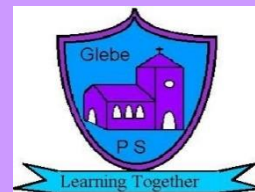


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GLEBE PRIMARY

September 2022 Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to term 1 and the start of this session! We were delighted to welcome back all of the children and we would like to extend a very special welcome to our new P1 children and their families, as well as the other new children who have joined us across the school.

Our P1 pupils have settled in brilliantly and our P7 Buddies and P6 Lunch Hall Helpers are doing a great job in supporting our P1's; we are very proud of them all. We look forward to seeing our new P1 pupils grow and flourish in the years ahead.

Already the school year is shaping up to be a busy one. Please take note of some important information and dates for this term.

Mrs McNeil

Vision, Values and Aims

Last session we worked on revising the school's vision, values and aims with pupils, staff and parents/carers. Thank you for sharing your views.

We will be striving for Excellence and Equity for all Learners, through the school values of

Creativity, Kindness, Responsibility and Respect.

Captain and Vice Captains 2022/2023

This week saw our annual House Captain elections and I have to say we were blown away by the standard of the presentations from our P7s. A huge well done to everyone who participated but unfortunately, there are only two positions per house. So congratulations to the 8 successful pupils who are the new House Captains and Vice Captains for this session as voted for by their peers.

House	Captain	Vice-Captain
FENWICK	Lucas Boyd	Emeli McLennan
LUGTON	Rory O'Halloran	Luke McPhail
ANNICK	Taylor Hyndman	Markus Graham
GARNOCK	Orianna Kombeci	Reuben Dean

Wider Achievement

Our P7 House Captains and Vice Captains help lead the assemblies and encourage the children to earn points for their house. We will continue to celebrate the children's wider achievement at the end of the Friday assembly. Children who have earned certificates, medals, trophies or other achievements out of school, should bring them to school on a Friday. The House Captains and Vice Captains will ensure their photos are recorded in our Awesome Achievements book, and more importantly points are earned for their house!

Senior Leadership Team Certificates

After listening to the children we have decided to reintroduce a Head Teacher/Depute Head Teacher certificate for excellent work/progress/effort in class. Children with excellent work will visit the DHT/HT to share this work. Over the course of their time at Glebe children will work towards bronze, silver, gold and then diamond certificates. Look out for certificates in school bags this session.

School Forms/letters

Annual data, medical, local journey and photograph consent forms were issued on day 2. We ask families to check the information is accurate and update any inaccuracies, before signing and returning to the office. The importance of having up to date contact details can't be stressed highly enough. We had real difficulty contacting some families in emergency situations last session.

Please note your child will not be able to go on any trips including local trips, e.g. the library or have their photograph taken, e.g. P1 annual newspaper photo, without completed consent forms. We can't use last session's forms.

PE

Details of PE days have been shared already. This session Mr Simpson is leading PE and will work with every class for one session a week. The class teacher will take the other session.

Thank you for supporting a return to a PE uniform, the children look very smart and it's good to have parent/carer support to reduce the cost of the school day.



Attendance and late coming

We are continuing to focus on improving attendance and late coming across the school. Every school day counts and we want to work with families who experience barriers to attendance. Head Teachers have to complete monthly attendance reports, these are not meant to cause distress and I understand children do get sick, however we need to work together to ensure there are no unnecessary absences which then impact on your child's education and attainment. We also ask for your support to get children to school on time as children who are regularly late miss vital chunks of learning every day. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in these areas.

Lunch

Lunch is free for all P1-P5 pupils and those in receipt of the free school meals and clothing grant. We would encourage your child to take advantage of this and the lunches are varied, healthy and saves families time and money making packed lunches.



We also appreciate families taking the time to discuss food options and then pre-ordering lunch to reduce the time class teachers spend on this task daily, which, I'm sure you can imagine can take up valuable learning and teaching time.

Flu Immunisations

All pupils will be eligible to receive the flu immunisation (nose puff) on Monday 7th November. Consent letters will be issued this week and should be returned ASAP as NHS staff will collect the forms on Monday 12th September. Please be aware your child will not receive their immunisation unless the letter is received and processed by the NHS as per the above timescales.

P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

The NHS Dental team will be in school on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October to carry out the annual P1 and P7 dental inspections. Letters will follow with specific information for those year groups.



Meet the Teacher

Our parents/carers are invited into school on Wednesday 7th September at any time between 1.30 and 3.00pm. Visit the class to see your child engaged in some learning activities, meet the teacher and other school staff, then come grab a cup of tea/coffee in the hall where Mr Wilson and I will be available should you want to ask us any questions or just say hello.

