

GLYNNE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year; I hope you all enjoyed the summer break. At the start of this term we are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to Glynne: Mrs Kathryn Asbridge (Reception Class Teacher), Miss Claire Weston (Reception Teaching Assistant), Mrs Tracey Barnett (Year 6 Support) and Mrs Annie Baker (School Business Manager); we hope that they will all be very happy at Glynne.

During the summer Mrs Jane Arthurs embarked on a new business venture and therefore will not be returning. We thank Mrs Arthurs for her contribution to Glynne and wish her every success for the future.

Over the holiday the dining room was refurbished in preparation for the autumn term and Universal Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage 1. So far this appears to have gone quite smoothly; however, we are encouraging children to make a choice from each food group and to use a knife and fork properly. Your help at home with this will also be much appreciated.

At the start of this academic year please can I give a few gentle reminders. Our Crossing Patrol Lady has asked that for safety reasons children and parents do not walk behind her when crossing the road. Also, for safety reasons please can children keep off the play equipment and the grass banks at the beginning and end of the school day; bikes and scooters must also not be ridden on the school premises. Finally, can I also take the opportunity to request that parents park with due care and consideration for the safety and welfare of others, particularly our local residents and reinforce that we are unable to accommodate parents driving on to the school site unless this has been by prior arrangement; this also includes at the beginning of the day for Gym Club as members of staff are arriving for work.

Some work that we were hoping would be completed over the holiday has been delayed so new canopies to the gazebos outside Key Stage 1 will now be replaced on 17th September. This will mean that on this morning Key Stage 1 children will enter school via the linkway corridor where a member staff will be placed to welcome you as normal.

As always, the children looked very smart on their first day back in shirts and ties, thank you. To reduce the amount of unclaimed lost property, it would be most helpful if all belongings are named, including lunch boxes. As a reminder, only small plain stud earrings are appropriate for school which must be removed for PE; no other jewellery is permitted. If children have recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove them, they will not be able to participate in PE. Unusual or 'way out' hairstyles are not acceptable including tram lines, patterns and bleached streaks and it is preferable that long hair is tied back, particularly in PE. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept responsibility for valuable items or mobile phones and children should not bring these items to school.

You will shortly be receiving general and photographic consent forms to enable us to update our records. It is also important that we have accurate and up to date information, regarding, emergency contact numbers, mobile phones and any relevant medical information. On Parent Information Evenings we will ask you to make any necessary amendments to the records that we hold should any details have changed.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure that they have the appropriate inhalers in school and that they are kept up-to-date. If you haven't done so already,

please contact school to complete an asthma form if necessary.

We continue to promote good attendance and punctuality and appreciate parents contacting school on the first day of absence. Please be aware that holidays in term time can no longer be authorised and leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a warning letter or fines being issued. Leave of absence forms can be downloaded from our school website or collected from the school office.

This week your child, with the exception of Nursery and Reception, will have been given a pupil planner. We hope that this will provide you with ongoing information about what your child is doing and where they are in their learning. Further information will be shared at the Parents' Information Evening on **Thursday 11th September.**

This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, gather any relevant information, provide updated contact details and ask any questions. Each meeting should last approximately 20 minutes and will be held in your child's classroom.

6.00pm – Nursery and Reception

6.30pm - Years 1 and 2

7.00pm - Years 3 and 4

7.20pm - Kingswood Information (Year 4 parents)

7.45pm - Years 5 and 6.

Following the Year 5/6 meeting there will be a short PGL meeting for Year 6 parents.

At the end of last year class photos were taken and school received a set of large framed prints (one of each class) We have decided this year to invite children to take part in a raffle (at the cost of 50p per ticket) to give them the chance to take home one of these lovely pictures. Children will only be entered for the draw for their class photo. The tickets will be on sale at the Parents' Information Evening on the 11th September and on Friday 12th September with the draw being held on Monday 15th September.

A letter regarding after school sports clubs has been sent out and children are invited to sign up to clubs from 8.30am in the KS2 foyer

on Tuesday 9th September (Rec, Y1 – 3) and Wednesday 10th September (Y4 – 6).

School will be closed on Friday 24th October 2014 for staff training.

A new Pilates class will be starting at school from Thursday 11th September (term time only) offering 3 sessions (6pm, 7pm & 8pm) These are small, physio-led classes with exercises adapted and modified to suit you. Please contact Claudine Whalley-Billau on 07877 760362 or claudinephysio@gmail.com for further information or to book your place.

