



Glen Park Weekly Newsletter

A big thank you to everyone who has attended our Christmas productions so far, I hope that you enjoyed the plays. By the end of Tuesday we will have had in excess of 700 parents, carers, family and friends attend the school and the children are really enjoying performing their plays to large audiences. A big well done to all the staff and children for putting on a such a fantastic show!

Thank you to everyone who support the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. As you can see from the pictures below, we had a brilliant array of jumpers and accessories on show across the school. I'm delighted to tell you that we raised £335.00 for the charity.



On Thursday and Friday this week the Friends of Glen Park will be holding their Secret Santa. There will be a selection of pre-wrapped gifts priced from £1-£4 for your child to buy gifts for family members. If required please send in money in a named envelope detailing on the front (for younger children) who your child needs to buy gifts for and approximately how much to spend on each person. The children will be taken to the Drama hall in classes over the two days to buy their gifts.

Christmas Carol Service

A reminder that the children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) will be holding a Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Plympton on Wednesday 19th December at 10am. This is a lovely opportunity for the school community to come together and spend some time thinking about the true meaning of Christmas. It would be lovely for parents/carers to join us for the service.

Christmas dinner

The children will be tucking into their Christmas dinner on Thursday 20th December. Pat and her team in the kitchen are working hard in preparation and the Friends of Glen Park will be providing crackers and decoration for the children and staff. Children in Foundation, Years 1 & 2 are eligible for free school meals and their will be no cost for the dinner. This can be ordered by the children in class through the normal system. Parents only need to send back a slip to school if their child is vegetarian. For other children in Years 3-6 not eligible for free school meals, there will be a cost of £2.20. This can be paid online via Parent Pay. **On Friday 21st December** the menu will be hot dogs/vegetarian hot dogs with chips or pasta or jacket potatoes or cold packed lunch.

Foundation Stage Visit to Pennywell Farm

The children in Foundation Stage had a wonderful time at Pennywell Farm during their visit last week. During the day they took part in a live Nativity, met Santa and went on the Candy Cane train. They also had an excellent Christmas biscuit the highlight for many children! Although it was a very chilly day the children were full of festive cheer and were a credit to the school. A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to support the trip.



Learner of the Week Awards

A big well done to all the children who were nominated as learners of the week last week in their class last Friday, we are very proud of them all:



Foundation Robins— Sophia Harvey-Heath (For always having a positive attitude and being a fantastic angel at Pennywell farm!).

Foundation Wrens - Bobbie Simpson (For always having a positive attitude and being eager to please. He does everything with a smile!)

Year 1 Chaffinches - Vinnie Temlett (For working hard to write clear sentences about Christmas using 'and' to join ideas).

Year 1 Sparrows – Marshall Willson (For his amazing contributions to numeracy lessons this week).

Year 2 Skylarks – Harry Lamerton (For his amazing elf dancing—he threw himself into it whole heartedly!).

Year 3 Blackbirds – Riley Dent & Evie Bray (For having the courage to stand up on stage and sing as part of a trio in front of parents).

Year 3 Nightingales – Corey Willey (For his use of similes and expanded noun phrases to write a descriptive shape poem).

Year 4 Kingfishers – Leon Elford (For having lovely manners, always following the instructions he is given and being ready to listen).

Year 4 Woodpeckers – Logan Jones (For demonstrating an improved attitude and growing confidence towards his learning).

Year 5 Puffins – Lilly-Mae Stancombe (For showing incredible versatility in school and for being such a super independent learner!).

Year 5 Kittiwakes – Ava Wilkinson-Flores (For having amazing ideas for her writing and proving her answers in numeracy).

Year 6 Barn Owls—Kacie Stidwill (For her outstanding motivation in art this week, creating some stunning drawings of fossils).

Year 6 Buzzards—Harley Watters (For producing some outstanding sketches of fossil shells, including incredible detail in his work).

Dates for the diary—Spring Term

Monday 7th January- School Closed for staff training

Tuesday 8th January - First day of the Spring Term

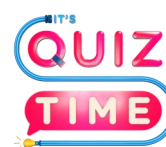
Tuesday 8th January - Pantomime (Robin Hood) for the whole school

Friday 1st February - Quiz night



Quiz Time!

Date for your diary. We will be holding a Quiz night on Friday 1st Feb in aid of school funds. This is a fun evening with your friends, bring your own food and drink and pit your wits against the other teams. Only £3.50 per person (max 6 in a team). This is an adult only evening. Book your table now for just £10 deposit (forms available from the office), and spaces are limited.



I hope that everyone has a very happy and restful Christmas. Thank you for your support through the year.