



Growing Together  
at Glynwood

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| <b><u>01/03/24</u></b>  |
| <b><u>March 2024</u></b>  |
| Parents/ Carers phonics screening workshop -Y1 - <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm</b> (child care will be available for your child if you would like to attend). |
| Dental Workshop - <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30pm - 4pm</b>  |
| World Book Day - <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> - Bedtime Stories   |
| Dental Drop in Session - <b>Tuesday 12 March - 3:30pm - 4pm</b>   |
| SEND Coffee afternoon - Dental Health focus - <b>2:15 - 3:15 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>   |
| Parent/ Carer consultation - R, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6- <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>   |
| Non Uniform day (donations for Easter raffle) - <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>   |
| Parent/ Carer consultation - Y1 and Y2- <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>  |
| Year 3 visit to the Hancock museum - <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>   |
| Eggs for the Easter egg competition to be brought in - <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>   |
| Easter coffee morning for parents (inc raffle draw) - <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>   |
| Easter Bonnet Parade in school - <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>  |
| Last day in school before the Easter holiday - <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>  |
| <b><u>April 2024</u></b>  |
| Children return to school after the Easter holiday - <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>  |
| Earth Day - <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>   |
| <b><u>May 2024</u></b>  |
| Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.</b>   |
| <b>Year Six SATs week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.</b>  |
| <b>Please do not book holidays for your Year Six child during this week.</b>  |
| Inclusion week - <b>Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>   |
| Last day in school before the half term holiday - <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.</b>  |
| <b><u>June 2024</u></b>   |
| Children return to school after the half term holiday - <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</b>  |
| Year Four Multiplication check - <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Children take one test at some point during this time.)           |
| Year One Phonics Screening Check<br>- <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.</b>   |
| Occasional Day - School Closed for children - <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>  |
| <b><u>July 2024</u></b>   |
| Reports out to parents - <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.</b>  |
| Last Day of term - <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>   |

## Message from Mrs. Nellis:

### Welcome back after the half term break!

**Show Racism the Red Card** - the children have engaged well with the assemblies, sessions and the competition too.

We can only enter one child per category, so the school council will be working with me on the entries that we choose to send through. All children will receive a certificate and a sticker from school. The flier is attached regarding the competition - all entries must be in school by Monday morning.

**World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Message from Mrs Brunskill:**

*Our theme this year is 'Bedtime Stories.' Children are invited to come to school wearing pyjamas, onesies or dressing gowns and bring a soft toy or cushion with them (nothing too large please!) Please don't feel that you have to spend money on anything new - the main thing is that the children are comfortable and have fun engaging with reading!*

There is also a **World Book Day school lunch menu** - please see the attached flier.

*As well as assemblies and lessons, the children will also be taking part in paired reading; this involves the older children sharing stories and picture books with the younger children. We are all looking forward to our Glynwood Masked Reader event at the end of the day too! This always proves to be very popular!*

**Phonics Workshop** - Mrs. Commons is running a phonics screening workshop for parents of pupils in Y1 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. This will take place in the main hall. **Child care in the Y1 classrooms will be available for the children whose parents/ carers would like to attend this session.**

**Reminders:** Mrs. Walker has organised some **dental workshops** for parents and carers: *Emily Samways (a dental therapist) will be delivering workshops for parents on the dates above: These workshops will be held in the assembly hall and will focus on how to look after children's teeth, including information about toothbrushing and making healthy choices and preventing dental decay. There will also be an opportunity to chat to different members of the dental team.*

**Nut-free school** - Just a reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. If you are sending in food to be shared for any reason, then please check the label to make sure that there are no nuts.

### Health and Safety Updates

For purely health and safety and risk assessment reasons, we do have strict rules for children wearing **earrings, false nails and long hair**. **False nails are not allowed under any circumstances**. This is because of the harm they can cause to other children during physical activity. All children in primary school play at lunchtime and playtime as well as PE sessions and we encourage them to exercise throughout the day too, so there are no exceptions to this rule. Children may wear nail polish although you should be aware that most secondary schools do not allow this.

**Earrings** - Again, purely for health and safety reasons, **children should not wear earrings to school**. Earrings should be removed before they come to school each day. If you cannot physically remove your child's earrings, then please tape them up before they come into school. School staff are not able to add tape or plasters to children's ears. If it is a PE day and your child is wearing earrings and they are unable to remove them themselves, we will phone home and ask that a parent/ carer either comes to school to remove the earrings or tape the earrings up. If this is not possible then unfortunately your child will not be able to take part in the PE lesson and will be asked to complete a different task instead.

**Long hair**- **long hair should be tied back for PE lessons and Forest school**. If your child can tie their own hair back for these sessions, then they are welcome to bring a bobble and do this before the lesson starts. Other children should have their hair tied back at the beginning of the day.

*With my very best wishes for a great weekend- thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Mrs. Vicky Nellis*



**Who to talk to if you have any concerns, questions, queries or comments:**



Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)



Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher Y5/6 Lead)



Carolyn Dobbing (Home School Liaison Officer)



Esther Commons (SENDco/ KS1 Leader)



Jude Etherington (Curriculum Lead)

The above staff are also all designated safeguarding leaders or deputy leaders, so you can talk to any of them if you have a concern about a child.

Please remember that if you do have concerns about a child, you can speak to any of the adults above. If the concerns require an immediate response, then you should call the police or children's social care, where you can make referrals anonymously, if you wish. You can also call the NSPCC 0800 1111 for advice.

If you notice suspicious activity in the vicinity of the school, then please do report it via the police, or inform one of our designated safeguarding leads.

We request that whilst you are on the school site, or in the vicinity of the school, that you do not use bad language/ swear and also dress appropriately (no swimwear please).