

# Growing Together at Glynwood

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#### 20/10/23

#### October 2023

Foodbank collection in school 16th - 20th October inc.

Y6 to visit Safetyworks - Newcastle - Friday 20th October

Harvest Celebrations 2.30pm - YEAR FOUR ONLY- Tuesday 24th October

Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 27th October

#### November 2023

Children return to school after half term- Monday 6th November

Phonics/ reading workshop for parents - Thursday 9th November at 9am

Odd Socks Day - Monday 13th November

Robinwood - Residential trip for Year Six - Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th November

Individual School Photographs - Thursday 16th November

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

#### December 2023

Flu immunization team in school - Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December

Nursery Christmas Carols 9.15am - Monday 18th December

Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Monday 18th December

Christmas Parties YR-Y6 - Tuesday 19th December

Nursery Christmas Party 9am - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Y3 & Y4 (Y3 lead the service) Carols at St. John's Church 2pm - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Y2 Carols by Candlelight 9.15am - Thursday 21st December

Y5 & Y6 Carols (Year 5 lead the service) at St. John's Church 2pm - Thursday 21st December

Last day in school before the Christmas holiday - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## January 2024

Children return to school after the Christmas holiday - Tuesday 9th January (8th January is a teacher training day).

#### February 2024

Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 16th February

Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 25th February

#### March 2024

Last day in school before the Easter holiday - Thursday 28th March

#### **April 2024**

Children return to school after the Easter holiday - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### May 2024

Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Year Six SATs week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> May.

#### June 2024

Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 3rdJune.

Year Four Multiplication check - Monday 3rd June - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June (Children take one test at some point during this time.)

Year One Phonics Screening Check - Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June.

Occasional Day - School Closed for children - Friday 14th June

#### July 2024

Reports out to parents - Friday 12th July.

Last Day of term - Friday 19th 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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), selction of wraps (ham, cheese, tuna), Potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks with garlic mayo.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December. You have until 4pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

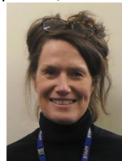
# Who to talk to if you have any concerns, questions, queries or comments:



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).