On this occasion we would prefer this was restricted to parents/carers/guardians rather than the whole extended family attending, although we love to see the whole family, we just don't have the room! We would also appreciate, if you are lucky enough to have access to childcare that younger children and buggies are left at home, if this is not possible we will do our best to accommodate you whilst still meeting fire safety regulations.

Roald Dahl Day

At Glebe we like to celebrate one of our favourite author's birthday on Tuesday 13th September. In school we will share his stories and do a variety of literacy activities related to his books. Staff and children, if they wish, can wear something yellow as this WAS his favourite colour. Please do not buy anything special for this, a yellow badge, ribbon or even socks will suffice. The focus is on the books not what we wear!



School Photographs

Tempest photographers will come into school on 26th September to take individual and family photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school in school uniform - **even if this is a PE day**. Full uniform should be worn for school photographs.

Staffing

We welcome some new members of staff to the team. Mrs Dawson (P3D) and Miss Bell (P6B) we hope they will be very happy at Glebe! Mrs Pennington and Mrs Gall both work part-time and will be covering the Principal Teachers day out of class as well as supporting the P3 and P6 classes with team teaching. The Janitor position has been advertised, but for now we are working with a variety of different Janitors over the week, please bear with us during this period of transition, hopefully we'll have our own Janitor in place very soon.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

This session there will be two written reports and 2 Learning Conversations with you, your child and the class Teacher. The first of these, an interim report will give you an indication of how your child has settled in their new class, how they are learning and their effort in class. You will receive this report on Friday 7th October. If you are worried about your child's wellbeing or learning at any time please make an appointment to talk to their class Teacher, the DHT Mr Wilson or myself.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. This will help us to return any items of lost clothing.
- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day. **ONLY WATER PLEASE**
- For the safety of our staff and pupils, we ask that you refrain from parking in or using the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up unless a blue badge permit is displayed. No pupils should enter the playground via the staff car park gate.
- Parents should not enter the playground in the morning. P1 pupils now know where to line up and members of staff will be in the playground to supervise the children. On wet weather mornings, children are permitted to enter the building early.
- Only parents of our younger children (P1-3) should enter the playground at home time for collection. Parents of p4-7 pupils can meet/collect their children just outside the school gates.
- If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day please contact the school office for a medical form.
- Please ensure that you child's snacks/lunch do not contain nuts. We currently have several pupils with nut allergies therefore we are a nut free school.
- Pupils should come into school wearing standard school PE kit on their designated gym days. School polo shirts and school jumpers are suitable for PE days along with dark shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms.

Curriculum Update

Thank you to all those who contributed to parental surveys last session. Your views have helped to determine the next priorities for school recovery/ improvement. There are 5 areas for school improvement which are being developed from 2022-2023.

Glebe Priorities for School Improvement

1. To raise attainment in numeracy for all learners
2. To raise attainment in literacy for all learners
3. To improve learning, teaching and assessment across the school for all.
4. To ensure universal and targeted supports meet the needs of all learners.
5. To place the rights and needs of every child at the centre of Glebe's education.

We will provide regular updates on our progress and will continue to seek parent and pupil views throughout the session.

PTA/PC MEETING DATES

Our school is fortunate to have a very supportive parent/carer community and a very active Parent Council/Parent Teacher Association. Our PTA/PC Parent will hold their first meeting on Thursday 8th September in Fullarton Connexions at 6pm. This will be the annual AGM please come along.

We actively encourage new members to join - all parents/carers are welcome. There are various roles within the Parent Council and you don't have to join every meeting for every item of information.

If you would like to join, please come along to the AGM, alternatively you could post or send a private message on the parent Facebook page, or email the school and we will pass this to the chairperson Mrs McClory.

Please see diary dates for further meetings this term.

Finally

Please find the dates for Term 1 attached and I hope to see you all at our open afternoon.
Please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.
Thanks for your continued support.

In partnership

E McNeil
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School

Term 1

DIARY DATES

Friday 2 nd September	Flu immunisation forms issued
Wednesday 7 th September	Meet the Teacher – Visit the Class. 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 8 th September	PTA/PC AGM 6pm Fullarton Connexions
Friday 9 th September	Class newsletters issued
Monday 12 th September	NHS staff to collect flu immunisation forms
Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 15 th September	Glebe Texas Scramble Golf Fundraiser
Monday 19 th September	In Service Day – Pupils off school
Monday 26 th September	School Photo Day
Thursday 29 th September	PTA/PC Meeting 6pm Fullarton Connexions
Friday 7 th October	Interim Reports issued
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st October	School Holiday October Week
END OF TERM 1	