



A word from the head.....

It's been another busy week at school with lots of clubs, activities and events taking place. The school council members have been selected and the children representing their classes are very excited about their new appointments. Some of the Y6 school councillors have already requested a meeting with me to discuss some of their new ideas!

The Y5/6 pupils are departing for their residential visit on Sunday at 7.30pm. They are all very excited about the upcoming trip and we hope to be able to post some photographs of their adventures on the website as the week progresses. Next week children in Year 1,2,3 and 4 will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

The schools Harvest Celebration will be taking place on October 18th. The children will be presenting a selection of songs, poems and readings and parents are welcome to join us at 10.30 for this event. We will also be joined by the Salvation Army who will receive our 'Harvest Produce Collection' after the assembly. Donations of fresh produce and tinned items will be gratefully received on the day.

Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell



Balcarras School Cookery Course for Year 5 and 6 pupils

The after school cookery course will be running again this year. This is open to Year 5 and 6 pupils attending a number of junior schools in the area.

The course takes place on Tuesday evenings at Balcarras School from 4.00pm until 5.30pm and runs for seven weeks. Pupils must attend with an adult who is expected to stay and help them during the session.

The cost for the seven week activity will be £35.00 to cover the cost of the ingredients, all of which will be supplied each week. Please do not send any money until you have been notified that you have a place on the course.

The courses tend to be very popular so if you are unsuccessful in gaining a place on the next course, your name will be added to a subsequent course. You will be notified when you have a place. The courses run throughout the year.

Should you wish to participate in this course please contact me by email initially and I will send a form to you for completion. I can be contacted at jcb@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Brunt



Reminder Pantomime Visit - Aladdin



Just a reminder that the whole school will be visiting the Everyman Theatre on 12th December. Payments for this event would be gratefully received by 11th October please.

Isle of Wight Residential

The Y5/6 Residential visit to the Isle of Wight departs on Sunday morning at 7.30 (Arrive at school between 6.45 & 7am)

The trip returns on Friday 11th October at 9pm





Diary Dates



October

- 6th October - Residential departs for The Isle of Wight
- 18th October - Harvest Assembly (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**)
- 17th October - Proposed Strike Action by teaching unions
- 21st October - School Photograph Day
- 25th October - School Closes for Half Term

November

- 4th November - School opens after half term
- 7th November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 12th November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 29th November - Open afternoon for Reception Intake 2013
- INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 12th December - Whole School trip to Pantomime - Aladdin
- 16th December - Christmas performance pm
- 17th December - Christmas performance evening
- 25th February - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 28th February - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 1st July - Sports Day
- 4th July - Reports out to parents
- 18th July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays

Reception Intake 2014



If you or anybody you know is thinking of sending their child to Glenfall in September 2014 could you please register your interest with the school office. We are obliged to inform the Local Authority of any potential pupils, that we know of, who are due to start school.

It is also important to know that all parents need to complete an admissions form, including parents who already have a sibling at the school.

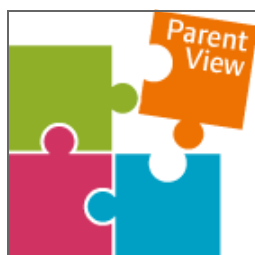
A few things.....

Bag 2 School - Do you have mountains of old clothing waiting to go to the charity shop? If so, hold onto it and you could help raise funds for the school. FrOGS have organised a collection on 14th November. Further details will follow shortly along with bags to collect your clothing in. Start collecting clothing, pairs of shoes, belts, bedding and curtains.



Strike action by NUT and NASUWT - There is a proposed strike by members of these two teaching unions on 17th October. The strike may lead to either a partial or full closure of the school. Once the strike is confirmed and I know which members of staff are proposing to take action I will inform you of any closures as soon as I am able to.

Your Comments Count - www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk



This website is a great opportunity for parents to communicate their views about the school. The website is accessible to any member of the public and as such may well be used by parents choosing a school for their children. Therefore, positive views are important in promoting the school. The Governors understand that sometimes you may have concerns or comments that are not positive. If this is the case please speak either to a Governor or arrange a time to meet Mr Mitchell to discuss your concerns. Hopefully we can solve the problem promptly and deal with situations before they become a big issue. Please visit the website to make your comments and support the school.

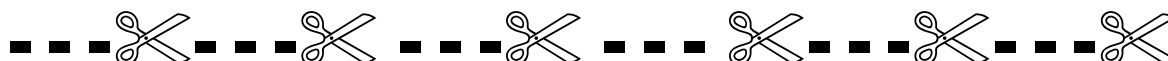


Ground Force Day

Saturday 19th October 2013 10am - 2pm

Tracey Cadogan has kindly agreed to coordinate another Ground Force event at the school. The last time we held this event it was well supported by parents and children and really made a difference to the grounds and buildings. Tracey has a rolling plan of action to keep the school grounds looking at their best and has suggested that we start with the foliage and trees at the front of the school and around the public entrances.

If you would like to help out with this Ground Force event (either for the whole session or for whatever time you can spare) please return the slip below to school as soon as possible or just turn up on the day. It would be good to have an idea of how many parents may turn out on the day to gauge the viability of the event. On the day please bring brooms, shovels, gloves, hedge trimmers, shears and secateurs etc.



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I would like to help out on the Ground Force day

Name_____

Number of adults/children coming with you_____

Mobile Number_____