



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 13 September 2019

It was lovely to welcome everybody back last Wednesday and see so many smiling faces on the playground after what was, I hope, a long and relaxing summer for you all!

It was also a pleasure to welcome our new Foundation Stage pupils and their families to Girton Glebe for their first official day this Monday! There has been a real buzz around the classrooms and our pupils are already immersed in inspiring topics with their new teachers.

Staffing Update

On Thursday 12 we said a fond farewell to Jenny Leung who has left our office team to relocate to London. Jenny has done a fabulous job of organising clubs and will be sadly missed amongst the team at Girton Glebe. We wish her all the very best as she begins her new post in London!

Parent Information Evening

You may have seen on the list of diary dates that were circulated last week that this year's parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 17 September.

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 what 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

During last week's Inset day, staff spent their time receiving first-aid training led by Everett First-Aid. During our staff meeting, we covered school development priorities for this academic year and set key tasks for subject leadership.

During this week's staff meeting, time was spent exploring tasks designed to develop specific history skills (enquiry, interpretation and chronology) within topic-based learning.

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 gap 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. Or, if you would like the opportunity to see some of your child's work, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher who will gladly meet with you at a mutually agreeable time.

Wall of Champions

At the beginning of this term we refreshed our Wall of Champions display in the school foyer.

If you have any photos or certificates of your child taking part in competitions or activities outside of school that you would like us to include, please send them in!

We have already received a certificate of merit from Zaki for his Grade 2 cornet exam and another from Max for completing his Test 3 in street dance! Well done!

Mission: Impossible?

Following the letter I circulated via ParentMail last week, I would like to take this opportunity to signpost the return of Mission: Impossible? for the autumn term.

This half-term's challenges and how to enter are outlined below:

1. **Calculate Mr Simpson's age in hours, as of 0900 on October 11**– Bring in your estimate. Closest wins.
2. **Find a tree that looks like something other than a tree** – Find a tree, take a photo and bring in the photo!

3. **Bring in the most decorative cupcake** – Bring in your cupcake: this must be decorated by you.
4. **Take a photograph of yourself in the coldest place you can find whilst wearing your school uniform** – Bring in your photo!
5. **The best carving using a single bar of soap** – Bring in your bar of soap!
6. **Make Miss Evans say the word “armchair” without using the word yourself** – Try this in school between now and October 11! The first person to get her to say “armchair” wins.

Congratulations to Amber in Maple who managed to trick Miss Evans in to saying “armchair” last week! After Mr Austin and Miss Jolly hung in there like Steve Smith for the two previous half terms, this was quite a short innings for Miss Evans: well done, Amber!

Entries for challenges 1 – 5 should be submitted on Friday 11 October.

Good luck!

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 Friday 11 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

INSET day- Monday 7 October

Half term - 21 - 25 October

Term ends- Thursday 19 December

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Lime: 1 November

Cherry: 8 November

Maple: 22 November

Birch: 29 November

Autumn Term Events

FOGG Coffee Morning: Friday 13 September (0900)

FOGG Committee Cake Sale: Friday 13 September (1515)

FOGG AGM: Monday 16 September (1530)

Curriculum Evening (in classrooms): Tuesday 17 September

1800: Ash, Oak, Maple & Birch

1830: Lime, Willow & Cherry

Open Morning for EYFS September 2020: Saturday 21 September (1000 – 1200)

Year 6 Taster Morning at IVC: Tuesday 24 September (morning)

FOGG Autumn Jumble Sale: Saturday 28 September (1100)

Grafham Residential Parent Information Session: Monday 30 September (1800)

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 8 October (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 10 October (1530 – 1800)

Year 6 French Residential: 14 – 18 October

Harvest Festival: Friday 11 October (0900 – New EYFS parents invited)

Cherry Class Cake Sale: Friday 11 October (1515)

Half Term

Year 6 SATs Information Meeting: Monday 28 October (1800 – 1830)

EYFS Phonics Information Meeting: Monday 28 October (1800 – 1830)

Year 5 Grafham Residential: 30 October – 1 November

Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 (Years 6): Monday 4 – Thursday 7 November

Open Day: Thursday 7 Nov (1400 – 1500 and 1800 – 1900)

Maple Class Cake Sale: Friday 8 November (1515)

Supporting Writing at Home Workshop for Parents: Thursday 21 November (0900 – 1000)

Saturday 30 November: FOGG Christmas Fair (1400 – 1600)

KS1 Performance: Friday 6 December (am & pm performances)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 13 December (am)

Christmas Concert: Monday 16 December (1800)

Carol Concert: Thursday 19 December (0900)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher