



Glasshouses Community Primary School

Learning Together, Achieving Together, Respecting Each Other

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers, pupils, staff, volunteers and friends of the school

Welcome back to our second half-term. This is a very busy half-term for children and staff as we start to head towards, dare I say the word... Christmas! It is exactly 47 days until Christmas Day.



There is already glitter on the floors in school...it is everywhere! I had pink glitter in my hair when I went supermarket shopping on Monday! I am not sure what Mrs Kenchington, our caretaker, thinks about this...

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent Parent Questionnaire. We really do value your feedback. It was great to see that, in every respect, you are happy with the school and your child's/children's progress. 100% of those who responded said that they would recommend Glasshouses. Good to hear! ☺ Obviously, as a school, we will continue to do the very best for your children and continue our improvements. Here are just a few of the comments that came through:

This curriculum is excellent and well-suited to my child

Texts home about achievements are lovely to receive

Really love the report card

School supports my child as an individual

Fantastic school all round

We always feel valued and cared for.

As you are aware, we focus on one core value from CHAMPS each half-term; this half-term it is **Honesty**. In class and in assembly times, the children will learn how important it is to be honest, understanding the impact of not being honest, learning about consequences, and how to learn from and improve when we make mistakes. During our assembly on a Friday, we will be celebrating and rewarding children for these.

CHAMPS – Living and Learning Weekly Statements

- I tell the truth even when it is difficult for me
- I say sorry if I need to
- I recognise emotions in myself and others
- I understand that rights come with responsibilities
- I am trustworthy
- I know the difference between fair and unfair

Our inspirational individual of the half-term is Amelia Earhart. We are using her as an example of Challenge, Resilience and Perseverance.

It has been a very special week in school with our children taking part in a whole day of Remembrance Day activities....learning poetry, writing diaries, creating artwork and creating a large display of poppies in the front window of school...I am sure you have seen these 😊 We had the Royal British Legion visit the school this morning to hold a service in memory of the fallen soldiers... Our children presented their artwork and laid poppies for the 11 soldiers from Glasshouses. This is a very special assembly and I feel privileged to have had the war veterans return to school again this year as we remember the sacrifice made by those that were killed so that we could have our liberty.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Nicola Thornber
Headteacher

Attendance

Our whole school target is set at **98%**.

| PLATINUM 100% | GOLD 97% ⁺ | GREEN 95-96% | AMBER 90-94% | RED Below 90% |
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| | | Whole School – 96.1% Class 1 – 96.9% Class 2 – 96.1% Class 3 – 95.7% | | |

Winning Class this week with 96.9% is Class 1

NB, in order to qualify for a Dress-down Monday, the winning class must have achieved Gold attendance with at least 97%.

Attendance results are announced during assembly on a Friday afternoon.

CLASS NEWS

CLASS 1

Class 1 have really enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day. We have been learning about what happened in the First World War and why we wear poppies to remember the soldiers who have fought wars over the world. Our artwork was really impressive.



CLASS 2

We kickstarted our creative writing focus this half term with a visit from a falconer. She brought four birds with her: a barn owl, a little owl, a kestrel, and a peregrine falcon. The children really enjoyed learning all about the birds and were keen to share their own learning from the last half term about predators and prey, local habitats and as well as what it means to be nocturnal.

On Tuesday we focused on Remembrance Day activities based on the WW1 diaries of Private Walter Bush and we discussed the importance of remembering those who fought for our freedom.

We have started looking at shape poetry in literacy and will be writing our own versions based on their birds of prey we saw. In maths we have continued to work on our multiplication skills.

CLASS 3

A great first week back for Class 3. This week the children have made the school incredibly proud with their work on Remembrance. They have each made a poppy for the soldiers from the school and produced a fantastic piece of artwork inspired by Claude Monet.





Special Recognition Awards



CHAMPS of the Week

Class 1 - Alice

Class 2 – The whole class

Class 3 - Rebecca

Star of the Week

Class 1 - Harry

Class 2 - Harry

Class 3 - Max

Maths Maestro of the Week

Class 1 - Aura

Class 2 - George

Class 3 - Jude

Reading Champion of the Week

Class 1 - Ollie

Class 2 - Ellie

Class 3 - Isabelle

Writing Whizz of the Week

Class 1 - Connor

Class 2 – The whole class

Class 3 - Ryan

Pupil Leadership Team News

Sports Leaders

This week, we have been talking about our goals for this term. We have made a 'Game-of-the-Day Charter':- Monday-Basketball; Tuesday-Hockey; Wednesday-Football; Thursday-Dodgeball; and Friday-Badminton/Tennis. In addition, we have started a Dance Club so if anybody wants to stay inside and do some dance, they can. Finally, we will also be hosting a Dodgeball Tournament at some point this term.





