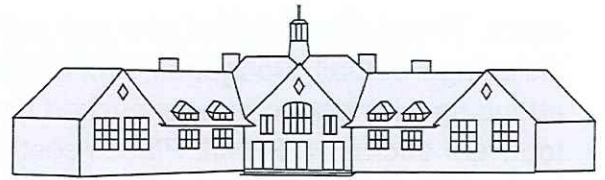


Glebe

Newsletter



www.glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Friday 13th December 2024

Christmas Fair

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our successful Christmas Fair! Thank you to everyone who donated pre-loved cuddly toys, pre-loved books, jolly jars and lots more (We couldn't do this without you). Thank you also to everyone who sold, purchased and returned raffle tickets. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we enjoyed putting it together. 😊
A full total of money raised will be announced next week. Mrs Watson and Miss Torrington.

Christmas Carol Concert

The SNCC choir & Matlock Brass Band will be performing at the Postmill Centre 22nd December 5pm, see attached leaflet.

Derbyshire OPCC

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, is asking YOU to help shape the future of local policing. As she prepares the budget for 2025-26, she wants to know how much you're willing to contribute towards making your community safer. If you haven't already had your say please take a minute to complete the survey and let Nicolle know how you want to support the Police and protect your community.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

Parents' guide

The social media platform, SNAPCHAT, in conjunction with the charity Childnet, have just issued 'a new parent's guide to online safety'. This is a really useful guide which can be accessed here: [back_to_school_booklet_digital_v8](#)

Christmas Tree festival

This month Year 3 have created a variety of folk decorations for the St Michael's Church Christmas Tree festival. The theme was Christmas around the world with Glebe choosing Ukraine. Pop down to St Michael's Church this weekend to see the decorations. The church is open 10am-4pm both days with a coffee session 10-12 on Saturday. Year 3 team.

Eco Schools Cut the Carbon project

During November we have been taking part in Eco Schools Cut the Carbon project. Children have had to record different ways they have reduced their carbon footprint. The results are; 22 children made a journey more sustainable, 23 children had a meat free day, 17 children and families turned their heating down by 1 degree, 25 children bought nothing new for the month, 40 children swapped 4 baths for 4 4-minute showers and lastly 35 children had an hour without electricity. We thank all the families for supporting us and the children in reducing carbon emissions.

AVSSP's Holiday Camps are back for the Christmas holidays.

Amber Valley School Sport Partnership (AVSSP) are delighted to be working with Alfreton Leisure Centre to once again provide exciting Holiday Sports Camps, in the upcoming Christmas Holidays. Holiday camps run from 8.30am to 3pm on: Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December 2024 and Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 2025 with places available to pupils aged 5 to 11

years. Those attending will take part in Swimming, Arts & Craft, Games, Inflatable fun and sports including Football, Dodgeball, Archery, Basketball, Hockey, Cricket and much more. Children attending will need to bring a packed lunch, drink, swimming kit and wear sports clothing and footwear such as a PE kit. Places cost £20 per child, per day and are open to all pupils within the stated age ranges. Payments to be made online upon booking. To book your place please follow the link below: <https://avssp.co.uk/alfreton-leisurecentre-camp/> We look forward to seeing you there. AVSSP

Community Catch Up

Come along to South Normanton's Community Catch up at the Post Mill Centre on Wednesday 11th December 12:00 - 13:00

Week Commencing: 16th December 2024

Monday 16th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December	Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December	Year 3 Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	Last day of term - no uniform

Extended Day

We still have places available for Breakfast Club if you need to get to work early, Monday to Friday 7:30–8:45am each morning at a cost of £3.50 per session for Glebe children. You do not need to attend the whole week, just the days you require. Please book places in advance by Thursday the week before through SchoolMoney. Breakfast items such as toast, croissants, cereal, waffles, pancakes, yoghurts and fruit juice all available.

Please do not bring your child to Breakfast Club unless they are booked in as they are not guaranteed a place. Any problems booking them in please contact the office on 01773 811304. Thank you.

After-School Club

After school club run by JPAC, every day, 3:30 to 6pm. JPAC Club contact number: 07971957839 www.jpacschoolclubs.co.uk.
Christmas holiday club see attached flyer.

Online Safety

We will be sharing a weekly online safety resource from the National College as part of the #WakeUpWednesday initiative. See the school website under Parents tab, Online Safety

Help & Support

Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead contact details

Headteacher: Steve Watson Tel 01773 811304 headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk or safeguarding@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk

- **Children's Carers Support Group**

Useful information regarding the Children's Carers Support Group is posted on the school website under the News and Events tab, Letters Home.

- **Starting Point and Call Derbyshire**

Tel 01629 5330190 24/7, 365 days Derbyshire contact and referral service for concerns that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm.

- **DCC Child Protection and Safeguarding Team**

Tel 01629 535353 If you require any professional advice or have any questions at all relating to

a safeguarding issue.

- **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline** 08000198668

Free online mental health and wellbeing support, 7 days a week, for parents & carers of children & young people who live in Derby & Derbyshire.

- **The Sleep Charity Helpline**

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

- **Free School Meals**

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide an instant eligibility check for Free School Meals.

- **Is This Ok?**

Is This Ok? is a free, anonymous, and confidential service, bringing trained professionals together to provide support to young people through a chat service.

Young people don't need to provide their name and we don't need to know their address- which we know is important for them. www.isthisok.org.uk

Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing

This site provides a wealth of information for both professionals and families.

Please find the link below to the community updates.

[Derby & Derbyshire - Emotional Health & Wellbeing
\(derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk\)](http://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk)

INSET DAYS 2024/2025

6th January 2025, 22nd April 2025. One more date to be confirmed.

Diary Dates

06.01.2025 INSET Day

07.01.2025 Back to school

16.01.2025 Theme Dinner Day Around the World In 80 Days

14.02.2025 Theme Dinner Day If Music Be the Food of Love...

06.03.2025 Theme Dinner Day World Book Day

14.02.2025 Last day of term

24.02.2025 Back to school

20.03.25 – 21.03.25 Lea Green Residential Year 4

04.04.2025 Last day of term

22.04.2025 INSET day

05.05.2025 May Bank Holiday

12.05.2025 SATS week – Year 6 - please ensure your child is in school

19.05.2025 Arts & Cultures Week

24.05.2025 Last day of term

02.06.2025 Back to school

30.06.2025 – 02.07.2025 Mount Cook Residential Year 6

24.07.2025 Last day of term

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, travelling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY 

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS 


The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS 


More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES 

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS 

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD 


Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS 


Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS 

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE 

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY 

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>



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*Christmas Tree
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SATURDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 15TH
DECEMBER 2024
10AM - 4PM BOTH DAYS





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Christmas Carol CONCERT

The SNCC Choir and Matlock Brass Band invite you to join us for the South Normanton annual Christmas Carol Concert.

Will the band play your favourite Carol?
Come along and find out.

✔ Sunday 22nd December

✔ 5pm at The Post Mill

Free refreshments will be served.

The Post Mill Bar will be open before and after the Concert

