



## Dates for your Diary

5/12/23 Infant Nativity- Gate opens 1.30 for a 1.45pm start
12/12/23 Panto – Cinderella at Chipping Norton Theatre
14/12/23 Carol Singing at Daylesford straight after school
15/12/23 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19/12/23 Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church, Bledington. 10.00am start- all welcome

Thursday 21/12/23 **Break up at 1.05pm** for Christmas Hols  
School Reopens Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Puffin Class Update

Mrs Palmer will commence her maternity leave at the end of December. We wish her and her husband all the best at this very exciting time.

During her absence, Puffins will be taught by Mrs Rollins for 3 days per week and our newly recruited teacher, Mr Brown, for the remaining 2. Puffins are already familiar with Mrs Rollins and Mr Brown and I'm sure you'll give them both a very warm welcome when they start week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## Thank you

Our thanks to Peter Ramsay for putting up the Nativity stage under the watchful eye of his other (she would say 'better') half, Miss Nessling! Thank you, Peter. Thanks also to Keith Thomson and Henry Dennis for dismantling the greenhouse in the freezing cold. Thanks to everyone that donated a prize for our amazing Christmas raffle- this will be drawn at the Nativity on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Infant Nativity- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Please join us to watch the Infant Nativity on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.45pm. (Gates open 1.30pm) All welcome. We'd like to thank you for all your hard work providing and making the children's costumes and to Keith Thomson for filming the Nativity once again. USB's of the performance can be purchased via the school office during the last week of term.

## Panto – Cinderella. Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

The pantomime season is here again and we have booked tickets for *Cinderella* at 'The Theatre', Chipping Norton – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm.

The children will travel to Chipping Norton by coach, (which has kindly been paid for by the BSA) **but you will need to collect them from the theatre at approx. 3.55pm**. If this is a problem, please let us know.

The contribution for this trip is £12.00 per child payable through ParentPay- could all outstanding payments and consent forms be submitted as soon as possible?

## Panto Sweets

Please do not send in sweets for the Panto- we will be selling small packets of sweets for this event. Please see ParentPay next week for more information.

## Year 6 – Panto- 'Stage Tour'

Thanks to Jo Robinson, Jim's Mum, our year 6 children have been invited to a special 'behind the scenes tour' after the Panto has finished. We anticipate this will take approx. 30 mins after the theatre has emptied. Any

parents that are collecting younger siblings are welcome to wait in the bar (once it is clear of audience from the show) otherwise, please collect at approx. 4.45pm. Please e mail school to confirm if your child will be attending the tour.

## Carol Singing at Daylesford-14<sup>th</sup> Dec

We're carol singing at Daylesford again this year- all welcome, the more the merrier. Please make your way to Daylesford straight after you have picked your children up from school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We aim to get there at 3.30 for a 3.45pm start. It was cold last year so please wrap up warm!

## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Our whole school Christmas dinner will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. *All Parentpay accounts need to be in credit by this date.* (Please note that on Wed 13<sup>th</sup>, there is a menu change to Fish and chips as opposed to a roast dinner). Lunch will be followed by class Christmas parties, with a visit from a special person in a red outfit ...Ho Ho Ho! Don't forget your Christmas jumper...

## Carols at St Leonard's Church Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am

Please join us again this year to sing carols at the Church. This lovely service will be held at 10.00am at St Leonard's Church, Bledington, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome- we hope to see you there.

## Clubs

Please note that there are NO after school clubs for the last two weeks of term (weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December) Clubs will resume in January. Sign up sheets for January's clubs will go out in December.

## Christmas Cards

The school 'post box' will be open for business from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December to *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December*. Please make sure that all envelopes are clearly addressed with the person's name and class. The post box will be in the link area.

## Thanks to the BSA, our volunteers and helpers

**THANK YOU** to the parent helpers that give up their time to help with clubs, reading, activities, BSA and trips. We very much value your support throughout the year.

## School Closure

If, for any reason the school needs to close due to bad weather etc. over winter, please log on to <http://www.glosclosedschools.com> or check the school website

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

