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Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff and Governors at Glenbrook Primary School, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2015-16 school year. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure our children reach their potential, are happy in school and enjoy their learning.

We welcome three new teachers to our staff team; Miss Tedesco (F2), Mr Ross (Y3) and Mrs Wright (Y4). We also would like to welcome our new TA Miss Burgess. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to all new staff, pupils and parents as they settle into school routines.

I extend a huge thank you to our caretakers, Mr Stack and Ms Treeby and the cleaning team for their hard work and efforts over the summer holiday looking after the school ensuring it is clean and tidy for our pupil's return. They have made a special effort and the school looks wonderful!

Our pupils have returned to school looking very smart in their new uniforms, ready to learn. They have made a fantastic start to the term. We are absolutely delighted. Thank you so much for your support.

Site arrangements

Thank you for following the routes and pathways around school. The building works are now in full swing and we very much appreciate your patience. We are keen to ensure that the site is as safe as possible for pedestrians so if you have any concerns, please report them immediately to the school office so we can liaise with the site manager and take immediate action.

Our new playground

The school has been a very busy place over the holiday. Unfortunately, the re-surfacing of our playground has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and we have restricted our site for pedestrians this week. However, we aim for this work to be completed today. Pupils are very excited about their new playground which is much bigger. We are keen to spend our PE lessons outside and take advantage of our new space. Please ensure your child brings to school their outdoor PE kit which should remain in school for the half term.

School lunches

We provide delicious, healthy school meals and many pupils have enjoyed a hot lunch this week. We undertake a family dining service where pupils enjoy a two course lunch. At Glenbrook we feel it is important to promote and encourage good table manners, healthy eating and the opportunity to socialise. **All** pupils in Key Stage One and Reception are now entitled to have a free lunch every day. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to take up this offer.

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Money for school meals should be sent into school at the beginning of each week in a sealed envelope. The cost for meals is £1.90 per day. Cheques for dinner money should be made payable to "Glenbrook Primary School."

Safety first

In the interest of the safety and welfare of all of us within school, all visitors should report to reception. This is so that we can monitor the number of visitors within school, keeping our children safe. Please ensure you have signed in and remain in reception where a member of staff will greet you.

Office restructure

Mrs Fitch, our school Business Manager, has been very busy over the holidays re-organising our office space. Our aim is to ensure we are able to provide the best possible service and communication to our parents and visitors to school. Mrs Hemmens is taking on our "Front of house" role and is happy to help you with any enquiries or concerns. Mrs Martin is also working in our office taking care of our attendance and admission arrangements.

School Fayre

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time donated items and came to support the summer fair before the summer holidays. I am pleased to say that the fair raised **£949.91**. This is a phenomenal amount and couldn't have been raised without the organisation and planning of the Helping Hands group. They have meticulously planned this event and I can certainly say they have 'gone out' in style! Parental support is a hugely important part of what school does and without you all coming to this event we could not have raised this huge amount.

Dogs

Just a gentle reminder, for the safety of children and staff, dogs are not allowed on site at any time.

And finally....

If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child(ren) are fully informed regarding standards expected to ensure a safe and productive school year.

Best wishes,

Samantha Eyre
Headteacher

Notices

Dates for this term

We will be sending out a full list of dates for the term next week once we have admitted all of our new pupils. However, please make a note of the following:

Breakfast club begins on Monday 7th September. Please book a space with the office.

After school clubs will begin on Monday 14th September. Please look out for the letter early next week.

We have captured some highlights from last year in a school brochure. This should be in your child's book wallet alongside an asthma registration form. We operate a one per family distribution. We can also email out newsletters to you. Please share your details with the office if you would like to receive electronic newsletters.

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