



Glusburn Community Primary School

Respecting Rights, Recognising Responsibilities



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Weekly Newsletter: Week ending 19th May 2017

They've spun their way into children's hands, hearts and now the classroom! This Summer's playground craze has arrived. The Fidget Spinner. Previous craze-holders include 'Loom bands', 'Match Attax' and the highly addictive 'bottle-flipping'. Whatever happened to conkers (*insert Health and Safety comment here*), yo-yos, Beanie Babies, pogs, Pokemon and Tamagotchis?

I remember taking my 'My Little Pony' to school, playing alone...by myself...but I was happy. My pony and I had many a fun time on the school playing field, riding over imaginary jumps and winning make-believe gymkhana crowns (how they'd glitter in the sun), my imaginary friends whooped, hollered and cheered as I scooped first prize – *if I could see them now*. Good times; trotting, prancing, whinnying and neighing around the bigger boys – as they shouted their encouragement...how they laughed...

Anyway, the Fidget Spinner is here and it's good news for the local Spa. The school likes to follow the latest trends (*insert something about Mr Clayton's workwear here*). Children are warned however that should the spinners be used in class, other than where the school's SEN team have provided children with equipment that aids their concentration and ability to focus in lessons, they will be confiscated until the end of the school week.

WARNING: The spinners are allowed in school but only at playtime and lunchtime. Should the spinners become a distraction in class they will be banned.

What is the fidget spinner?

The fidget spinner is a small device that fits in your hand. It is usually made up of two parts – a central bearing that you grip with your index finger and thumb, and a three-pronged rotational blade that spins around it once you give it a flick with your free hand. There are some wackier designs that eschew this template (such as this multi-bladed cog version), but most generally stick to the same blueprint.

Y6 Leavers' Party

I have been asked by a parent to let our Y6 children know of a forthcoming event: The Year 6 Leavers' Party. It will take place on Friday 21st July at Crosshills social Club. Please contact Sarah Kaminski via email: Sarah.kaminski@me.com or see her Facebook Group for more information. This event has not been arranged by school.

Star Learners

Class 4:	Class 5:	Class 6:	Class 7:	Class 8:
Charlie Nelson	Ava Vaughan	Connie Smith	Louis Sugden	Zak Barton
Class 9:	Class 10:	Class 11:	Class 12:	Class 13:
Lois Gamston	Ava Reay	Lola Cannon	Zakk Longbottom	Grace Ogley

Dojo Champions

Class 4:	Class 5:	Class 6:	Class 7:	Class 8:
Sianna Strazieri	Iris Reay	Jamie Clegg	Harry Garnett	Evie Collins
Class 9:	Class 10:	Class 11:	Class 12:	Class 13:
Paige De Blick	Gracie Garnett / Theo Morris	Lois Hunt	Georgina Mazurke	Mari Gamston

Friendship stars

Kieran Varela, Annie Bell, Frankie Hockey, Ava Harwood, Evie Collins, Ellie Crawford, Gene Heaton, Megan Houghton, Scarlett Smith

Good Manners Awards From Our Kitchen Staff

Ethan Walker, Maya Wall, Molly Wilson-Humphrey, Chloe Allan, Lily Lerpiniere, Mila Lerpiniere, Sophia Baxter, Annie Bell, Amelia Wilcock, Erin Allan, Charlie Albone, Joshua Barton, Evie Collins, Jaiden Curtin, Emily Kerr, Theo Reay, Sophia Tedder, Alex Thompson, Aliza Dobson, Jacob Dooley, Georgina Mazurke, Scarlett Smith, Abigail Thompson



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HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME: REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

There are a great number of holiday requests arriving in school at the moment. Beneath is advice to parents regarding holidays in term time. Please note that "Exceptional special circumstances" will be: **rare, significant, unavoidable and short.**

