



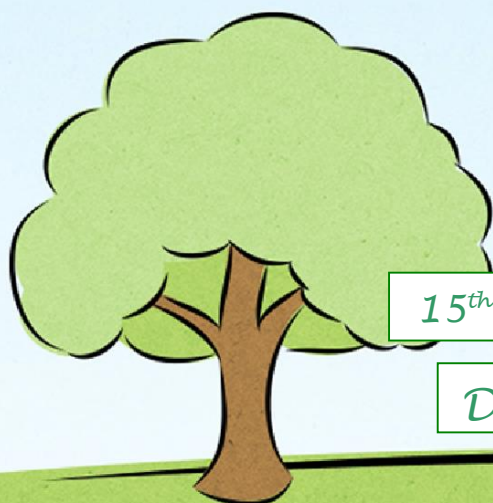
Glenfield Infant School Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19 th December	LETTER SENT!	FOG Christmas Gift Sale for children, morning only
Tuesday 19 th December	LETTER SENT!	Year 2 Christmas Performance, 2.15pm, no siblings*
Wednesday 20 th December	LETTER SENT!	Year 2 Christmas Performance, 9.10am, siblings*
Wednesday 20 th December	LETTER SENT!	Christmas Dinner in School - PRE-ORDER ONLY
Wednesday 20 th December		Non-uniform Day - Christmas theme, no donation
Thursday 21 st December		Last day of school
Friday 22 nd December		First day of Christmas holidays
Monday 8 th January		School re-opens 8.50am prompt
Thursday 18 th January	DETAILS TO FOLLOW!	Dress for Mess & School Lunch Census Day
Monday 22 nd January		School closed to children for inset day
Wednesday 31 st January	DETAILS TO FOLLOW!	Year R Stay & Play
Tuesday 6 th February		Badger's class assembly at 9am in the hall. Parents/ carers and younger siblings welcome to attend
Tuesday 6 th February		Parent/Carer Classroom drop-in to look at children's books, 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th February	LETTER TO FOLLOW!	Year R Walk to the Post Office
Thursday 8 th February	DETAILS TO FOLLOW!	FOG Cake Sale at the end of the day
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February		Half term
Thursday 22 nd February		Parent's evening until 7.30pm
Tuesday 27 th February		Parent's evening until 6.00pm
Thursday 1 st March	DETAILS TO FOLLOW!	World Book Day & sponsored read
Monday 5 th March		School closed to children for inset day

NEW INSET DATE FOR POLLING DAY: Thursday 3rd May



HEADS UP!

Merry Christmas!



We hope you all thoroughly enjoyed seeing your child in their Christmas performance, didn't they look and sound amazing? We cannot wait to see Year 2 perform next week! A massive thank you to so many parents who provided a costume - they were all fantastic and the chicken costumes were EGGCELLENT! With the recent chill, please ensure your children are well wrapped up, they will still be outside at break and lunchtimes and will need their woollies.

Can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful time with your families? We look forward to seeing you in the New Year (8th January 2018).

Best wishes, Miss Carrie & Mrs Dorricott

Choir Guildhall Concert

Last week some of our Year 2 children performed in the annual School's Christmas concert at the Guildhall. They sang, danced and made us all very proud at Glenfield.

Mrs Kerr would like to thank the children (and their parents) for their enthusiasm and commitment. A special thank you to Mrs Clarke, Mrs Wood and Mrs Sabeur for their valuable help. Well done everyone involved, we are very proud of you!



Tuesday saw another date on our Christmas calendar. Staff and children attended an after school carol service at the Church of Ascension in Bitterne Park led by Will Fairbairn a curate from the Church.

Some of our children performed; Year R children dressed for a nativity scene, Year 1 children signed 'Away in a Manger' and Year 2 children did a poem.



Special thanks to Mrs Kerr and Miss Cooke (for her amazing piano skills). Thank you to those who attended who would agree that the glow in the church and the chill outside and of course the welcome mince pies made it feel 'a lot like Christmas'.

FIRE DRILL



Staff and children were amazing on Wednesday when we had a fire drill. Everyone managed to exit the building calmly and safely in 2 minutes 22 seconds. Well done!

Christmas at Glenfield



Don't forget Wednesday (20th) is our special Christmas lunch day. If you haven't ordered a lunch for your child for this day you will need to send a packed lunch in for them. It is also non-uniform where children can wear something with a Christmas twist.



Glenfield Christmas Mail

Remember that children can still bring in Christmas cards for their friends in school. Please ensure the cards have the child's name and class on the front and our post pixies will ensure they are delivered. **Ho ho ho!**

SHOPPING SPREE?

If you need some extra time for Christmas shopping why not book your child in to Squirrels After School Club. Sessions are £8 and can be booked in advance (they are first come first served) and you don't need to collect your child until 6pm.

