



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 15th November 2019



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

The second half of the Autumn Term is well under way and we've been incredibly busy at school. The children have been working really hard with their learning and there are some great topics going on around the school. I've been showing lots of prospective parents around the school and as always it's a pleasure to take them into the classrooms. The children are always fully engaged with their work and speak with such enthusiasm about their learning.



Today was Mrs Nye's Children in Need Extravaganza with lots of activities going on around the school. The School Council, Year 6 and Mrs Nye worked really hard to put on a great day. The children looked fabulous in their spots and Pudsey

attire today and the school was filled with laughter and excitement. Thank you Mrs Nye you always make this a special day raising £664.76. Wow!



The 28th November will be a mufti day and we are asking the children to exchange their school uniforms for their own clothes. In return we are asking for donations of bottles and chocolates for the FrOGS Christmas Tombola. The same day is also the School Disco. KS1 Children must be accompanied by an adult and the DISCO starts at 6pm. The KS2 Disco starts at 7.15pm. Please be reminded that the school is closed to pupils on 29th November and the 2nd December for staff INSET days.

Letters and emails about the Pantomime have also gone out recently and we now need to make payment to the theatre for our tickets. Could I ask all parents and carers to make payment to the school as soon as possible.

The FrOGS Christmas Fair is on 7th December between 2pm and 4pm.

**Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell**



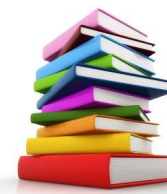
## Holy Apostles Music Evening 10th December at 6.00pm

An opportunity for parents, family and friends to listen to some Christmas music performed by the children who all learn instruments in school. Just thought that you might like to have this date for your diary as I know how busy December can get.



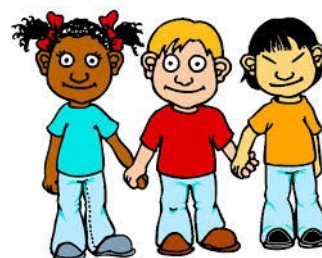
## Book Fair

The Book Fair raised £506 which entitled the school to £243 in commission in books. We have selected some titles to supplement our reading library across the school. Thank you to all who supported the book fair.



## Infant and Primary School Admission September 2020

We have been asked by the Local Authority to inform parents that paperwork for infant/primary admissions for 2020 will be posted out by mid November. If you have not received anything by the start of December you must contact Co-ordinated admissions at Shire hall on 01452 425407 or by email at: [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk)





## Diary Dates



### November

- 25th November - Bikeability starts for Y6
- 28th November - FrOGS Disco
- 29th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### December

- 2nd December - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 7th December - FrOGS Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm
- 10th December - Music evening at Holy Apostles - 6pm
- 16th December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
- 17th December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)
- 17th December - Flu vaccinations - All children Rec - Y6
- 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 19th December - Everyman Panto - Cinderella
- 20th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 5pm
- 5th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- 26th June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 27th June - Summer Fair
- 3rd July - Reports out to parents
- 17th July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm

### Reminders

### Inset Day



Please note that the school will be **closed on 29th November & 2nd December** for staff training days.

### 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.



### School Photographs

The school photographer was in school on Tuesday and took some great pictures of your children. Following feedback last year, we have changed companies and are hopeful that you will be pleased with the results. Please return your orders by 22nd November either online or by returning your orders to the school office. Online ordering is the preferred option. Orders placed after 22nd November will incur £5 P&P charges.



## Teams4U.com Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you to all of the families who filled a shoebox for the Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We collected **76 boxes** Great effort!



Public Health England

# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child from flu and serious complications such as pneumonia and bronchitis.
- 2. Protect your child and friends.** Vaccination helps protect more vulnerable people in your community.
- 3. It's easy and safe.** The nasal spray is quick and easy to have.
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

**What should I do?**  
If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**HELP US HELP YOU**  
STAY WELL THIS WINTER

**Flu Immunisation**  
Helping to protect children, every winter

**Immunisations take place on Tuesday 17th December**



## A few things.....

### Bikeability

Bikeability starts for Y6 on 25th November. You should have received letters regarding this activity. Please make sure that your child's bike is roadworthy before the course starts.



### Flu Immunisation

Parents of children in Reception through to Y6 will receive a flu vaccination in school on December 17th. Further information and a link for you to give your consent will follow soon.



### Arrivals at school before 8:45

The start of the school day is 8:45. We have started to see an increasing number of children arriving much earlier than this. Whilst we do not want to discourage children's eagerness to get to school, we must ask that pupils do not arrive until 8:45. The children are not supervised until this time and as such we can not be responsible for them prior to this time and can not ensure their safety and welfare.



