

Welcome to 2015

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break and we hope that you are fully refreshed. We will be sending home a list of clubs later this week and club sign-up will be after school on Tuesday 13th January.

There has been a drop-off in the number of pupils making use of school clubs and we need to be sure that if we run a club, people will make use of it. After school clubs cost money to run, either as wages for Glade staff or to outside providers. If we were to charge the going rate for a club provided by an outside provider, we would need to charge around £5 per session, so our subsidised clubs are very good value!

School lunches

The price of school meals rises from this week to £2.30 per day. Please ensure that you have enough credit on your ParentMail account.

Attendance results

Wrens:	89.4%	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Owls:	91.2%	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Magpies:	96.8%	Outstanding	
Swallows:	94.6%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>	
Robins:	94.5%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>	
Skylarks:	96.5%	Outstanding	
Hérons:	98.3%	Outstanding	
Kestrels:	99.5%	Outstanding	WINNER!

Last week's attendance: 94.9%
Requires Improvement (but nearly Good!)

Attendance since September: 95.3%
Good

School Milk

All parents received information and registration forms for school milk before we broke up. If you would like your child to have milk at school, please return the form direct to Cool Milk. We will not be able to provide milk until you have registered.

Children under 5, and those on free school meals (means tested) may have free milk. For other children milk is 22p per day, payable in advance.

Please note that we will not be set up for milk until the end of the first week back, and so milk will not start immediately. www.coolmilk.com



Attendance

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school, you send in a note explaining the reason for the absence. If you do not, the absence is recorded as unauthorised, which can lead to a £60 penalty notice.

Please also note that if your child arrives at 9.05am or later, that is also classed as an unauthorised absence.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us for the Christmas Fair. We had a great time and raised an amazing **£1350** for the school. Many thanks must go to all the members of the Friends of Glade for their hard work in putting the event together.

Lining up in the morning

As our school has grown we have had many more children to get into class in the mornings. We have added 80 extra children over the last 4 years and will be increasing in size over the coming 5 years. This means that we need to review our procedures for the beginning of the school day.

From this week, children in Wren and Owls will line up on the playground with the rest of the school and parents will not take them around to class. Parents of Wrens and Owls will be able to collect children from the usual collection point at the end of the day. Also starting in January, we will be changing the way children line up before school. This is to ensure that the children are able to get into class smoothly and quickly.

- All classes will line up on the back playground, facing the school and be taken to class by the teacher/TA.
- Parents who wish to wait in the playground with their children will be required to wait at the **back of the rear playground** (near the nature area fence) until the children have moved to class.
- Parents of Year R children will be able to wait with their child, but will need to move away when the class starts to go inside.
- Parents will not be able to wait on the front playground or around the mobile classroom.
- Parents will not be able to wait with their child in the line.

These changes are so that the teachers can move the children to their classrooms without moving through groups of parents or other children. there is often a bottleneck of pushchairs, parents and younger siblings, that the children have to navigate to get to class. I appreciate that many parents wish to stand with their child, but with 230 children to move into class, this doesn't work.

Many schools do not allow parents into the playground have children dropped off at the gate. We have no plans to do this, but we do need parents to help us in making the morning routine smoother. We aim to have the children into class, settled, registered and into Lesson 1 by 9am. That only gives us 10 minutes!



GLADE hands

Each half term, children at Glade focus on a different learning skill. Last half term, the children practised **Listening & Speaking**. On each occasion the children demonstrate they are thinking carefully about their actions, they receive a sticker on their GLADE sticker hand. All children collecting a finger of stickers will participate in a reward. The children who earned their stickers for 'Speaking and Listening' will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 9th January**. Class teachers will send a certificate to children who have earned this reward! Our new topic for this half-term is **ACTIONS**.

Advance Diary Dates

Thursday 8th January	Wrens & Owls trip to the Panto
Friday 9th January	Non uniform day for those who have completed their GLADE finger (see above)
Thursday 12th February	Year 4 collaborative project with local schools
Thursday 12th February	Last day of spring term 1
Monday 23rd February	Spring term 2 starts
Tuesday 24th March	Parents' Evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
Wednesday 25th March	Parents' Evening (3.30pm - 7.00pm)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	GLADE hands - Whole school project (Actions)
Friday 27th March	Last day of spring term 2