



# GLENBROOK

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 01 - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff and Governors at Glenbrook Primary School, I am delighted to welcome you back to school – our BRAND NEW, AMAZING school!

Pupils have made a superb start back to Glenbrook. They look super smart in their uniforms and are very proud of their new building. They are very settled and familiar with the routines already – there is a lovely calm feel in lessons and pupils are eager and ready to learn.

Glenbrook is growing rapidly! We welcome four new teachers to our staff team: Miss Swithenbank (F1), Mr Hill (Y6), Mrs Barber (Y5) and Miss Lyle (Y2). Miss Leigh has also joined us a Teaching Assistant and Miss Rathby is working alongside Mr Hill to complete her teaching qualification. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to all new staff, pupils and parents as they settle into our school routines.

I extend a huge thank you to all staff including site staff, Mr Bartles, our new site Manager, and Ms Treeby and the cleaning team for their hard work and efforts over the summer holiday unpacking and making sure the school is clean and tidy for our pupil's return. They have made a special effort and the school looks wonderful!

I am very much excited about our return to school. This is a new start for Glenbrook and I look forward with excitement and anticipation of what our pupils can achieve over the year.

#### Routes and pathways

Thank you to everyone for supporting our routes and pathways into school. These are a temporary arrangement during our demolition phase and they will be reviewed when we are given more space from the contractors. The demolition phase is planned to end in December so I thank you for your patience during this time. If you have any concerns, please do let us know.

In the meantime, please make a note of these simple rules for the safety of everyone on our site:

- Pupils must dismount from cycles and scooters. This is to avoid any accidents.
- Please ensure your child is not climbing on steps or swinging on railings.
- No running on the site. The pathways slope and it could be possible to lose your footing and trip over.
- Pupils should not arrive at school before 8.45am. Our doors open at 8.50am.
- Always stick to the paths. Please do not climb over plants and railings.

#### Playtime arrangements

I would like to confirm our playtime arrangements with you. Unfortunately, we have no direct access onto our school field at the moment. As a result, we are currently walking around the site, along the path to the field. You may have noticed that we have secured a safe pathway and restricted all access for vehicles along the pathway. We also ask pupils do not ride on bikes or scooters along this route.

Pupils have been very sensible walking to and from the playground. They have been very impressive helping each other along and caring for each other.

### **Car Park**

There is no parking on our school site. This is a permanent arrangement so please ensure you find a safe place to park outside our school boundary. We are encouraging parents to access our site via the Wigman Road pedestrian entrance and follow the footpath around to our new building. Thank you.

### **Arrangements for lunchtime**

We have been very busy preparing, cooking and serving our hot meals from our fabulous new kitchen. We welcome our new kitchen team: Lyn Jones, Sherelle Campbell and Claire Roebuck. They are doing a wonderful job preparing delicious meals daily for pupils. The food has so far been very popular with staff and pupils. We have prepared a 3 week menu which you will find on our school website and on our entrance doors. We have adopted a family service approach to lunchtimes which involves older children supporting the service of meals, acting as "buddies" for younger pupils. This is really successful and again, reflects the care and consideration our pupils show towards each other.

### **Whilst we are in our demolition phase, lunch times are as follows:**

11.45am – Lunchtime begins for pupils in Reception. Lunchtime ends at 12.45pm.

12 noon – Lunchtime begins for pupils in key stage one and two. Lunchtime ends at 1.15pm.

We are operating two sittings. Hot meals are served at approximately 12 noon and sandwiches 12.40pm. This includes the time it takes to move pupils to and from the hall and school field.

For this reason, we have extended our lunchtime to 1.15pm for key stage 1 and 2 pupils in the short term to ensure we have the allocated time for all pupils to eat their lunch and enjoy their playtime. Once we have access to our outdoor playground, this extra time won't be necessary and we will review this again.

Thank you for supporting us during this very difficult time launching a new kitchen service and managing access and safe pathways. We really do appreciate your support and flexibility. We have received brilliant feedback already so thank you for that – it is really encouraging.

### **Healthy snacks**

Please remember that pupils in key stage 2 are allowed to bring a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit, to school to enjoy at playtime. All pupils in key stage 1 and EYFS are given a healthy snack at breaktime every day.

### **Cool Milk**

If you wish your child to receive milk in school and you are not entitled to free school meals please register your child on the Cool Milk website: [www.coolmilk.co.uk](http://www.coolmilk.co.uk). If you need support please ask at the school office.

