



# Glade Hill Primary & Nursery School

## Family Newsletter

### Autumn 1 2024

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## Message from Mrs Stapleton

Welcome everyone to the 2024 - 2025 academic year at Glade Hill Primary and Nursery School.

I know this is going to be another amazing year at Glade Hill, and I look forward to seeing all our children show their GOLDEN behaviour and SPARKLY learning. I know that all our staff will be striving to ensure that all children become the best learners that they can be. Please read this newsletter carefully as it contains important information about upcoming events, reminders and links to further support.

As I shared in my welcome back letter, our three Priority Areas for School Improvement this year are: **Maths, Phonics and EYFS.**

You can support us with these goals, by **helping your child to complete any homework given, making sure that your children are in school as much as possible, and attending school events about supporting your children's learning.**

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,  
*Mrs Stapleton*

## Wear it gold day.

The children will be celebrating... WEAR IT GOLD DAY on Friday 27th September 2024 to show support for the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG)  
The children can come in yellow, gold, or appropriate non-uniform. This cause is particularly important to Glade Hill as a current pupil of ours was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumour as a baby.  
To read more about Oliver's story please see the News and Letters page of the School website



## School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 7 October to take individual pupil and sibling photographs.



## Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for children in years F2 to year 6 are taking place on Monday 14 October. Further information on how to register your child has been emailed to parents.



## Harvest festival

The children will be celebrating HARVEST FESTIVAL on Friday 27th September 2024. This year we will be supporting The Bulwell and Bestwood Food Bank.

The food bank is in urgent need of the following items:

- ❖ Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- ❖ Long life fruit juice
- ❖ Instant mashed potato
- ❖ Jam, instant coffee and tea bags

Please send in your donations from Monday 23rd September and ensure they are unopened and in date. Please note, we are unable to accept any fresh fruit/vegetables. Donations must be received by,

**Friday 27th September.**



## School dinners & Breakfast Club Price Increase

The school dinner and breakfast charge has increased to **£2.70** a day. Both can be paid via the Arbor app or in cash to the office.

## Important Points To Remember



No dogs are allowed on the Glade Hill site with or without a lead, **this includes being carried.**



The Glade Hill site is a no smoking zone.



When parking outside school please be considerate of other road users and allow enough space for buses to pass. Please also ensure that you do not block any driveways.



Please remember to ring the school office to update any addresses or mobile phone numbers.

## Excite and Engage sessions

We are thrilled to be able to invite our parents and carers into school to join our **'Excite and Engage'** sessions in your child's class. The aim of the sessions is of hooking the children into their learning for the week. The sessions will involve practical learning activities for you to join in with alongside your child. Each session will run from 8.45am to 9.15am.

The sessions will be held on the following dates:

F2 – both classes : Wednesday 13 November 2024

Y1 – both classes : Monday 23 September 2024

Y2 – both classes : Monday 30 September 2024

Y4 – both classes : Monday 7 October 2024

Y5 – both classes : Monday 14 October 2024

Y6 – both classes : Monday 16 September 2024

Buttercups – Morning Session : Tuesday 15 October 2024

Bluebells – Afternoon Session : Tuesday 15 October 2024



## Attendance, Penalty Notices & Information

School attendance is a priority at our school and we are constantly monitoring pupil's attendance. School attendance can affect your child's future progress. This chart shows the number of days/weeks your child misses of school depending on their attendance.

Attendance	No. of days absent	No. of weeks absent
94%	10 days	2 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks
85%	29 days	6 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
75%	48 days	10 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks

### NEW DFE GUIDELINES

As most of you will already be aware from the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 the Local Authority have set out new guidelines for school to follow in regards to penalty notices for unauthorised holidays taken in term time and any other unauthorised absence. **An unauthorised absence is where either no explanation has been given for the child's absence or where the explanation offered is not considered acceptable by the school.**

**Per Parent, Per Child Penalty Notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.**

**For example:** 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines. First Offence The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

**5 consecutive days of term time leave Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**

**Second Offence** (Within 3 years) The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

**Third Offence** and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parents future DBS certificate, due to a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

## Is my child too ill for School?

Government and NHS advice both say that is fine to send your child to school with a mild illness. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

If your child is ill, and you are unsure what to do, please check the website link below or contact the school office for more advice.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

**REMEMBER** - Once children are in school with their friends, they soon perk up & forget about feeling poorly. Parents are always welcome to pop into school to administer medicine at any time.

*Please send your child to school but let a member of staff know if they have any of the following*

- *Sore throat*      *Cold*
- *Cough*            *Feeling tired*
- *Hay fever*        *Achy or sore limbs*
- *Headache*        *Feeling Sick*
- *Stomach ache*   *Ear ache*
- *Toothache*       *Experiencing feeling of anxiety*
- *Twisted, sprained or broken limbs*

*Please give them medicine at the start of the day if needed. Adaptations and risk assessments will be put into place for broken limbs. Seek medical advice if you are unsure.*

*Unfortunately, there are some occasions when your child will be too unwell to attend school. Please keep your child at home if experiencing any of the following*

- *Sickness & Diarrhoea (stay home for 48 hours starting from the last time they were sick)*
- *Contagious illness (chicken pox's, impetigo, Measles)*
- *Operations/medical treatment*
- *High fever / temperature*

*You must inform the school office if your child is unable to attend school on the first day of absence, failure to do so could lead to a home visit from our attendance officer.*

## Diary Dates

Friday 27 September	Harvest & wear it GOLD
Monday 7 October	Individual school photos
Monday 14 October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 15 November	Children in Need
Wednesday 27 November	Y5 University Nottingham Trip
Thursday 5 December	Y4 Leicester Museums & Galleries Trip
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 December	Craft Day
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Party Day

### Term Dates 2024/25

#### Autumn Term 2024

- ❖ **Starts:** Monday 2 September
- ❖ **Half term:** Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November
- ❖ **Ends:** Friday 20 December

#### Spring term 2025

- ❖ **Starts:** Monday 6 January
- ❖ **Half term:** Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
- ❖ **Ends:** Friday 4 April

#### Summer term 2025

- ❖ **Starts:** Tuesday 22 April
- ❖ **Half term:** Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May
- ❖ **Ends:** Friday 25 July