



Growing Together at Glynwood

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<u>20/10/23</u>
<u>October 2023</u>
Foodbank collection in school 16 th - 20 th October inc.
Y6 to visit Safetyworks - Newcastle - Friday 20 th October
Harvest Celebrations 2.30pm -YEAR FOUR ONLY- Tuesday 24 th October
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 27 th October
<u>November 2023</u>
Children return to school after half term- Monday 6 th November
Phonics/ reading workshop for parents - Thursday 9 th November at 9am
Odd Socks Day - Monday 13 th November
Robinwood - Residential trip for Year Six - Monday 13 th - Wednesday 15 th November
Individual School Photographs - Thursday 16 th November
Children in Need - Friday 17 th November
<u>December 2023</u>
Flu immunization team in school - Thursday 7 th December
Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7 th December
Nursery Christmas Carols 9.15am - Monday 18 th December
Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Monday 18 th December
Christmas Parties YR-Y6 - Tuesday 19 th December
Nursery Christmas Party 9am - Tuesday 19 th December
Y3 & Y4 (Y3 lead the service) Carols at St. John's Church 2pm - Wednesday 20 th December
Y2 Carols by Candlelight 9.15am - Thursday 21 st December
Y5 & Y6 Carols (Year 5 lead the service) at St. John's Church 2pm - Thursday 21 st December
Last day in school before the Christmas holiday - Friday 22 nd December
<u>January 2024</u>
Children return to school after the Christmas holiday - Tuesday 9 th January (8 th January is a teacher training day).
<u>February 2024</u>
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 16 th February
Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 25 th February
<u>March 2024</u>
Last day in school before the Easter holiday - Thursday 28 th March
<u>April 2024</u>
Children return to school after the Easter holiday - Monday 15 th April
<u>May 2024</u>
Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - Monday 6 th May.
Year Six SATs week - Monday 13 th May - Thursday 16 th May. Please do not book holidays for your Year Six child during this week.
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 24 th May.
<u>June 2024</u>
Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 3rd June.
Year Four Multiplication check - Monday 3rd June - Thursday 13 th June (Children take one test at some point during this time.)
Year One Phonics Screening Check - Monday 10 th June - Friday 14 th June.
Occasional Day - School Closed for children - Friday 14 th June
<u>July 2024</u>
Reports out to parents - Friday 12 th July.
Last Day of term - Friday 19 th July

Message from Mrs. Nellis:

Many thanks for the **Food Bank donations** this week- we know that the food bank will be very grateful for your contributions.

School Meals - Friday 8th November - the School Meals service are taking part in a 'try something different day' - meal choices will remain the same, but in addition children will be given the opportunity to try some of the veggie options we offer in school: Quorn sausages, Quorn meatballs, Quorn nuggets and veggie fingers.

There will **be 2 changes to the menu options** on the following dates:

Friday 10th November - the school meals service is celebrating 30 years of National School Meals Week. All Gateshead schools will be served a buffet lunch that day: Pizza Slice, Sausage roll (quorn sausage roll), chicken goujon (quorn nuggets), selection of wraps (ham, cheese, tuna), Potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks with garlic mayo.

Thursday 14th December is Christmas lunch day - lunch options will be restricted to Christmas dinner only i.e. Turkey Christmas dinner or vegetarian Christmas Dinner.

Reminders:

If your child is in **Year 6**, the **closing date for applications for secondary school places is Tuesday 31st October**. Applications can be made online from the Gateshead Council website.

Christmas cards - you should all have received a sample Christmas card that your child has created in school in the last week or so. If you would like to place an order, can you please do so before 25th October, this will ensure you receive your order in plenty of time.

Flu immunisation for children in years Reception to Year 6 will take place on Thursday 7th December. You have until 4pm on Tuesday 5th December to give your consent. You can do this by using this link:

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

using school code **NB108372**

Requests:

Can we ask that the children **do not** bring **Prime bottles** in to school to use as their water bottle.

It is essential the Southend Road gate is shut at all times. If you do use the release button from inside the school grounds, then the gate must be closed firmly after you. Please do not use the string to keep the gate open.

School Governors - Our Governors spent Thursday in school this week. They toured the school, spoke to children about how they feel about school and also about their work. The Governors were impressed by how calm and focused the children were throughout the visit. The children, as always, were polite, welcoming and happy to talk about their school experiences.

We have a **Parent Governor vacancy** - please see the attached letter. If you would like to talk about this, then please call or e mail. The role of parent governor does have a time commitment, but it is a very important role and an excellent way to become more involved in your child's education.

Please see the attached **online safety** leaflet about **You Tube**.

With my best wishes for a great weekend - Mrs Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)

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).