



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 2nd December 2016



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

Last Friday the teachers all attended a conference held at Balcarras. Glenfall is one of the 'Primary Partners' in the Balcarras Teaching School Partnership, which now has over 30 schools in it. The partnership aims to provide training and partnership working opportunities for the networked schools. It was a great event and Glenfall was given recognition for been 'key player' within the partnership and also for the work we have been involved in as part of the GLOW maths hub. Next week we will once of again be hosting a training event for 30 teachers from 'The Whitehorse' Federation of schools from Wiltshire. The NCETM - National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Maths will also be visiting the school to observe some maths lessons and to interview and film myself and Mrs Seeley for some national training materials. These events are all a privilege to have been asked to be part of and are an acknowledgement of the excellent work that is taking place within the school.

The Netball team have had a great start to their competitive matches over the last two weeks and have secured two emphatic wins of Springbank Primary Academy - 8-0 and also against Warden Hill Primary School - 10-0. Well done to the team and Miss Kelly.

The Christmas Tree was delivered to school today and will be decorated next week. My office is full of Christmas crackers and Santa's Grotto will be being constructed at the end of next week and the KS1 'Glitter Day' is soon to take place. It can only mean one thing - Christmas is nearly here. Rehearsals are stepping up a gear for the performances and you're in for a real treat. Don't forget to return your request for tickets, to the office by 7th December as this is the date that we will allocate extra tickets to those who have requested them. We will be visiting the Everyman Theatre on 15th December to watch 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and will have a pre-panto workshop early that week to get us in the mood.

Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell



## Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances will be taking place on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December. Please make sure you have returned your requests for tickets by 7th December.

We hope that you are looking forward to seeing the children perform. On Tuesday 13th December we would like you to return your children to school between 6pm - 6.15pm.



## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 14th December we will be sitting down to enjoy a whole school Christmas lunch. All orders and payments for Christmas Lunch should have been made to the school office. It is crucial that we know whether your child is having a meal or sandwiches.



FOR EVERY CHILD  
IN DANGER

unicef  
UNITED KINGDOM

The Choir led by Laura Bayston and Mrs Seeley will be singing at the Christmas performances and the Holy Apostles music evening in support of the work of UNICEF. Collections at these events will help Unicef staff provide warm winter essentials like blankets, shoes, hats and gloves. Collecting just £150 at your school could help provide fleecy blankets to keep five children warm this winter.

## Christmas Post

The Christmas Post Box will be available in the hall from Monday for children to post cards to their friends in the school. The Y6 children will act as Santa's little helpers to get them to the right place. Please make sure that cards are clearly marked with the child's full name and their class.





## Diary Dates



### December

- 10th December - FrOGS Christmas Fair
- 12th December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
- 13th December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)
- 14th December - Christmas Lunch Day for whole school
- 15th December - Everyman Panto - Jack and The Beanstalk
- 15th December - Holy Apostles Christmas Music Eve 7.15pm
- 16th December - School Closes for Christmas at 2pm

### January

- 3rd January - School opens for new year

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 7th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 9th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 29th June - Sports Day at 1pm
- 7th July - Reports out to parents
- 21st July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays

### 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.

### 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.



### Money in School

If you are sending cash or cheques into school can you please make sure that it is in a sealed envelope and that it is clearly marked on the outside with your child's name and what it is for.

### School Photographs

Please make sure that you have placed your photograph orders.



Orders placed after the deadline of 2nd December must all be made online and will incur P & P charges. The photographer has assured me that photographs will be returned before we break



It affects everyone  
It can close hospital wards, care homes and schools

#### Help to stop it spreading

Stay at home if you have diarrhoea and/or vomiting

Wash hands with soap and water

**Say no to Noro**

We have been asked to bring the issues of Norovirus to the attention of our school communities. Norovirus or 'Winter vomiting bug' can spread quickly and can close schools, hospitals and care homes. If you or your child has had sickness or diarrhoea it is crucial that they stop away from school for 48 hours since the last episode of sickness occurred.

One of the best ways to stop Norovirus from spreading is to step up your hygiene routines and ensure thorough handwashing after using the toilet and always before eating. Together we can help to limit the effects of any sickness that occurs within the school community.





An invitation to

# CHRISTINGLE

Bring your family and join in the Christingle fun as we mark the start of Advent and look ahead to the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

**SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER**  
4.00pm

St. Mary's Church  
Horsefair St, Charlton Kings GL53 8JJ  
stmarysck.org.uk

Charlton Kings'

# CRIB Fest

Start the festive season in traditional style & come and see the Christmas Cribbs at St. Mary's church - there'll be hand-made cribbs, miniature cribbs, cribbs from special places, and more.

**FRIDAY 2nd December 4-6pm**  
(during the Charlton Kings' Christmas Light Switch On)

**SATURDAY 3rd December 10.30am-4pm**  
St. Mary's Church, Horsefair St, Charlton Kings

**FREE** but donations for Severn Freewheelers welcome.

Severn Freewheelers is a local charity delivering blood & medical supplies between NHS facilities.



**Sunday 4th December 2016**  
**Pittville Park Cheltenham GL52 3JE**

Registration opens 9.30am Event starts 11.00am

Help us raise money for our chosen charities



Riding for the Disabled



Don't forget the  
**FrOGS Christmas**  
**Fair on Saturday**  
**10th December**  
**from 2pm - 4pm**



**THE Oriel SINGERS**

## Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 21st December 2016**  
7.30 pm

Holy Apostles, Charlton Kings  
Ben Sawyer CONDUCTOR

Proudly supporting  
**maggie's**

Tickets £10  
Available from  
www.orielsingers.org.uk  
or on the door

# WINTER CONCERT

with The Cheltenham Community Choir

A variety of Christmas songs, carols and musical numbers to celebrate the festive season

St Lukes Church  
St Lukes Road  
Cheltenham GL53 7JJ

**Saturday 10th December 2016**  
7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 include glass of wine & mince pie

**CODS Box office**  
**07794 487822**

Tickets available on the door subject to availability