Best wishes,

Samantha Eyre  
Headteacher

## **NOTICES**

### **Free Arts & Crafts Course**

Why not come and try your hands at arts and crafts? You can learn new skills, meet other parents and have fun. There will be silk painting, handmade cards, book making, Origami decorated boxes, quilling and rubber stamping techniques. The course starts on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September for 6 weeks from 9.15-11.15am at Glenbrook. Places are limited so please let the office know if you are interested.

### **Heritage Open Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> explore St Martin's Church between 10am and 6pm with stained glass demonstrations and tower tours running 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm. Come and explore a part of the church that is usually closed to the public! And don't miss yarn bombing of the tower at 1pm, wrapping it in community produced crocheted squares to make their mark on the tower and showcase some of the talent in Bilborough! On Saturday they will also be hosting the ride and stride! Pick up a sponsor form in church and join in. You can be sponsored for helping in St Martin's church or travelling to different churches throughout the day raising money for The National Churches Trust and for St Martin's itself. On Sunday 1-4pm they have archers in the churchyard. Step back in time to an era when archery practice was compulsory and football was banned. See if you are as skilful as Robin Hood with Historia Normannis and their Have a Go Archery display, £1 for six arrows to shoot at a medieval target!

### **St John the Baptist Church, Graylands Road, Bilborough**

St John's is an iconic late 1950s estate church designed by Vernon Royle. It was built to replace the church in Leengate that was destroyed in May 1941 during the attack on Nottingham. It has period pews and is a stunning, light and airy building. Please visit and enjoy the memorial garden. It's open on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 5pm.

### **Be a Midday Supervisor at Oak Field School**

Oak Field School is looking for midday supervisors. Principal duties are assisting pupils with eating and drinking, personal and intimate care (including hoisting and changing pads), and recreational activities on the playgrounds/yards. No experience needed - just a real enthusiasm for, and commitment to, working with and caring for the pupils. There would be two-day Moving and Handling training, and training in Eating and Drinking, and Personal and Intimate care. You would be working alongside members of class staff Mon-Fri 11.30am-1.30pm, term time only. Pay is £7.85 an hour (Nottm City Council's living wage). If you're interested please contact Alison Kane (Office Manager) at school on 0115 915 3265.

**Nottingham Jobs Fair** 13<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 3pm Nottingham Motorpoint Arena. Nottingham's largest annual jobs fair is the ideal opportunity to speak to employers, search for local jobs, discover local training courses and receive free careers advice.

### **Prince's Trust Team Programme**

Prince's Trust are now recruiting for the next Prince's Trust Team programme at Highfields Fire Station in Beeston starting **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. The programme is for unemployed young people between the ages of 16 and 25 and helps to develop skills which are useful for the workplace, including team building, problem solving, leadership skills, communication skills, and organisation skills. It also helps support them to build their confidence and self-esteem, and to overcome any problems which they may face. They will gain a qualification along with certificates in manual handling, basic first aid and basic food hygiene awareness. The course runs for 12 weeks and is completely **FREE** of charge - benefits will not be affected and public transport costs can be paid. Prince's Trust are holding an **Open Day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at Highfields Team Room, Highfields Fire Station, Hassocks Lane, Beeston, Notts, NG9 2GQ. Feel free to pop in at any time between 10am and 3pm. If you require further information, contact Marie Naylor on 07967 690706 or [marie.naylor@notts-fire.gov.uk](mailto:marie.naylor@notts-fire.gov.uk).

### **Click Nottingham**

Click Nottingham is a community membership organisation with members from all over Nottingham. They bring people together for friendship and social connections to improve health and wellbeing. Their social calendar offers lots of opportunities to get out and about, meet new people and enjoy socials, walks, day trips, bowling and special events. Julie is Click's Community Pioneer for Nottingham West which includes the areas of Bilborough, Beechdale, Aspley and Wollaton. They have regular lunches at Pelican, weekly activities at The Beacon and Beechdale Community Centre and have a monthly coffee morning at St Martin's Church. They are developing new activities for members all the time. New members are always warmly welcomed. For more details, like them on Facebook, visit [www.clicknottingham.com](http://www.clicknottingham.com) or call for a chat on 0115 978 7846. Click Nottingham has recently launched a new Homeshare scheme to match older people in need of practical support and companionship in the home with a younger person in need of affordable accommodation. This

supports older people, who have a spare bedroom and are interested in living with someone, to continue living independently in their own home and community. Homesharers provide 10 hours of practical support in the home (such as housework, shopping, gardening) in exchange for accommodation. It is a model which works all over the world and is now available in your local area. You can find out more at our website [www.clickhomeshare.com](http://www.clickhomeshare.com). Alternatively contact Megan at [homeshare@clicknottingham.com](mailto:homeshare@clicknottingham.com) or call 07467 324544.