



Glenfall News

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

Friday 18th December 2015



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 2016. 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.

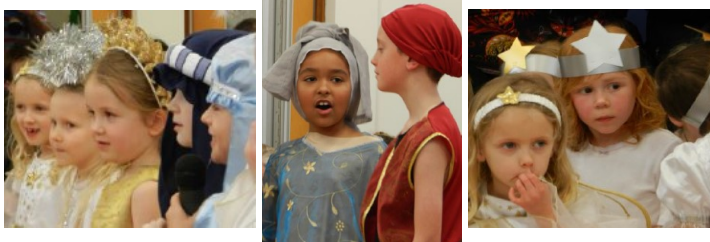
I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Performances this year. It was great to have the whole school perform together to perform a traditional Nativity Play in KS1 and the KS2 Pantomime. Thank you to the children, staff and parents for working so hard to ensure that the performances were a success. We have also got the Holy Apostles music evening to look forward to on Thursday 17th December at 7pm. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to join us for what is always a truly festive evening of music and song.

On Thursday we will be visiting the Everyman Theatre for this years Pantomime, which is Cinderella. We are really looking forward to this event as in the past it has been a fantastic whole school experience.

As you are aware, school will close early on the last day of term at 2pm. All children must be collected by an adult or a letter must have been given to the class teacher to inform them of the arrangements you have made with your child for getting home at the end of the day. If no letter is received and children are not collected by an adult your child will be kept in school until the normal school finishing time.

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 5th January

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 £2600 which is a great achievement. I would like to thank Jane Miles and the 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 2000 pounds, that is certain good cheer, Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year



Look out for future
events in 2016





Diary Dates



December

- 16th December - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 16th December - Orchestra and Choir to Nazareth House
- 17th December - Everyman Pantomime - Cinderella
- 17th December - Holy Apostles Christmas Music Evening
- 18th December - School Closes for Christmas at 2pm

January

- 4th January - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 5th January - Term starts

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 1st March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 30th June - Sports Day at 1pm
- 8th July - Reports out to parents
- 21st July - Leaver's Assembly
- 21st July - School closes for Summer Holidays

Glenfall Top Ten Highest Performing Primary School 2015

Last week the DfE Performance Tables for Primary Schools were published and Glenfall was graded as the 9th highest performing school in Gloucestershire. We were graded above all of our neighbouring primary schools. A great result for Glenfall. Well done to all of the children, now Y7, all of the staff at Glenfall and for the support from the children's parents in guiding them towards these amazing results. The children gained 100% attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths combined and all made two levels progress in Writing & Maths with 96% in reading. Wow !!!

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.



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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!

Clearwell Caves' Christmas Fantasy

Evie's Aeroplane

New for 2015 online booking
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See Father Christmas, then follow this magical tale as you walk through the Caves and the story unfolds.

Admission
£10.00 per person
Children 2 - 14 years will receive a present from Santa.
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(Gift from Santa optional - £5.00)
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Opening Times
10.00am - 5.00pm Daily
28th November - 23rd December
10.00am - 4.00pm 24th December
also late night every Friday
Last entry 8.00pm
(27th December - 3rd January
Displays Only 10.00am - 4.00pm)

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Gloucestershire, GL16 8JR
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www.clearwellcaves.com

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CHRISTMAS TEAS * **FATHER CHRISTMAS** * **DECORATIONS** * **STOCKING FILERS** * **CAFE** * **GIFTS**