

Newsletter



9th September 2024

Welcome Back!

Even though it already seems a long time ago, we hope that you all had a good summer. Our new academic year has begun in earnest, and we are ready to start our first full week back! We are happy to welcome our new Reception intake to our Glascote Family along with other new children across the school; they have settled well.



Thank you for your patience and understanding!

ARBOR.

The migration during the holidays from Integris to Arbor did not go as smoothly as we had hoped. Unfortunately, there were duplications for parent details and some errors, issues with staffing details, lunches and snacks, logging and paying for clubs and trips, and a glitch with communications meaning that we are currently unable to send bulk emails. We can still receive and respond to our families@glascote.org email.

Text messages (some with attachments) will still be sent through Marvellous Me.

If this is any consolation, it is all Trust schools not just us. Our Trust Technical Manager (Mr. Byrne), IT Technician (Mr. Gardner), as well as the Vice-Ceo (Mr. Hand) and CFOO (Mrs. Prosser-Davies) are all actively involved to eradicate these issues as quickly as possible.

A **HUGE** thank you must also go to our very own office staff Mrs. Hodgkins and Mrs. Dick who have worked tirelessly to minimise the disruption and sort issues out as best as they can...we are all still novices with Arbor but please rest assured that we are doing our best and things will get better.

Some general reminders on organisation

Drop-off and collection:

- Thank you for letting us know about gates and those older children who will leave the school site by themselves at the end of the day.
- Please may we ask that clear the main driveway quickly to ensure that everyone is safe.
- If you use the side gate, please do not block the gateway and be mindful of bicycles
- We kindly ask that you are patient and respectful of other families and staff at all times

Outdoor (Farm & Forest sessions)

All children (Reception to Year 6) will come to school wearing suitable old clothes when they are timetabled to be outdoors (you will be notified of these dates separately). During these times, if you wish to send spare clothes with your child (e.g. trousers, socks, jumper in a bag) for if they get wet, then please do so.

- Wellies need to be kept in school.
- Outdoor learning will take place: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. If there are any changes, we will let you know.
- Please note: Inspire workshops will take place on the Wednesday of the timetabled week, as well as Family lunch

| Class | Outdoor (Wear old clothes to school) |
|---------------------|--|
| Reception Elizabeth | 5 th /6 th /7 th November |
| 1 Berner's-Lee | 8 th /9 th /10 th October |
| 1 Nightingale | 1 st /2 nd /3 rd October |
| 2 Attenborough | 17 th /18 th /19 th September |
| 2 Franklin | 24 th /25 th /26 th September |
| 3 Chandi | 26 th /27 th /28 th November |
| 3 Newton | 19 th /20 th /21 st November |
| 4 Darwin | 22 nd /23 rd /24 th October |
| 4 Williamson | 15 th /16 th /17 th October |
| 5 Seacole | 12 th /13 th /14 th November |
| 6 Pankhurst | Any children not going to White Moor Lakes: 12 th /13 th /14 th November |

PE Kit

On the days that your child has PE, they will come to school already dressed in their PE kit rather than their school uniform. Please note that it is weather appropriate i.e. children do not have to wear shorts in the winter. They will need to wear their shoes or trainers; we ask all children (Reception to Year 6) have a pair of **black pumps** which they will keep in school for indoor PE.

Jewellery

A gentle reminder that our PE policy remains the same, and clearly states:

10.2 It is expected that children remove their own jewellery prior to a PE lesson. If they are unable to do this independently, then all jewellery should be removed at home before they come to school. In minor cases, parents will provide written consent for staff to remove earrings before activities and replace afterwards. In cases where an item of jewellery cannot be removed due to piercing in the last six weeks, simple stud earrings may be left in and covered (by parents) with tape. In extreme cases due to a medical need, a medical note will be accepted, and tape used to cover earrings (by parents). If this is the case, the class teacher will need to adjust games activities/ limit which activities the child can take part in to reduce risk.



| Class | PE Days (wear PE kit to school) |
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| Reception Elizabeth | Friday |
| 1 Berner's-Lee | Tuesday |
| 1 Nightingale | Tuesday |
| 2 Attenborough | Monday |
| 2 Franklin | Monday |
| 3 Chandi | Monday (outdoor) & Thursday (indoor) |
| 3 Newton | Monday (outdoor) & Thursday (indoor) |
| 4 Darwin | Monday (outdoor) & Friday (indoor) |
| 4 Williamson | Monday (outdoor) & Friday (indoor) |
| 5 Seacole | Wednesday (indoor) & Thursday (Swimming) |
| 6 Pankhurst | Wednesday (indoor) & Thursday (outdoor) |

Attendance

Follow the link to our policy (**GA Academy Attendance Policy 2024_2025**) which is on our [website](#). This has been revised for the Trust before being personalised, by Mr. Shakeshaft (EHT Dosthill & Anker Moor Academies) and Fierté Vice-Ceo, Mr. Hand following consultation with all Trust Headteachers. It upholds current statutory guidance.



Harvest Service: Tuesday 22nd October at St Peter's Church (further information will follow).

Parent's Evening: Tuesday 22nd October & Wednesday 23rd October (further information will follow).

Nativity (Rec/Y1/Y2): Tuesday 10th December (School hall - 10am/2pm/5pm – further information will follow)

Christmas Singing Concert (KS2): Wednesday 11th December (School hall - 10am/2pm/5pm – further information will follow)

INSET – school closed to pupils – Friday 24th October 2024; Monday 6th January 2025

| Class | Parent Assembly (2 family adults per child) |
|---------------------|--|
| Reception Elizabeth | Thursday 28 th November |
| 1 Berner's-Lee | Thursday 14 th November (joint with 1N) |
| 1 Nightingale | Thursday 14 th November (joint with 1B-L) |
| 2 Attenborough | Thursday 7 th November (joint with 2F) |
| 2 Franklin | Thursday 7 th November (joint with 2A) |
| 3 Chandi | Thursday 17 th October |
| 3 Newton | Thursday 10 th October |
| 4 Darwin | Thursday 26 th September |
| 4 Williamson | Thursday 3 rd October |
| 5 Seacole | Thursday 19 th September |
| 6 Pankhurst | Thursday 21 st November |