) where we will share with you the strategies we are using to develop writing in school and provide you with ideas you can use to support your children at home.

Following a 30-minute presentation in the hall, you will then have the opportunity to visit your child in the classroom and see some of these strategies being put into practice.

Harvest Festival

Each year we host a Harvest Assembly to which we invite the parents and carers of new EYFS children and any other families who are new to Girton Glebe. This year the assembly will be held on Thursday 12 October at 0900. Please join us if you can.

The children are also encouraged to bring in dried food or tinned goods which we will be donating to Jimmy's in Cambridge. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.



Diary Dates Autumn 2018

Half term - 22 - 26 October

Term ends- Wednesday 19 December

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Lime: 19 October

Maple: 2 November

Cherry: 9 November

Birch: 23 November

Autumn Term Events

FOGG Cake Sale: Friday 14 September

FOGG AGM: Monday 17 September (in school hall, 1530)

Year 6 Taster Morning at IVC: Tuesday 18 September (0900 – 1215)

Curriculum Evening (in classrooms): Tuesday 18 September

1800: Ash, Oak & Birch

1830: Lime, Willow, Cherry and Maple

French Breakfast Meeting for Year 6 Parents: Friday 21 September (0900 in Birch class)

Open Morning for EYFS September 2019: Saturday 22 September (1000 – 1200)

Supporting Writing at Home Workshop for Parents: Friday 28 September (0900 – 1000)

FOGG Jumble Sale: Saturday 29 September (1100)

Year 6 French Residential: 1 – 5 October

Grafham Residential Parent Information Session: Thursday 4 October (1800 in Cherry Class)

Year 3 Invasion Games Skills at IVC: Thursday 11 October (0900 – 1200)

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 9 October (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 11 October (1530 – 1800)

Harvest Festival: Friday 12 October (0900 – New EYFS parents invited)

Year 5 Grafham Residential: 17 – 19 October

Year 6 SATs Information Meeting: Tuesday 30 October (1800 – 1830)

Open Day: Tuesday 6 Nov (1400 – 1500 and 1800 – 1900)

Maple Class Cake Sale: Friday 9 November

Supporting Maths Workshop for Parents: Friday 16 November (0900 – 1000)

FOGG Christmas Fair: Saturday 24 November (1400 – 1600)

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala at IVC: Tuesday 4 December (1000 – 1145)

KS1 Performance: Friday 7 December (am & pm performances)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 14 December (am)

Carol Concert: Wednesday 19 December (0900)

Pupil Progress Updates

Throughout the academic year there are three formal points at which we update you with progress about your child. This is done through two parent consultation evenings and the end-of-year report in July.

There is, of course, a long time between each of these points but staff are more than happy to discuss your child's progress with you at any stage of the school year should you have any questions.

If you would like an update on progress or the opportunity to see some of your child's work, then please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher who will gladly meet with you at a mutually agreeable time.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher