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# Glen Hills Primary School

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## December Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### 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. A handy overview can be seen overleaf.

### 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 **Thursday 19th December**. Orders must be placed via the SchoolPing App. **The last day to order Christmas Dinner is Friday 6th December.**

### 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 Father Christmas can work out which Megan or Joshua should receive them!

### SICKNESS

Children who have been sick need to be **kept off school please for at least 24 hours** after being sick to ensure they are not passing on their bugs to others. Our school policy states this clearly.

### FIRST TIME ADMISSIONS TO OUR 4+

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 (inclusive) and have not already applied on line for a place at Glen Hills for them, you **MUST DO SO BY JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**. 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!

### COATS AND LABELLING

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. Also, can you ensure everything the children bring into school is labelled including lunchboxes, purses, socks and drink bottles (the most lost items).

### SNOW

Thought we'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**

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

### PHONING IN FOR ABSENCE

Can we remind parents they **MUST** phone in before 9.00am and leave a message with the office if their child is poorly and absent from school. Please ensure we are informed. Some parents forget this important call but it is a vital part of safeguarding our children. We try really hard to safeguard every child so please help us to ensure children are accounted for. **We can spend up to TWO HOURS a day trying to locate children which is a huge drain on resources/time spent in school.**

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Well done to Kate and Billy in year 6 who represented Glen Hills superbly well in the Remembrance Service which was held at the Glen Parva Memorial Hall on November 10th. We were very proud of their involvement. Thanks to both the children for being a part of the occasion.

### NO DOGS

Please remember no dogs are to be brought onto the school premises at any point in the day.

### CHRISTMAS @ GH 2019

<b>Monday 2nd December</b> – Infant Christmas Production – 6pm
<b>Wednesday 4th December</b> - Infant Christmas Production 6pm and performance to grandparents and invited guests (am)
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> – PSA Christmas Discos
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS2 Choir performance at All Saints Church, Blaby - 6:30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Foundation Stage perform to preschool , Year 1 and Year 2
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Foundation Stage perform to parents am and Year 6 party pm
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Year 1 party am, Year 3 strings performance afternoon. PSA Carol Singing 6pm.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Year 4 party am, Year 3 party pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Foundation Stage party am, Year 2 party pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Christmas Lunch and Year 5 party pm

### HOLIDAY DATES

May I just remind you that we close for Christmas on the **evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. Children will return on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

### SPORTS UPDATE

Well done to the Year 6 Rice Bowl team who advanced to the quarter finals of the competition with a convincing 12-3 victory over St Cuthbert's. Many of these players also represented Oadby and Wigston in the finals of the Danone Cup on Saturday 16th November. Unfortunately, we didn't win but we showed brilliant teamwork. It was also lovely to see seven Year 3 and 4 girls competing in the Oadby and Wigston indoor girls' football competition over the last two weeks. Well done to you all.

### STAR OF THE MONTH



In April of this year, Lara of 5AS/IW became a member of Whetstone Youth Drama Group. Since then, she has become fully involved in working towards a production of The Blitz Club, a musical about life during WW2. She attended weekly rehearsals during which she learnt new songs, her lines, how to perform on stage as well as lots about this era. She played the part of an orphan called Annie on four separate nights to a sell-out crowd and is now already rehearsing for her next show. A huge congratulations from all at Glen Hills! Well done on your success, Lara! Please send any success stories to Miss Smith via the school email address if you are interested in sharing them with the Glen Hills family.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2019

November 11th - 15th was National Anti-Bullying Week with the theme this year being 'Change Starts with Us'. During the week, the children watched videos, participated in activities, and took part in assemblies that helped them to understand the different types of bullying and how to stop it. The message this year emphasised how important we all are to help prevent bullying and to make everyone feel happy and safe. The children's work will be used to create a display in the infant book area which reminds us of this important message.

**Thanks for your continued support and a Happy Christmas and New Year to you all! Ho! Ho! Ho!**

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