Glenfall News

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

Friday 6th December 2019

A word from the head.....

The Christmas Tree is up! The KS1 'Christmas Making Morning' took place on Monday and we would like to thank all of the parents who gave up their time to work with the children!

It can only mean one thing.....

Christmas is nearly here!

The school will be holding it's Christmas Music Evening at Holy Apostles Church on Tuesday 10th December from 6.00pm.

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 11th 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 19th December to watch Cinderella and we will have a pre-panto workshop early that week to get us in the mood.

This year, all children in the school wiil have the opportunity to receive a flu vaccination. You will have received information and consent forms relating to this. We need all of the forms returning to school stating whether you would like your child to have the vaccination or not. If we do not receive a consent from you, your child will not be given the vaccination. The vaccination day is Tuesday 17th December.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Have a great weekend - Anthony Mitchell

Don't forget.....

It's the FrOGS Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December from 2pm - 4pm.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances will be taking place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December. Please make sure that you have returned your requests for tickets by 11th December. We hope that you are looking forward to seeing the children perform. On Tuesday 17th December we would like you to return your children to school between 6pm - 6.15pm.

Christmas Lunch

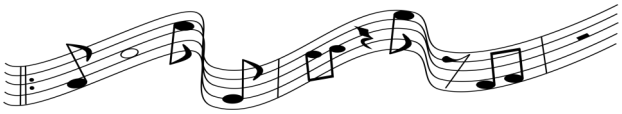
On Wednesday 18th December we will be sitting down to enjoy a whole school Christmas lunch. All orders and payments for Christmas Lunch should have been made to the school office. It is crucial that we know whether your child is having a meal or sandwiches.

Christmas Post

The Christmas Post Box is now available in the hall 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.

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.



Diary Dates

December

7th December	- FrOGS Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm
10th December	- Music evening at Holy Apostles - 6pm
16th December	- Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
17th December (6.30pm)	- Christmas performance evening
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

January

6th January	- Term Starts

Advanced notice of a few dates:

3rd March	- Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 5pm
5th March 6.30pm	- Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm -
26th June	- Sports Day at 9.15am
27th June	- Summer Fair
3rd July	- Reports out to parents

A few things.....

Flu Immunisation
All children will receive a flu vaccination in school on December 17th. You need to give your consent for your child to receive the nasal spray vaccination. Please ensure that you have returned your form to school this is required by all parents whether you want your child to have the vaccination or not. Your child can not be given the vaccination unless you have given consent.

Battery Recycling
We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.

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/closures/

You can also sign up to the Gloucestershire County Council Twitter feed @Glos_schools

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.

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

Parking !

Whilst I appreciate that the majority of parents park with thought and courtesy, there are an increasing number of parents at the start and end of the day who are not exercising the same level of thought when they are dropping off or collecting from school.

In some instances the parking that is displayed is dangerous and potentially creating a risk to children and parents at the school.

Under no circumstances should parents park on the zig zag lines outside the school. Parking in this area is prohibited and could lead to you receiving a fine or even points on your licence. Even just dropping off on these lines at the start and end of the day presents a risk to children at the school.

On more than one occasion cars have now taken to parking on the corner of Briarbank Rise and Glenfall Way (opposite the school) This area actually has a drop curb which is where we suggest parents and children cross the road. Therefore, if there are cars parked on the corner, it is impossible to check whether the road is clear for crossing and presents a real risk.

Could I please ask that before you park that you check that you are parking safely for yourself but also for the safety of other parents and children at the school. It may mean that you have to park a little further away from the school but it does mean that you are acting responsibly and helping to keep all children and parents at the school safe.

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