### Year 4 Residential 2020 - Year 5 & 6 Residential 2020

Could the parents of pupils in Y4 & Y5 please make sure they have paid their deposits for The Forest of Dean Residential and The Condover Hall Residential by 21st November at the latest. Thank you.

## FrOGS News

**Cake Sale** - Thank you to everyone who came to the cake sale before half term. The spooky Hallowe'en cakes and bakes looked and tasted amazing! Well done to all the bakers and thank you to all the buyers, eaters and sellers—we raised £168

### Disco

Our first discos of the year will be taking place on 28th November. This day will also be a mufti day when children will be invited to bring in a bottle or chocolate for the Christmas Fair

**100 Club** - The Glenfall FROGS 100 Club 2019 - It's not too late to join; just return to forms ASAP

**Christmas Fair** - Plea for Donations – we are starting our quest for donations for the Christmas Fair so if you or anyone you know works for a company willing to donate a prize to the raffle.....it would be very much appreciated. The Christmas Fair will take place on 7th December from 2pm - 4pm.

**Facebook** - Are you following us on our Facebook page? To keep up to date with what's going on please join us on 'Glenfall FrOGS'

**Rags-2-Riches** - We collected over 200kgs of clothing and raised £106 for FrOGS funds.







## Light Up Someone's Christmas

**HAMPER SCAMPER**

The food you donate could be the highlight of their Christmas

CCP's annual Hamper Scamper seeks to spread the spirit of Christmas and give hope by providing seasonal food parcels to those in need.

Many of those who will be receiving a hamper may be families living on the brink of homelessness and struggling to afford food and heating alongside the expectations of the festive season. Others may be isolated adults and young people, with no friends or family to celebrate this special time of year with.

To provide this service, we rely on the generosity of our local community for donations of basic food items, through to festive provisions. Please help us to spread some cheer to those less fortunate this Christmas. Thank you so much for your support!

To find out more, visit [www.ccp.org.uk/hampercamper](http://www.ccp.org.uk/hampercamper), email us at: [events@ccp.org.uk](mailto:events@ccp.org.uk) or follow us on social media at: [ccpcharity](https://www.facebook.com/ccpcharity) [ccpcharity](https://www.instagram.com/ccpcharity) [ccpcharity](https://www.tiktok.com/ccpcharity) #HamperScamper

**CCP** Caring for Communities and People

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT CCP.

CCP is a registered charity (140161).

**We urgently need...**

- Rice & Pasta
- Cooking Sauce
- Tinned Curry & Meat
- Tinned Meat / Fish
- Tinned Vegetables / Fruit
- Baked Beans / Soup
- Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate
- Breakfast Cereal & Longlife Milk
- Spices
- Crisps

**Festive 'nice to have's'**

- Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing / Yorkshire Pudding Mix
- Bones of Chicken / Biscuits
- Vale Ley / Christmas Cake
- Shower Gel / Shampoo

**To be donated at:**

Glenfall Community Primary School.

**Before:** 28 November 2019

HOWARD BLAKE

## The Snowman

Projected onto a large screen with a live orchestral accompaniment

MOZART SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR: PHILIP MACKENZIE  
NARRATOR: DIGGORY MACOME  
SOPRANO: ALICE MACKENZIE

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## Peter and the Wolf

"You would be hard pushed to find a more magical Christmas experience"

The Times

Cheltenham Town Hall, Monday 23rd December 2019 at 1.30 and 4.30

Tickets: £30, £25, £20, £15 from [Cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk](http://Cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk)

Tel: 0844 5762210

Friends of F.O.P.S. Pittville School

## Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

6-9pm - Pittville School

Support our school and enjoy an evening of good cheer with craft and gift stalls, choir, hotdogs, mulled wine and refreshments!

ENTRY Adults: £1 Kids: Free

Includes free entry to prize draw for luxury hamper

For more information contact [pittville.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:pittville.ptfa@gmail.com)

## Breakfast Club Staff Required

Breakfast Club is looking for staff to ensure that this vital service remains an option for many parents at the school. Anne needs somebody from 7.45am - 8.45am Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office or let Mr Mitchell know and we can put you in touch with Anne Swannel.

**We need YOU!**

## Eco Club need your help!

We are collecting two new items at school this year for recycling.

We are collecting crisp packets and postage stamps - both of which can be sent away to be recycled!

Keep an eye out for the boxes around school where you can put your crisp packets.

Postage stamps should be cut from the envelope with a half centimetre border around it. The stamps will be collected and sent off to the 'New Start Rescue' charity.

Please send your stamps in to Mrs Nye.

Apply online for

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

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If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.

So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team  
Access to Learning  
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,  
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

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## 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 effectively.



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS