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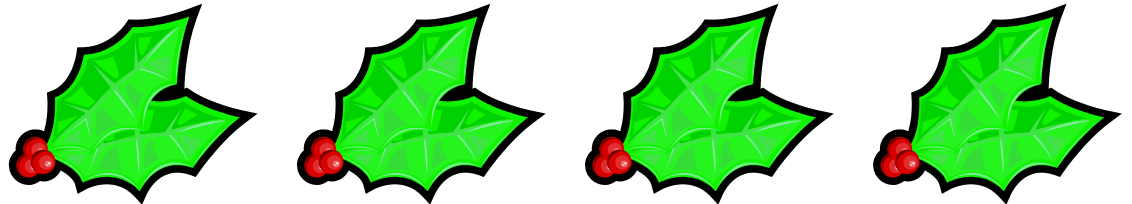
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Glen Hills Newsletter – December 2016



Bumper Christmas edition!

Events, raffle tickets, latest GH news... it's all here!

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FIRST TIME ADMISSIONS TO OUR 4+!

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 and have not already applied for a place at Glen Hills for them, you **MUST DO SO BY JANUARY 15TH** Last year, some parents were unaware that they had to apply for a place, believing that if you were in the catchment area, you automatically got a place for your child. This is NOT the case and all parents must apply. Similarly, if you know anyone who will have a child starting here next September who won't receive this newsletter, please let them know! It looks like we will be up to our intake limit once again; don't leave it too late!

A HUGE FAREWELL!!!!

At the end of this term, we say a huge farewell to Mrs Wogan who will be retiring from Glen Hills after 26 years of amazing dedication and commitment!

Lesley has worked in our Foundation Stage as a Nursery Nurse since 1990 and my calculations would be that nearly 1,500 little ones have gone through our Foundation Stage since then! Lesley will be sorely missed by us all at Glen Hills and can I take this opportunity to say all the very best to Lesley and we wish her and husband Ken a long and happy retirement.

WELCOME...

...to Mrs King to our classroom support staff and also congratulations to Mrs Cole and husband Mike who are the proud parents of baby Deacon!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Well, the Festive Season is fast approaching and as usual, we have tons of events planned! Individual year groups will receive letters regarding their year group Christmas parties.

Monday 5th December – KS2 Choir performance at All Saints Church, Blaby - 6:30pm
Tuesday 6th December – Infant Christmas Production (Mrs Wesley attending) – 6pm
Wednesday 7th December- Christmas Lunch Evening – Junior Choir performing at the Blaby District Council Christmas Concert
Thursday 8th Dec- Infant Christmas Production (Mr Sutcliffe attending) – 6pm
Friday 9th December – Junior Choir performing at RR Donnelly (morning)
Monday 12th December – PSA Carol Singing event and raffle draw – 6pm
Tuesday 13th December – Pantomime Day! 4+ and year 1 to have performance of Hobgoblin (pm) and y2-6 to go to Loughborough Town Hall to see Cinderella (<u>letter coming soon with details of arrival back to school</u>)
Wednesday 14th December – 4+ Christmas performance to parents 9:30 am

A big reminder for the big one!

The PSA Carol Singing Event – Monday 12th December! **Once again, we will terrify the good inhabitants of Glen Parva with our imperfect renditions of all the well known Carols (plus a few others just to confuse everyone).** We leave school at 6.00 p.m. and try to get back for hot soup and mulled wine by 7.00 p.m. See you there!

Our raffle will be drawn after the event and all proceeds from the Carol Singing will go to our charity for the year and PSA raffle money goes straight back into helping your children have even better resources at Glen Hills.

Together with this newsletter should be some raffle tickets which we'd be so grateful if you could sell to help raise money for Glen Hills. If any unused booklets could be dropped back to school by Friday 9th December.

Thanks so much! ☺

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again at Glen Hills we will be providing Traditional Christmas Dinner of Turkey with all the trimmings (complemented by a vegetarian alternative) on **Wednesday 7th December.**

The date has now passed for ordering Christmas dinner. As previously informed, a different lunch menu is running for the final two weeks of term.

DRIVING OUTSIDE GLEN HILLS

Recently, we have had a number of parents who are rightly concerned with the speed some of our parents are driving away from school after pick-up/dropping off. We have witnessed

parents driving down Featherby Drive towards the park at speeds **way** above 20mph which is something the school are greatly concerned about.

The thought of a child stepping out in front of a car travelling too fast is a frightening one which I know we all agree with so your support with ensuring our roads are as safe as possible is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL POST BOX

Yes, the red box has again appeared in the main entrance for the delivery of Christmas cards within the school but only if they have the child's **FULL NAME AND CLASS** on the envelope. Every year we have cards addressed to Megan or Joshua and not even Santa can work out which Megan or Joshua should receive them!

COATS

May we please ask that all children bring coats into school now the weather has changed, as the children go out to play daily and many are without warm coats in the freezing weather.

SMOKING AT THE SCHOOL GATES.

As a school, we do everything possible to encourage and educate the pupils in relation to healthy choices and lifestyles. We have had a number of parents understandably complaining about adults who smoke outside of the school gates whilst waiting for their children and we would therefore like to respectfully ask parents to support our healthy school work and not smoke directly outside the school. Thank you in advance.

SICKNESS

Children who have been sick need to be kept off school please for at least 24 hours to ensure they are not passing on their bugs to others, we have a number of children with sickness bugs at the moment and wish to ensure all are well at Christmas.

SNOW

Thought I'd get in early with this one ☺! We will always *try* to stay open but if there is an abnormal snowfall overnight then we will go for a delayed start of 10.00 a.m. unless there is no other option but to close. In all cases please listen to Radio Leicester for information or, very simply, **check out our Twitter site (@GlenHillsSchool) or our Facebook site (glenhillsp)**

Please do not phone the school as the lines get far too busy!

WELL DONE TO...

...our boys and girls, it has been a really busy month for sport.

Our year 5/6 boys' football team beat

Greystokes 6-1 and narrowly lost to All Saints in the League.

Our girls' year 5/6 team played against Greenfield (0-0) and also beat Greystokes 7-2.

The indoor year 4/5 girls' football team have beaten Little Hill 3-0 and also beat Water Leys during November.

Our cross-country runners were again in recent action and were amazing at both the Oadby and Wigston races and the Prestwold Hall races.

PHONING IN FOR ABSENCE

Can we remind parents that it really assists our office staff if they could phone in and leave a message with the office if their child is poorly and absent from school. Many thanks!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2016

Miss Wilcox and **Mrs Davis** got the children very busy in Anti-Bullying Week in November.

No school can say they do not ever have bullying; we have very little but when bullying does begin to raise its head, we will stamp down on it very firmly and quickly.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Well done to Oliver, Elizabeth and Cordelia in year 6 who represented Glen Hills superbly well in the Remembrance Service which held at the Glen Parva Memorial Hall in November.

STARS OF THE MONTH!

Well done to Amelie and Henry Nelson! Amelie and Henry were inspired by Blue Peter to take on new challenges in aid of Children in Need.

So, on Saturday 19th November Amelie ran the 5km adults Parkrun for the first time (she's only ran the 2km junior Parkrun before that). She ran all the way round, even carrying on after a little slip on the frost, finishing in 33 minutes and 23 seconds.

Henry ran his own little cake sale at the Parkrun. He helped bake the cakes, set up the stall, serve his customers and give change. He even took a box of cakes to the finish line to drum up trade.

Together, between sponsorship for Amelie's run and Henry's cake baking and the sale of the cakes they made a total of £103.90 for Children in Need.



Amelie and Henry in action!

HOUSE POINT UPDATE...



Glenville 5365

Howard 5589

Cork 3767

West View 4659

A FEW DATES...

May I just remind you that we close for Christmas on the **evening of Friday 16th December 2016**. Children will return on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**.

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