

Newsletter

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Stars of the week

Stars of the Week for last week were:

Alan Salaman Caiden Whiteman
Rhylee Whiteman Lucy Copsey
Artur Polny Ellen Povey
Max Morse Kinga Rogalska
Billy Williamson Vanessa Filusz
Memphis Smith Ashur Burrows

Teampoints

Last week's results were:

1st: Yellow 2nd: Green 3rd: Red 4th: Blue



Congratulations to **Yellow** team for being this week's winners. Yellow have now gone into the lead overall.

Attendance results

Wrens: 92.9% Inadequate Magpies: 92.0% Inadequate Swallows: 92.8 % Inadequate Robins: 90.3% Inadequate Skylarks: 95.1% Good Herons: 86.1% Inadequate

Kestrels: 95.8% Good WINNER!

Last week's attendance: 92.5%

Inadequate

Attendance since September: 93.7%

Inadequate

Attendance is still very low. Well done to Skylarks and Kestrels who have good attendance.

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Spare clothes

Every now and then, a few of our younger children have an "accident". We have a small selection of spare uniform for when this happens. Unfortunately, most of our spare uniform has been sent home and not returned. If you have any of our spare uniform, please could you return it (washed). If you have any spare uniform you no longer need, we'd be grateful if you could donate it to school so that we can re-stock!

Upcoming dates

Wed. 9th Oct. Story Café (Magpies) - 1.30pm

Fri. 11th Oct. Termly report to parents

Tue. 15th Oct. Parents Evening (3.30pm - 7.00pm) Wed. 16th Oct. Parents Evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm)

Thu. 17th Oct. Story Café (Wrens) - 1.30pm Fri. 18th Oct. Story Café (Wrens 2) - 1.30pm

Thu. 24th Oct. Last day of term

School discos

Mon. 4th Nov. Term starts

Tue. 5th Nov. Glade's Got Talent (auditions)
Wed. 6th Nov. Glade's Got Talent (shows)
Fri. 6th Dec. Christmas Fair (4pm—6pm)

Wed. 11th Dec. KS2 Panto visit (return at 5.15pm)

Fri. 20th Dec. Last day of term

Help!!!

We are in need of a kind parent with a big car who fancies a trip to Ipswich. We have managed to obtain 3 dining tables from a closing school, but need to transfer them ourselves. If anyone is wiling to drive over to Ipswich to collect, we will pay your petrol money (and throw in a bottle of wine for your time!) if you can help, please can you contact the school office. Many thanks.

Mr A Smith, Headteacher

School transport

There have been some queries regarding transport of pupils to sporting fixtures and other events. When a class goes on an educational visit, we use a commercial coach company with fully licenced drivers. When we have small groups, this is not viable as coach travel is very expensive.

Some parents have mentioned using minibuses. As a Suffolk County Council school, we are required to follow the SCC rules regarding minibus transport. Any driver has to have had SCC minibus training and have passed an SCC minibus test. This is a condition of the public liability insurance that covers all Suffolk County Council Schools. If we were to rent a minibus for the day, the Glade driver would have had to have taken this SCC training and test. If we were to borrow a minibus from another school, to be driven by Glade staff, they would have had to have had the SCC training and test. If we were to borrow a minibus from another school and they provide the driver, that driver would also have had to have taken the training and test. All of our local schools are no longer part of Suffolk County Council, so their drivers would not have had access to this training and test.

This leaves us with using taxis or private cars. Taxis are very expensive and there are rules regarding the use of teachers' cars. For a teacher to take children in their own car, they need to have business insurance, and there needs to be at least two adults in the car for child protection. This means that a normal car could only carry two teachers and three children. The rules regarding school travel may seem to be quite restrictive, but they are there to protect children and staff.

When parents arrange their own transport for sporting fixtures, they are taking responsibility for ensuring that their child is travelling with someone that they have approved. Parents are either taking their own children or arranging with a family friend to take their child. I hope that this clarifies the situation.



Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th November

All children can enter, with the separate categories for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Performances should not exceed 5 minutes. Children can enter individually, or as part of a group (maximum 8 children). If it is a group entry, all members of the group should be included on one entry form with each child's parent signing.

Auditions will take place on Tuesday 5th November, with some children being selected to perform to the whole school on Wednesday 6th November. Those children will also perform to parents on the evening of Wednesday 6th November.

All selected participants must bring all music and props to support their acts. We will provide a CD player, microphone and speakers. The closing dates for applications is Wednesday 23rd October.

Entry forms can be collected from the school office and should be returned to the school office.