



Glenfall News

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

Friday 16th December 2016



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 2017. 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 and Karen 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 Cripps for his continued support of the school and orchestra.

The whole school trip to the pantomime at the The Everyman Theatre was also a great success enjoyed by all; especially Mr Radley who wowed the audience with his strong man routine with Tweedy!

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 Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Have a fantastic Christmas,

Anthony Mitchell



FrOGS Christmas Fair

Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who turned out and supported the Christmas Fair last weekend. It was a fantastic event full of festive cheer and a great atmosphere. The event raised approximately £2300 which is a great achievement. I would like to thank the NEW FrOGS team for organising such a successful event.

Twas 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. Nearly 2500 pounds, that is certain good cheer, Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year



Look out for future
FrOGS events in 2017





Diary Dates



January

- 3rd January - Term starts
- 11th January - Swimming starts for Year 3
- 16th January - Football match at Glenfall 3.30pm
- 17th January - Netball Match at Gloucetser Road

February

- 3rd February - FrOGS Quiz and Chips
- 10th February - School closes for Half Term

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 3rd March - World Book Day
- 7th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 8th March - Y5 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

DfE Performance Tables

Glenfall Pupils performed extremely well again this year, comparing very favourably with our nearest neighbours.

Pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths

Glenfall	- 71%
Holy Apostles	- 71%
Naunton Park	- 66%
Charlton Kings	- 65%
National	- 53%

Full comparisons can be made at

www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

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

We will also place a message on our own school website www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk



Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.

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

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...*
- What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?
- Freeze a jolly good fellow**
- Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?*
- They always drop their needles!**

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The Choir led by Laura Bayston and Mrs Seeley sang at our Christmas Performances this year and raised £357 for Unicef. Thank you all for your generous donations.

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