Friends of Glenfield (FOG) News

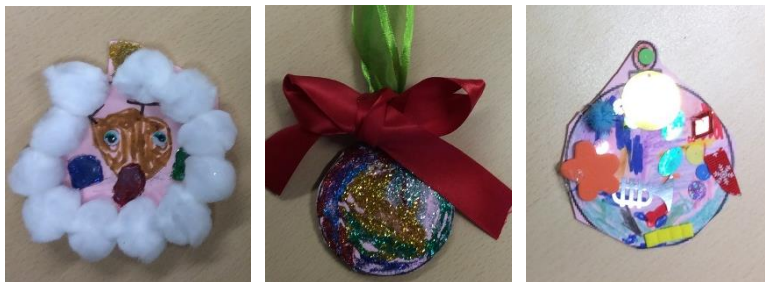


FOG Christmas Gift Sale, Tuesday 19th December £1 per gift

If your child would like to purchase a gift for their friends or family on this day they should bring in a maximum of £2 (all gifts are £1). The money should be given to the teacher to look after. PLEASE help us by putting the money in an envelope/pouch with your child's name.

FOG Christmas Decoration Competition

Thank you to everyone who designed a decoration for our tree. Mrs Dorricott and Miss Carrie had the difficult job of choosing one winner per class - the winners are below.



Above: Year R Winners - left to right, Moles, Rabbits and Hedgehogs



Above: Year 1 Winners - left to right, Badgers, Deer and Foxes



Above: Year 2 Winners - top to bottom, Woodpeckers, Owls and Ducks

TIME IS RUNNING OUT
Apply now for School
places in Year R &
Year 3 for September

www.southampton.gov.uk/
 Online applications close at
 23:59 on 15 January 2018.

LATE REPORT: 108 SCHOOL HOURS LOST
SINCE SEPTEMBER :- (We are very

disappointed with the increasing number of late children. The classroom doors open at 8.50am and close at 8.55am along with the gate (this is for safeguarding reasons). Please allow extra travelling time to ensure your child is not late, especially in adverse weather and **DO NOT** use the school car park.

Late Children & Attendance Table

Here are the attendance results for each class.

Late Children Report			
Week ending 1 st December 2017		Week ending 8 th December 2017	
Moles	0 late children	Hedgehogs	2 late children
Rabbits	2 late children	Ducks	3 late children
Ducks	2 late children	Foxes	4 late children
Deer	3 late children	Woodpeckers	4 late children
Hedgehogs	4 late children	Moles	5 late children
Woodpeckers	4 late children	Rabbits	6 late children
Foxes	5 late children	Owls	6 late children
Owls	6 late children	Deer	7 late children
Badgers	8 late children	Badgers	10 late children



Week ending 1 st December 2017		Week ending 8 th December 2017	
Woodpeckers	98.3%	Woodpeckers	99.0%
Ducks	98.3%	Moles	95.7%
Deer	97.5%	Ducks	95.3%
Foxes	97.5%	Rabbits	95.0%
Badgers	95.4%	Deer	94.3%
Rabbits	95.0%	Hedgehogs	94.0%
Hedgehogs	92.9%	Foxes	93.7%
Moles	92.5%	Badgers	93.7%
Owls	84.5%	Owls	93.3%

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Joanne Dorricott and Elizabeth Carrie
 Co-Head Teachers



UNPLANNED SCHOOL CLOSURE - WINTER

There may be occasions when school needs to be closed without advanced warning i.e. in the event of adverse weather, boiler breakdown or flooding.

During adverse weather we will always try our best to keep school open, however our final decision will be taken based on weather conditions and whether it is considered to be safe for staff and pupils to travel considering where our school is situated on a hill. We also need to ensure we have a good level of staffing to open the school safely for pupils, this may mean that it may be necessary to open the school later than normal to allow staff and parents to travel safely or to partially open to some year group classes only.

Please read the guidance below about how you can be prepared:

Please ensure your child has warm, waterproof clothing, including sturdy shoes/Wellington boots, hat, scarf and gloves and a warm coat.

Please make some childcare arrangements so that if the school is unable to open or has to close early as a result of heavy snow, or needs to close during the day, you have plans in place.

Please ensure that you inform the school if someone different is to collect your child if the school closes early due to deteriorating weather conditions or other eventualities.

If it snows, we will:

- inform you by 8am (see list of ways you will be informed below)
- let you know what time school will open (e.g. some staff have to travel quite a distance so it may be necessary to start school slightly later)
- allow children to wear non uniform so they keep warm and dry
- send a text if snow worsens in the day if we need to close school early to enable staff and children to travel home safely.
- shut off Glenfield Crescent entrance and children will only be able to enter school via Rossington Way.

Please check we are open. You can do this in the following ways:

Check your mobile phone for a message from school

Check the Council's website:

www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-closures/

Check our Facebook page (please note this is for information and we do not respond to comments made and ask that no comments are left).

