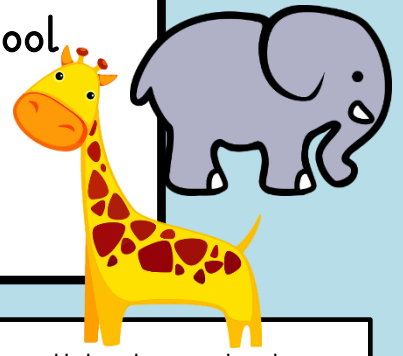




Glade Hill Primary and Nursery school

Amazing Acorns Newsletter

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**Welcome to Amazing Acorns!** We are so happy to welcome you all back to school - we have missed you - and we would like to say an especially big 'welcome' to the children and parents who are new to Glade Hill. All our children are displaying GOLDEN and SPARKLY behaviour throughout the day and we have been hugely impressed how quickly they have settled to their new routines and classrooms.

**Autumn 1: Nursery Rhymes** For the first few weeks, we will be settling into routines and getting to know each other. Experience shows us that this settling in period is vital so that our children feel safe and secure as we move forward in our learning. We will be learning and talking about what it is to be GOLDEN and SPARKLE. This term in Nursery, we will be learning all about Nursery Rhymes and in particular Incy Wincey Spider, Humpty Dumpty and Hickory Dickory Dock alongside many others. A great knowledge of nursery rhymes supports early phonics such as rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. Furthermore, it enhances turn taking, listening and attention skills and, early maths understanding. We will be re-telling, sequencing and re-enacting our nursery rhymes in our indoor and outdoor. We will also be focussing on helping your children to become independent learners. We will be encouraging them to use the toilet, get dressed, fasten their own coat and put on their shoes. These independence skills are a fundamental part of the Early Year's curriculum as well as promoting independent learning. Please speak to a member of staff if you require any support.

**Communication:** If you need to speak to a member of staff, please see us at either the beginning or end of the day and we will happily talk to you when all of the children have either gone home or are settled in their learning. We are also more than happy to have telephone conversations with you or, for matters less urgent, you can email us at [acorns@gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:acorns@gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk). It may take us a day or two to reply to your email.

Also, look out for letters and sign up to **Tapestry**, **Arbor** and **Juniper** an app you can download on your phone, to keep up-to-date with what your child has been learning in school and important messages.

Please note that when school calls mobile phones it sometimes appears as 'Private Number' on your screen.

**Website** The school website is a great way of finding out information. Our class page will be updated regularly with photographs of the children's learning and videos of stories read by staff, as well as useful links for online learning, which you can share with your child at home.

**Outdoor Classroom.** Outdoor Learning has always been a huge part of the Early Years curriculum and we are learning outdoors as much as possible at the moment. As well as our outdoor classroom and grass area, we will be taking walks into our Forest school in the woods. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day and hats/ gloves as the weather starts to get colder. **Please make sure all clothes, wellies, lunchboxes, bags and water bottles are labelled with your child's name.** It makes it so much easier to return them when they are lost!



## READING BOOKS

We will soon be sending a story for you to share at home. They will also have a reading diary where we would like you to write your comments.

- Please bring your child's reading diary and book bag every day.
- Books must be **returned on Fridays.**

At Glade Hill we use **Every Read Counts**. This will mean those that read more **will reach the rewards sooner**. Remember to read in the holidays too! We have also introduced an **ultimate reward** for those children who go over and above and read regularly at home - this is 200 reads over the whole year!

**If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to email us!**



### School Milk

Every child will receive a carton of milk and a piece of fruit every day.



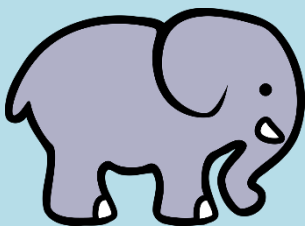
### School lunch

If you would like your child to have a school lunch, please contact the school office. Please tell us daily if your child is having the sandwich option otherwise we will assume they are having the hot meal option. Please see the menus on display in Amazing Acorns or on the school website.

### Packed lunches

Please put your child's name clearly on their lunchbox/bag as sometimes there are some with the same bag. Please tell us daily if your child is having packed lunch or school dinner as they sometimes are unaware.

Just a reminder that Glade Hill is a nut-free school. Please remember to check the ingredients of cereal bars, biscuits, sandwich spreads etc., before you pop them in the lunchbox. Children can bring a drink of squash or juice for their lunchtime drink, but should bring a bottle of water to drink during the day in the classroom.



Please contact us if you have any questions.  
Mrs Beet & Mrs Dean

