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Glen Hills Newsletter – February 2016

Dear Parents,

WELCOME

Mrs Linford is enjoying her new post in Year 3 and we have employed three new Midday Supervisors to join our team after half term; Miss Small, Miss Thompson and Mrs Matthews. We also welcome our new Governor Mr D Blaney.

PARENTS' EVENING

Just a reminder, the dates for the Parent Evenings are **Monday 8th February and Wednesday 10th February 2016.**

HOLIDAY

Hopefully you are aware that the school will be closed for the week for half term from **Friday 12th February and it will be open again on Monday 22nd February.**

ARRIVAL TIME

We are still having several children arrive at school after school starts. **Can I just repeat that the Juniors start going into class at 8.50 so that lessons can start at 8.55.** The junior playground gates are shut at 8.50. Infants come in at 8.55 and the 4+ start at 9.00 a.m.

Once doors are shut late comers must come in via the main entrance to ensure that we know they are registered. Some children are arriving much later and are missing the start of their first lessons.

Access Education Solutions, our appointed attendance officers have been inspecting registers recently and will be following up children who are

persistent late arrivals. This could lead to a fine. Being just ten minutes late per day adds up to nearly one whole hour per week lost!

NUT AND PEANUTS

May I kindly remind parents and children that we are nut free school and to please not send children to school with any nut containing food products due to pupil and staff intolerances.

THOSE INDOOR SHOES AGAIN!

We are getting an increasing number of children who are not wearing indoor shoes or who are wearing inappropriate slippers. One of the main reasons we have indoor shoes to wear is from a safety aspect – treading on a staple can be painful and in the event of an emergency situation, slippers without a 'back' or flimsy fabric bottoms can cause obvious problems. Indoor plimsolls are the best choice. Thanks for your support with this.

SPORTS UPDATE

Glen Hills Year 4/5 Boys' A Team played their first league match in the Oadby and Wigston League this month. Our opponents were Little Hill and the match was a thrilling, end-to-end encounter. After several heroics from their goalkeeper to keep the score at 0-0, Little Hill managed to squeeze the ball into the net from a corner in the final 10 seconds of the game to win 1-0. The Glen Hills boys played well and were unfortunate not to win the game, let alone lose it! However, with 5 more games to play in that league, there is plenty of time to make up on lost ground.

Coming up over the next month we have games for the Year 5/6 Girls' football team, a

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basketball tournament and more boys' football games.

Let's hope for a successful February!

PSA EVENTS

The next PSA meeting is on **Friday 23rd February**.

It's that time of year again **BAND NIGHT** is at school on Saturday 6th February, please ask school office for tickets.

The school, with the help of the PSA have also purchased new radio microphones, maths resources, books and further ipads.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property after only one week back at school after Christmas was over flowing. Please ensure all your children's items are named as this is the only way we can ensure their return.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to Kate, Maya, Sophie, Lacey, Skye and the two Millies for raising money for Children in Need with their cake sale last term.

TOYS ON THE TABLE

Well done to Hannah Newton in 1CR for helping the 'Toys on the table' charity before Christmas sorting and organising donated toys to give to underprivileged children who would otherwise have no toys at Christmas.

HURRAY! WELL DONE TO THE WEBSITE AND TWITTER!

Remember Twitter and the school website is the fastest way for parents to find out if we are closed for snow! If you haven't joined already, it's

 [@GlenHillsSchool](https://twitter.com/GlenHillsSchool)

TV SCREENS

You may have now noticed the large TV screens at both the infant and junior collection areas. These will contain important information about pupils, school and all areas of the curriculum. We are currently hard at work on the contents for the screens. So please keep your eye out for children's work, school messages, video clips and much more.

HOUSE POINT UPDATE

Glenville 7038

Howard 6497

Cork 7104

West View 7051

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Many thank you to those parents that attended the e safety Parents meeting on the 19th January and to Mr Robertson for discussing the latest dangers our children can face.

In addition to this we will be covering **Internet Safety day** in school on the 9th February where we will be reiterating those dangers to our pupils and reinforcing ways for them to keep safe and happy.

MEDIEVAL DAY

We are having a fun and informative **Medieval History Day** on the 24th February across the whole school with visitors, workshops and other activities. Further information to follow.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Another date for your diary is World Book Day on the 3rd March. We will be asking pupils and staff to dress up as their favourite book character for the day.

PARENT TEXTING

There will be letters sent out shortly asking you to please check your contact details, to ensure we have all the latest contact information, as we are soon to launch *parent texting* where the school can send group texts to parents and as a communication tool.



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