Regulations and Guidance

*The law says that parents/carers do not have the right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. On application made by the parent/carer with whom the pupil normally resides, schools have a **discretionary power** to grant up to 10 days absence in a school year for a family holiday if they believe that the circumstances warrant it. No parent/carer can demand leave of absence for the purposes of a holiday as a right.*

Schools may agree up to 10 days "holiday leave" in special circumstances such as:

- a. for service personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays outside term-time if the holiday will have a minimal disruption to the pupil's education.**
- b. when a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.**
- c. a one-off never to be repeated occasion that can only take place at the time requested.**

Holidays which are taken for the following reasons should not be authorised:

- *availability of cheap holidays;*
- *availability of the desired accommodation.*
- *poor weather experienced in school holiday periods; and*
- *overlap with beginning or end of term.*

*The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006 clearly make the point that the Headteacher has the final decision as to whether to authorise a holiday or not. Any request for leave should be made at least **six weeks** in advance. Holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. If a school does not agree an absence and the pupil goes on holiday, absence is unauthorised.*

Guiding principles

1. Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Head teachers will rightly prioritise attendance. The default school policy should be that absences will not be granted during term-time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
2. The decision to authorise a pupil's absence is wholly at the head teacher's discretion based on their assessment and merits of each request.
3. If an event can be reasonably scheduled outside of term-time then it would not be normal to authorise absence for such an event – holidays are therefore not considered 'exceptional circumstances'.
4. Absences to visit seriously-ill relatives or for a bereavement of a close family member are usually considered to amount to 'exceptional circumstances', but for the funeral service only, not for extended leave.
5. Absences for important religious observances are often taken into account but only for the ceremony and travelling time, again, not for extended leave. This is intended for one-off situations rather than regular or recurring events.
6. Schools may wish to take the needs of the families of service personnel into account if they are returning from long operational tours that prevent contact during scheduled holiday time.
7. Schools have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
8. Families may need time together to recover from a trauma or a crisis.
9. It is acceptable to take a pupil's record of attendance into account when making absence-related decisions.
10. It is important to note that head teachers can determine the length of the authorised absence as well as whether a particular absence is authorised.

Where schools serve communities whose patterns of work create a regular barrier to attendance and family life, schools could consider changes to term times; we strongly recommend this approach is co-ordinated across schools in a designated area or region.

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Summer 1st half-term dates:

25.05.17 Pamper evening
26.05.17 End of Summer 1st half-term

Summer 2nd Half-Term dates:

12.06.17 Year 1 Phonics Screening Test Week.
12.06.17 – 16.06.17 Assessment week
13.06.17 Year 3 class 8 begin swimming lessons
26.06.17 Year 5 Day South Craven TBC

03.07.17 – 04.07.17 Year 6 Induction Day at South Craven
05.07.17 14:00 Year 6 Performance to school
06.07.17 14:00 and 18:00 Year 6 Performance to parents
07.07.17 15:00 - 18:00 Summer Fair
18.07.17 13:00 Sports 'Day'
19.07.17 Reports to Parents
21.07.17 End of school year for pupils
24.07.17 Training Day
25.07.17 Training Day

Sainsbury's vouchers

All Sainsbury's vouchers need to be handed in by the end of May please.

Shopping & Pamper Evening



on Thursday 25th May 2017

at Glusburn Primary School

7.00pm til 9.30pm

The ~~FOGS~~ will be hosting an exciting Shopping & Pamper Evening

There will be plenty of lovely stalls to treat yourself & even enjoy a bit of "me time" by having a manicure.

On arrival you will receive a gift bag containing some goodies & a complimentary glass of fizz (including a glass with a small charm to keep). Other refreshments & snacks will be available on the night.

Some of the stalls already confirmed are: ~~Younique~~, Body Shop, ~~Cherrytree~~ ~~Flowers~~ ~~Flowers~~, ~~Stylish~~, Scented Creations. Product demos will be held throughout the evening and there will be a raffle with some fabulous prizes kindly donated by our stall holders.

Tickets cost just £5 per person
Friends & family members are welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at the school office or from Sarah ~~Greenley~~.

