



# Glenfall News

...a newsletter to inform the school community about the day to day life of our school.

Friday 15th December 2017



## A word from the head.....

This will be my last newsletter of the year and I would like to wish all parents and friends of the school a very Happy Christmas and a great start to 2018. I would also like to thank all of the parents and volunteers that have supported the school over the last year in the many projects and activities that have enriched the children's learning experiences.

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Performances this year. It was great to have the whole school perform together to perform a traditional Nativity Play in KS1 and the KS2 Pantomime. Thank you to the children, staff and parents for working so hard to ensure that the performances were a success.

The school Christmas lunch was an extravaganza with superb food and excellent entertainment for the children from Niggles the magician and The Music Man. Thank you Lisa, Lynne, Karen and Ily for a fantastic meal and for all of your hard work throughout the year.

The Holy Apostles music evening was a fantastic festive event with amazing performances from all of the children. Thank you to Mr King for picking up the 'Baton' and leading the orchestra and musical groups to ensure that the musical tradition continues at Glenfall.

The whole school trip to the pantomime at the The Everyman Theatre was also a great success enjoyed by all.

It has been an exhausting term and both staff and pupils deserve a well earned rest over the Christmas Holidays. Don't forget that the term starts again on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Have a fantastic Christmas,

Anthony Mitchell



MOZART  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
CONDUCTOR: PHILIP MACKENZIE

**Raymond Briggs' film  
Father Christmas**  
on the large screen  
with live orchestral  
accompaniment

**Peter and  
the Wolf**  
Narrated by  
**Brian  
Blessed**



Friday 22nd December at 4.30  
at Cheltenham Town Hall  
Tickets: £30, £25, £20, £15  
from [cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk](http://cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk) Tel: 0544 576 2210  
RAYMOND BRIGGS / BOOKING PRODUCTIONS LTD 2016

## DfE Performance Tables

Glenfall Pupils performed extremely well again this year, in fact being the highest performing school when compared to our closest neighbours.

Pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths

	Expected Standard	Higher Standard
<b>Glenfall</b>	- <b>87%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Holy Apostles	- 73%	10%
Naunton Park	- 66%	14%
Charlton Kings	- 76%	14%
National	- 61%	9%

Pupils at Glenfall made above average progress in Reading, Writing and Maths; with the reading score for progress being in the top 10% nationally. We also had a significant number (33%) of pupils reaching the higher standard.

Full comparisons can be made at

[www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)



## Diary Dates



### January

- 2nd January - INSET Day - School Closed to pupils
- 3rd January - School opens to pupils
- 5th January - The Black Hole Planetarium for all pupils
- 10th January - Swimming starts for Y3

### February

- 9th February - School Closes for half term
- 19th February - School opens to pupils
- 22nd February - Book Fair

### March

- 5th March - Y4 Residential to The Forest of Dean
- 13th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 15th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 13th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 15th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 28th June - Sports Day at 1pm

## Reminders

### Parent Pay

Please remember to keep your account in credit each week. Your child may be refused a lunch if your account is not in credit.



### Winter Coats

As the weather is becoming wetter and colder could you please make sure that your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. We will be asking them to put a coat on at breaktime and lunchtime and they may miss out if they do not have a coat.



### Keep us up to date

If you have moved house, changed telephone numbers or set up a new email account please let the office know so that we can accurately maintain our records to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency and communicate with you



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

### Just Joking....

*Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?*

*Because they were two deer!*

*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Hanna*

*Hanna who?  
Hanna partridge in a pear tree...*

## Winter Weather Closures

As we head into the winter months it seems a timely opportunity to remind parents of the procedure for school closures should we need to shut the school.

If the school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or heating failure, parents will be contacted using our text messaging system. Please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number. We will also post a message on the Gloucestershire County Council school closure pages which can be accessed at: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/learning](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/learning)

We will also place a message on our own school website: [www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk)

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.







## A few things.....

MOZART  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR: PHILIP MACKENZIE

**The Snowman**

Projected into a large screen with live orchestral accompaniment.