As you may be aware, school can gain additional funding for children in receipt of free school meals and therefore if you are eligible your application will support school and your child, even if you do not wish to take up your entitlement or are receiving a meal as part of the Universal Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage 1.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals or would like further information regarding free school meals you can contact Benefit Services by:

telephone - 01384 814988; email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk or by visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am and 12 noon Saturday. Alternatively, please ask at the school office for an application form.

To claim Free School Meals you need to receive Child Benefit and either:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance – Income Based
- Employment and Support Allowance - Income Related
- Pension Credit Guaranteed
- Employment and Support Allowance - Income Related
- Child Tax Credit (with **no Working Tax Credit unless you receive this for 4 weeks after starting work**) and an annual gross income of £16,190 or less.

(Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week).

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs are planned to take place week beginning Monday 11th May 2015. Induction Week for secondary schools will be during the week beginning 6th July 2015 when Year 6 children are invited to spend time at their next school.

For your information Open Mornings at Old Swinford Hospital School are on Saturday 13th September and Saturday 4th October 9.00am – 11.00am. No appointment is necessary and full details of their admissions procedure can be found on their website www.oshsch.com

Please take the opportunity to look at our website where you will find updated information, the latest news and the school calendar, coming soon. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to update our School Calendar due to a computer ‘refresh’ over the summer; however, dates are attached for your convenience and we look forward to the calendar being updated as soon as possible. Dates are correct at the time of printing but occasionally may be subject to change. Please see the website for updated information. A new Parent Code of Conduct and Use of Social Media Policy can now be found under policies and is also referred to in our Home School Agreement for which we welcome your support.

Many positive comments were received from parents at the end of last year on children’s reports which staff very much appreciated; the partnership between home and school is very important to us and we look forward to working with you again this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Cameron

Dates for your Diary

Mon	1 st Sept	INSET
Tue	2 nd Sept	Children return
Mon	8 th Sept	7.30pm PTA Meeting (School House)
Thu	11 th Sept	6.00pm – 8.30pm Parent Information Evening (KS2 Hall) 6.00pm – 6.20pm Nursery/Reception 6.30pm Y1/2 7.00pm Y3/4 7.20pm Kingswood 7.45pm Y5/6 8.15pm PGL
Wed	17 th Sept	6.00pm Governors Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thu	18 th Sept	2.00pm Parent Tour
Fri	19 th Sept	Y4 Kingswood
Wed	24 th Sept	6.00pm Governors Personnel Committee
Fri	26 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning (KS2 Hall)
October		
Wed	1 st Oct	Harvest Assembly (children only)
Tue	7 th Oct	Y5 Cinema Music Visit
Fri	10 th Oct	Y6 PGL
Mon	13 th Oct	Y6 PGL
Tue	14 th Oct	10.00am Parent Tour
Fri	17 th Oct	Photographer (KS2 Hall)
Wed	22 nd Oct	9.00am Y6 PGL Assembly 5.30pm Full Governors
Thu	23 rd Oct	PTA Discos (KS2 Hall)
Fri	24 th Oct	INSET Day (School closed) Break up Half Term
Half Term 27th Oct – 31st Oct		
November		
Mon	3 rd Nov	Children return to school
Thu	6 th Nov	5.00pm PTA Recycling

Fri	7 th Nov	8.30am PTA Recycling 9.00am 4L Class Assembly
Tue	11 th Nov	11.00am One minute silence 3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening (Early)
Wed	12 th Nov	2.00pm Parent Tour 6.00pm Governor training (Belle Vue) Data
Thu	13 th Nov	6.00pm – 8.30pm Parents Evening (Late)
Fri	14 th Nov	9.00am 5W Class Assembly
Mon	17 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week 6.00pm Governors School Improvement Committee
Wed	19 th Nov	Y5 Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Visit – Peter Pan
Fri	21 st Nov	9.00am 3TD Class Assembly
Wed	26 th Nov	6.00pm Governors Finance and General Purposes Committee
Fri	28 th Nov	5.30pm Christmas Fayre
December		
Thu	4 th Dec	6.30pm Christmas Craft Night
Mon	8 th Dec	2.00pm Zip Theatre Pantomime
Tues	9 th Dec	2.30pm KS1 Performance
Wed	10 th Dec	11.00am FLY Performance
Thu	11 th Dec	9.30am KS1 Performance 2.30pm FLY Performance
Mon	15 th Dec	7.00pm KS2 Carol Service
Wed	17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thu	18 th Dec	Christmas Parties
Fri	19 th Dec	End of Term