



WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope that the summer went well for you. The weather could have been a little more kind to us...

I know that many pupils enjoyed our Holiday Club this year which provided a fun, safe, and stimulating environment for many of our pupils over a three-week period in August. My thanks go to Will and his team for delivering a great experience for all pupils who attended. We will be evaluating Holiday Club within the coming weeks and would be grateful for any feedback you have (please email office@glynegap.org).

It is always a great joy to welcome new Reception pupils to school and this year we welcome Reggie, Mario, Rodi and Noah to their Reception year. Max, Elda, Harry, Ben and Lily are joining classes higher up the school. We also welcome Jude, Beatrice and Evie to Nursery. I look forward to seeing all new pupils in class this week.

We welcome Sarah Tidmarsh back from maternity leave. Sarah has resumed her duties as one of our Assistant Heads and will oversee our work both at the Faculty and with our youngest pupils in the Nursery and Infants. We have 2 new class teachers joining us this year - Kelly (S3) and Emily (S2). I know they are really excited to get to know their pupils. We welcome new teaching assistants Flo and Greg, alongside Ruth who is starting her apprenticeship. I am sure all new staff members will contribute a great deal to our school community and we wish them all the best.

Jayne Gosling continues as our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). If you have any safeguarding concerns, Jayne can be contacted at jayne.gosling@glynegap.org or via the school office on 01424 217720.

Class teachers will be writing to you this month to share termly goals, class topics and important dates. These letters will include ways in which you can support learning at home and I thank you for continuing to work in partnership with school to ensure your child's continued progress.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parents Evening which will take place on Tuesday, 26th September from 5.00pm—7.00pm. This will be a great opportunity to come into school and meet with your child's class teacher and find out a bit more about how your child spends their days in school. More details will follow shortly.

Finally, we will be holding Family Day this term on Saturday, 30th September. This is an opportunity for pupils to come in to school with their families and make use of school facilities. More details to follow but do put this date in your diary.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Best wishes,

Note: There has been much in the press about aerated concrete (RAAC) and schools having to close areas of the school/premises whilst this type of concrete is effectively managed. All areas of Glyne Gap School and Faculty are currently open and in good repair. Many schools built between 1950 and 1980 are working with the Department of Education to further survey school premises and to ascertain if RAAC is present in the building and if there is, how to manage this. Glyne Gap School was built in the 1970s and therefore will receive one of these surveys. In the event that RAAC is found on site, I will update you and plan accordingly.

It's Great to be Back!

What a fabulous day to come back to school! The sun was out in full force today and pupils have been enjoying their day indoors and out. Here you can see Ava (Skylarks) enjoying the ball pit in Soft Play and Oscar (S1) who chose 'dressing up' as his leisure activity this afternoon.

As the good weather looks to continue please remember to apply sunscreen/put it in your child's bag and send your child in to school with a hat, if appropriate. Thank you.



News and Useful Information.....

Absence from School

Just a reminder that all requests for a planned absence from school (day trip away, holiday, family gathering etc.) must be submitted prior to absence and approved by Kirsty prior to the absence itself. The school's approval policy is generous and understanding but there will be times when approval is not given. Please be advised that any unapproved absence from school will be marked as unauthorised on your child's record. Continued unauthorised absence may lead to the school having to impose parental fines as other schools do.

If you need to request an absence from school, please call the school office on 01424 217720 and a form will be sent home with your child. Please return this as soon as possible. You will then be advised if your request has been approved.

Thank you.

School Dinners

School dinners cost £2.85 and are free to all pupils in Reception, Yr.1 and Yr.2.

If you would like your child to have school dinners please contact Jo Dauti on :

Tel: 01424 217720

Sickness



If your child is poorly and will not be attending school, please advise the School Office on 01424 217720 by 9.30am to ensure their class is aware that your child is ill and will not be attending school.

We cannot accept messages regarding absences via Transport services (i.e. your child's escort or driver).

Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Half term
23th October—27th October

Parents Evening
Tuesday 26th October
5—7pm

Family Day
Saturday, 30th September

Christmas Holidays
18th December —1st Jan.

Medical Forms

Annual medical forms and Health and Wellbeing leaflet will be sent home tomorrow in your child's Home/School book. Please be sure to return completed forms (in your child's Home/School book) by **Friday, 8th September.**

Thank you.

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