Treble: Sebastian Till

**Carnival of the animals**

Performed with lots of extras and fun surprises including poetry by Ogden Nash and others, terrible Christmas jokes from the conductor's podium and wonderful cartoon animations projected onto a screen above the orchestra.

**Friday 22nd December at 1.30**  
**at Cheltenham Town Hall**

Tickets: £30, £25, £20, £15  
from [cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk](http://cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk) Tel: 0844 576 2210

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**Sue Ryder** Leckhampton Court Hospice

**Christmas at the Court**

Wednesday 13th December, 5-7pm  
Free entry  
Raffle tickets £1

Join us this festive season for music, refreshments and a coffee in the courtyard of Leckhampton Court Hospice. There will be a special visit from Father Christmas and his sleigh at 5.30pm before he goes off on his travels.

For more information please  
call 01242 244283  
email [leckhampton.fundraising@sruyder.org](mailto:leckhampton.fundraising@sruyder.org)

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**incredible hospice**  
and neurological care

**Flu Immunisation: catch-up clinics for eligible children**

Seasonal flu vaccinations are being offered in schools to all children from Reception to Year 4. Children who missed their school clinic can attend a catch-up clinic **by appointment only**.

Mon 18 Dec	Cheltenham Hospital, Main Outpatients, Fellingby Road, Cheltenham, GL51 7AT	9.30am - 2.30pm
Tues 19 Dec	Leckhampton Hospital, Main Outpatients, Barnes Road, Leckhampton, GL56 5JN	9.30am - 2.30pm
Wed 20 Dec	Stroud General Hospital, Main Outpatients, Tenby Road, Stroud, GL5 2JF	9.30am - 2.30pm
Wed 20 Dec	Kingfisher Children's Centre, Sherbourne Street, Leckhampton, GL5 2JF	9am - 3pm
Thu 21 Dec	Elm and Tredworth Children's Centre, Tredworth Road, Leckhampton, GL5 2JF	9am - 3pm
Fri 22 Dec	Elm and Tredworth Children's Centre, Tredworth Road, Leckhampton, GL5 2JF	9am - 3pm

Call 0300 421 8140 to book  
Booking line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

We provide consent for the publication you can amend the appointment with:

Thank you to everyone who has joined the FROGS 100 club this year. We have sold 94 membership tickets and have raised £940 so far. All members should have received their lucky ticket numbers and a schedule of draw dates. Please see Jody Hung or Cat Whyte if you have joined up but not yet received your paperwork.

Our first prize draw took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The winning ticket was 62, belonging to Jody Hung. Second prize, with ticket 15, went to Juliet Devereux and the third prize winner was Helen Howes with ticket 34. Our next draw takes place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## FrOGS Christmas Fair

Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who turned out and supported the Christmas Fair earlier this month. It was a fantastic event full of festive cheer and a great atmosphere. The event raised approximately £2524 which is a great achievement. I would like to thank the NEW FrOGS team for organising such a successful event.

## Twass the day of the Christmas Fair

It was a few nights before Christmas, but all through the school, a few creatures were stirring, though the weather was cool.

The tinsel and lights were hung up with care, in hope that the fun of Christmas soon would be there.

The FrOGS had set up their stalls in the hall, the tombola and traders were there one and all. With a secret wrapping room, No Parents Allowed! with mistletoe, a tree, we would welcome the crowd.

In through the doors came friends with a smile, to find face paint and hoopla, to sit with Santa awhile. The mince pies warmed at the edge of the hall, while mulled wine was poured at its very own stall.

Happiness and merriment rose to the rafters, with an elf charming the queue with plenty of laughter. Sweets in the jar we were asked to gauge, and the cakes all went before they could age.

Thanks to the mums, dads, grans and pops, who came with such joy, it really was tops. Thanks to all who helped to make the fair fun, who served up the treats till nearly all done.

Thanks to the helpers who cleared up at the end, and yes, we made quite a bit of money to spend. Over 2500 pounds, that is certain good cheer, Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year

## Look out for future FrOGS events in 2018

