



Newsletter

Tuesday 11th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

With less than two weeks until we break up for the holidays, the school is bustling with festive activities and learning.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year, we are combining Christmas Dinner Day with Christmas Jumper Day. On Wednesday 19th December, children are invited to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumper and are able to make a donation to the charity 'Save the Children'. The money raised will be used to bring essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are missing out. The suggested donation is £1. Please note that children still need to wear their school uniform on this day.

Twitter

We are now back on Twitter. Follow us @Galley_Hill. This page will be used to share general information as well as photographs of children's achievements and learning. If you have yet to return your photograph consent form, please complete it as soon as possible and send it into school so we can update our records. We will endeavour to set up our school Facebook page ready for use in the new year.

Parent Mail Update

91% of families now have a Parent Mail account and 69% of families have downloaded the Parent Mail app. If you would like to sign up to Parent Mail but have been unable to due to technical issues, please contact Mrs Jennings in the office who will be happy to assist you (office@ghs.rac.sch.uk or 01287 635540). As previously mentioned, if you would prefer not to use Parent Mail, the school will continue to send paper letters.

We are now going to introduce the use of Parent Mail to gain consent for trips and sporting activities that take place outside of school. This will save a lot of administration time for teachers and the office staff and we hope that this will be received by parents as positively as the electronic letters.

Homework Survey

A homework survey was sent to parents last week via Parent Mail. We would be grateful if you could answer the questions on the survey so that we can gain parent viewpoints prior to reviewing the school's homework policy in the new year.

Reception Christmas Performance

Our Reception children made the whole school proud on Friday, singing and performing to the highest of standards. Their behaviour was impeccable and their confidence shone

through. Thank you to all the family members were able to come to school and support the children.

Marking and Feedback Policy

The school's new policy has been formulated and is ready to be implemented across school in the spring term. We would like the policy to be trialled first to ensure that any minor adjustments that need to be made can be done before it is applied to all year groups. With this in mind, we are going to postpone the planned open afternoon for parents until the new year. Thank you for your understanding.

Choir at Saint Nicholas Church

Last Thursday evening, the School Choir took part in the Christmas tree carol service at Saint Nicholas Church. They sang a variety of carols beautifully which were well received by the audience. Thank you to Mrs Jennings and Mrs Mackay for accompanying the children.

Christmas Party Day

A letter detailing arrangements for Christmas Party Day on Thursday 20th December will be sent out this week. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their party clothes on this day.

Carol Service for Years 1 to 6

On Tuesday 18th December, children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to partake in the carol service at Saint Nicholas Church. The children will travel to the church by coach in time for the performance beginning at 10:30am. Family members are more than welcome to attend. A consent form will be sent out via Parent Mail.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11 th December 2018:	Galley Hill Christmas Fair 4:00-6:00pm
Wednesday 12 th December 2018:	Year 3 and Year 4 Oriental Museum Trip
Wednesday 12 th December 2018:	Key Stage 1 Evening Performance at 5:30pm
Thursday 13 th December 2018:	Key Stage 1 Afternoon Performance at 2:00pm
Thursday 13 th December 2018:	The Snowman at 6:30pm at Saint Nicholas Church for the School Choir
Friday 14 th December 2018:	Nursery Christmas Performance at 10:00am
Monday 17 th December 2018:	Year 4 Handwashing Session with the School Nurse
Tuesday 18 th December 2018:	Y1 – Y6 Carol Service at St Nicholas Church at 10:30am



Wednesday 19 th December 2018:	Christmas Dinner Day and Galley Hill Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'
Thursday 20 th December 2018:	Christmas Party Day
Friday 21 st December 2018:	Children Break Up for the Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 8 th January 2019:	Children Return to School

Hope you all have a good week. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to assist.

Mrs Crinion
Acting Headteacher