Please see the website for the whole year diary. Below is the diary for the current term.

| AUTUMN TERM (2 September – 20 December) | |
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| 2nd HALF TERM (4 November – 20 December) | SWIMMERS: Mr Caswell's Class (every Wednesday) 6 November – 18 December inclusive (7 weeks) |
| 9 November | 1-3pm Nearly New Sale at Memorial Hall, Pateley Bridge – PTFA Event |
| 12 November | Odd Socks Day (Whole School) |
| <i>11 – 15 November</i> | <i>Anti-Bullying Week</i> |
| 15 November | 1:00-3:00pm KS2 Dodgeball Festival (inter-school event) |
| <i>18 – 22 November</i> | <i>World Nursery Rhyme Week</i> |
| <i>18 – 24 November</i> | <i>Road Safety Week</i> |
| 20 November | 3:00pm (PARENTS) Coffee & Chat with the Head |
| 22 November | 2:00pm Road Safety Assembly with Lauren Doherty (Whole School) |
| 6 December | 3:30-5:30pm Christmas Fair - PTFA Event |
| 11 December | 10am Nativity Play for the Community and School |
| 12 December | 9:30am & 2:30pm Nativity Play for Parents |
| 13 December | 3:30-5:30pm Christmas Film Night (pyjamas & hot chocolate) - PTFA Event |
| 19 December | 2:00pm The Selfish Giant (Riding Lights Theatre Company performance) |
| 20 December | 7:00pm Carols on the Green (mince pies & mulled wine at Broadbelt Hall after) |
| 20 December | Winter Walk (weather permitting) 2:30 School Closes for Christmas |

SAFEGUARDING

Just a reminder about the morning routines:

8:45am – All Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be out in the playground. They are available for a quick chat but they are very busy at this time and their main concern will be to bring the children safely in to school. If you need to speak to the teacher privately, please arrange a meeting at this point.

Please do not share information about collection arrangements, illness, ETC, with the teaching staff – instead, please contact the Office. Tania will take responsibility for letting the relevant staff member(s) know.

8:55am – The children line up in Class lines to be taken into school.

NB - Anyone arriving after 8:55am needs to report to the office and be signed in as late in the register by the accompanying parent/carer.

ABSENCE – must be reported **by telephone or in person before 9:30am**. If you leave a message on the answer phone, please state your name, your child's name, the reason for their absence e.g. they have been sick, they have tonsillitis, they have a hospital appointment, etc (*not just that they are 'ill', 'won't be in today', etc*) and when you expect them to return to school. If you are unsure, you must telephone each day that your child is going to be absent.

Please do use email to report absence as emails are not always picked up early enough and can result in unnecessary telephone calls, etc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

"Christmas with a Conscience"

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday 9th November

Henshaws Arts and Crafts Centre, Bond End, Knaresborough, HG5 9AL

Harrogate Fairtrade Group is holding an ethical Christmas shopping event. Entry is free and you will be able to buy beautiful and unusual cards, gifts and decorations from stalls including: Harrogate Fairtrade Shop, Artizan International, Oxfam, Open Arms Malawi, From the Source, All's Fair and Jennyruth Workshops. The Scouts will be providing craft activities for children. The event will be opened by the Mayor of Knaresborough and there will be music performed by local schools. Henshaw's will be providing refreshments. Parking is limited at the venue, but is available at the Conyngnam Hall public car park next door. The no. 1 bus stops outside and the train station is a 5 minute walk away.



Project overview

Background

Harrogate Street Aid is an initiative to address the issue of begging and street sleepers* in the Harrogate district.

Visible begging and street sleeping in Harrogate is an increasing concern. Currently there are approximately seven rough sleepers** (homeless) and 13 beggars, two of whom are truly homeless (August 2019).

There is public sympathy for people who are perceived to be sleeping rough – no one wants to see someone living on the streets. Action by the authorities is often misunderstood, some individuals play on this and can misrepresent their situations.

Asking for money means the general public give to people on the street without realising it may only help keep them there.

In the Harrogate district there have been increased incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB), increased environmental health issues and complaints from the public and businesses linked to street sleepers and begging.

North Yorkshire Police use a range of powers to enforce incidents of anti-social and drunken behaviour linked to begging and street sleepers. When they use their enforcement powers they can receive negative responses from the public. Some believe the police should move them on – out of sight, but this does not address the issue.

Project aims

The key aims of Harrogate Street Aid are to:

- work towards addressing the issue of begging and street sleepers
- educate the public regarding the issue of begging and street sleepers
- raise funds centrally to disseminate to individuals via organisations involved with begging and homelessness/street sleepers

*Street sleeper – someone seen to be sleeping on the street but may have accommodation.

**Rough sleeper – someone seen sleeping on the street who is homeless.

How the project will work

Harrogate Street Aid will help raise valuable funds to support those begging and street sleeping in Harrogate to get and keep them off the streets.

Harrogate Street Aid will encourage the public to donate £3 directly to the fund via a contactless tap terminal in Harrogate town centre (Marks and Spencer's food hall window Oxford Street) and online at www.harrogatestreetaid.co.uk

Organisations supporting the homeless and those begging will be able to apply for grants of up to £500 for individuals where other funding is not available. Cash will not be given directly to individuals nor will funding be available for anything that may encourage an individual to go back onto the streets e.g. sleeping bag, tent.

Examples of what can be applied for includes:

- training courses
- clothing for interviews
- rent bonds not covered currently
- licences for selling goods
- addiction therapies
- second hand bike

We recognise there is an issue with street sleepers and begging, and are working in partnership to address this and support individuals on the street – many of whom are vulnerable.

Partnership support

The initiative has been developed in partnership with the Community Safety and Housing services (HBC), Harrogate Homeless Project, North Yorkshire Horizons, North Yorkshire Police. Two Ridings Community Foundation are administering the initiative, with funding from the Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Community Fund and support from Marks and Spencer.

Free publicity materials are available to help promote the initiative – please get in touch if you would like more information.

Help Harrogate Street Aid make real change!