



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 2

Friday 27 September 2019

We have had an exciting couple of weeks at Girton Glebe Primary School; the children are now settled into their new classes and fully immersed in their project work. Please read on for a flavour of what has been going on around school...

## Road Safety Workshops

Over the last few weeks, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils have received a visit from Tony Martin, our local PCSO. Tony has spent an hour with children from Birch and Cherry to discuss road safety and even took them outside to see his police car. The children tried on various forms of police headwear and even got to set off the sirens on the car.

Tony will be returning over the next few weeks to visit the rest of our Key Stage 2 pupils.

## Parent Governor Vacancies

If you are a parent at Girton Glebe Primary School, would you be interested in joining our team of school governors?

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction and financial management of the school, holding the school to account. This is an exciting new phase for us as this year we will be in transition as we move towards joining the Morris Education Trust. The school has had excellent end of year results and with an Ofsted rating of Good we continue to work towards improved outcomes for our pupils.

We have an excellent team of committed and enthusiastic staff and we are looking for parents who would like to join our team and help us focus on teaching and learning.

To find out more, please call the school office to arrange an informal visit on 01223 276484 or send an email to [office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk)

Alternatively, you can email the Chair of Governors, Rowena Barnes at [rbarnes@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rbarnes@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk)

Applications can be made by submission of your C.V. Closing date: 18 October 2019

## School Development

During last week's staff meeting, teachers spent an hour visiting all learning environments around the school. This was an opportunity to see how other colleagues have prepared their rooms, whilst observing how our curriculum vision and coverage is represented around school.

This was such a valuable session and it was incredibly inspiring to see, in detail, the rich learning environments that our staff have created. We have a standardised series of expectations for all classrooms across the school, regarding the content that they contain, and each room represented these in wonderfully stylised ways. Each room represented the teacher's high expectations of their pupils and these expectations are reflected in the attitudes of the pupils around school. A huge well done to all staff for their dedication: what a team!

This week's staff meeting focussed on the teaching of mental maths and was an opportunity to collectively review some of the maths resources we have recently purchased.

## Operation Christmas Child

This year, children and staff at Girton Glebe are taking part in Operation Christmas Child – a charity that collects and delivers Christmas presents, gathered in a wrapped shoebox, to children all over the world. The children receiving the gifts will be children who have very little in life and may have experienced unimaginable suffering and hardship. It is likely that the only gift these children have ever received is a shoebox gift, and, for some children, they have never received a gift at all.

With a deadline of Friday 8 November, Girton Glebe will be wrapping and packing shoeboxes with toys, games, stationery, hygiene items such as a toothbrush and flannel, teddies and lots of other exciting things. We welcome shoebox gifts from everyone in the community, so if you would like to support us with this project, please bring as many shoebox gifts as you would like to the school office during school hours. Leaflets and further information can be accessed from school or on the Operation Christmas Child website. Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

## Parent Consultations

Following this week's ParentMail communication regarding parent consultations, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you are now able to sign up for appointments for the evenings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

The school office holds folders containing all of the available appointments to see your child's class teacher. To make an appointment, please visit the office, where you can sign your name against any of the available appointment times.

If you are unable to make it in to school, please contact the school office via telephone or email. Staff will inform you of available times and reserve consultations for you.

## Online Safety Advice for Parents

A reminder that the E-Safety section of the school website (in 'Parent Information') provides a wealth of information and links for you to supplement the work we do in school in order to support children in being safe online.



## E-Safety

The advice on the Childnet website and the NSPCC's Netaware page is invaluable if you haven't already seen it.

Both of these pages are frequently updated as their experts research new and trending apps and sites that are popular with younger audiences.



Please do take some time to review the content of the above websites and see some of the other available links and downloads available on the school website.

## Year 6 Taster Session at IVC

This Tuesday our Year 6 pupils spent the morning at Impington Village College alongside other local primary schools for a taster session ahead of the transitions in to Year 7.

The children were greeted by the college's senior leadership team and spent the morning taking part in a range of activities and lessons led by staff from IVC.

Our pupils were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe and were commended on their behaviour by the Vice Principal of the college as they left. Well done, Year 6! We are very proud of you!

## Diary Dates

**INSET day**- Monday 7 October

**Half term** - 21 - 25 October

**Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)**

**Lime:** 1 November

**Cherry:** 8 November

**Maple:** 22 November

**Birch:** 29 November

### Autumn Term Events

**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

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher