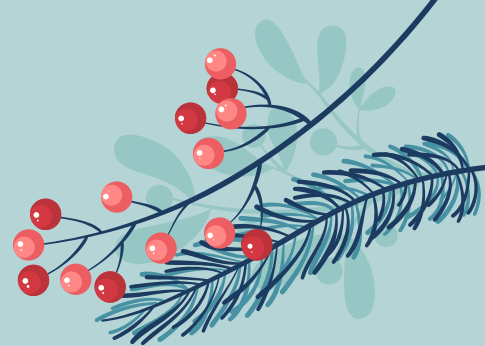




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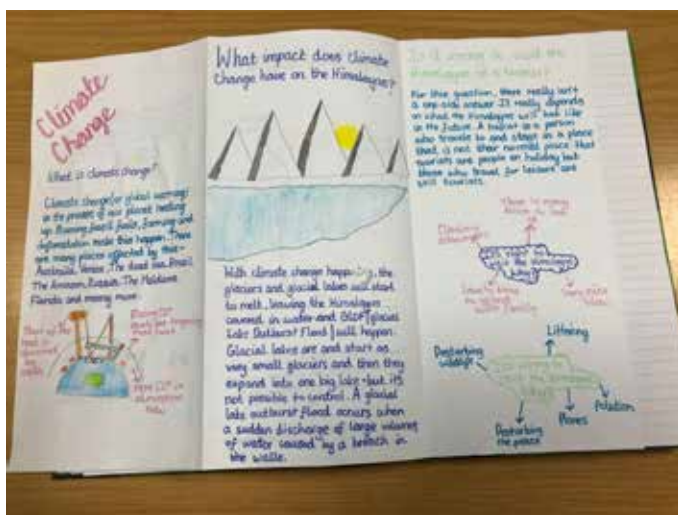


Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

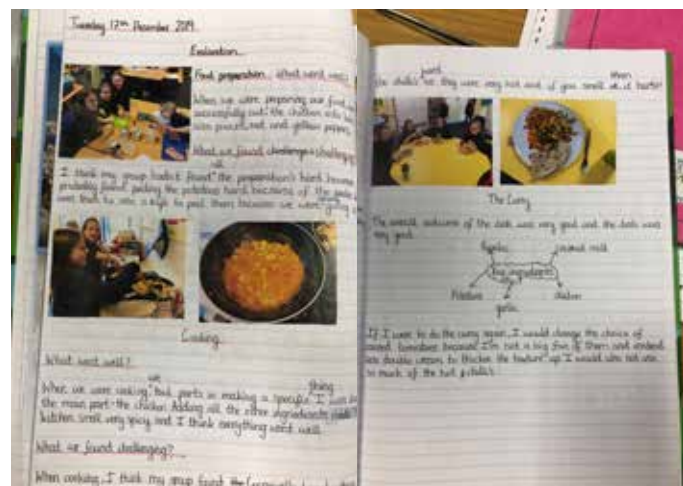
In the last few weeks there have been four different Christmas Nativities, Carols Round the Christmas Tree, Key Stage 2 Carol Service and a visit from Father Christmas. So we are all feeling very festive now and ready for the holidays.

As we come to the end of this half term I would like to share with you just some of the achievements of our children and the success they have found across many different areas of the curriculum.



- Some of the recent ones have been in drama in the class assemblies and Christmas production
- Year 6 DT food unit – a collaborative group outcome where the children designed their own curries inspired by the food grown around the Himalayas linked to their geography unit
- KS2 instrumentalists playing in our assemblies

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- Art work using the medium of recycled materials as a collage
- A whole class Street dance performance form the sessions with a dance coach.



I am very lucky that I get glimpse of all this wonderful learning and am very proud of all our children.

If you are wondering about any last minute presents I can recommend some fantastic books:



Born in a Soviet prison camp, Lina has never seen the world outside until the night she escapes with her best friend, Bogdan. As the pair journey across a snowy wilderness, they are pursued by a vengeful sorceress and her pack of shadow wolves. The children will need every ounce of courage – and a whisper of magic – if they are to survive...

When a little boy stumbles across a special star, he puts it in a jar and takes it on adventures. But the poor star misses its home... Can the little boy and his big sister find a way to send the star safely back?



‘Ethereal, touching and unique by design... Shadow’s symbolism of inner strength showcases the true meaning of togetherness.’



Wishing you all a very peaceful and Happy Christmas



Winter Wishes
Georgina Flook

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 6th January 2020!

Spotlight on curriculum

Our children have responded to their new learning units in History and Geography and as a staff we are delighted at the progress they are making. The new books have been a big hit with them! Our staff continue to develop the other areas of the curriculum so that it is carefully designed to ensure all our children achieve their full potential and are well prepared for the next stages of their education and beyond.

Attendance

I would like to draw your attention to our Attendance Policy on the school website to remind you all of the procedures to follow in case of absence as well as the roles and responsibilities we all have to ensure good attendance for all our pupils. If a pupil misses 10% or more schooling across the school year, for whatever reason, they are defined as persistent absentees. Absence for whatever reason disadvantages a child by creating gaps in their learning. Research shows these gaps affect attainment when attendance falls below 95%. As such, we monitor all absence thoroughly. Where attendance or lateness is a cause for concern,

the following actions will be taken:

- The Headteacher and/or Assistant Head will arrange a meeting with parents/carers to discuss the reasons for the absences.
- The school will work closely with the parents/carers to try and remove any barriers to regular attendance.
- Where appropriate, a formal Attendance Improvement Meeting will be held with the parents/carers, as well as the child, in order to draw up a plan, and set agreed targets. This plan will then be reviewed to ensure targets have been met. Should the parents/carers fail to attend, the meeting will continue and a plan drawn up in their absence.
- If attendance still does not improve, a referral will be made to the Education Entitlement and Inclusion Team. Parents/carers will be informed in writing of this referral and the possibility of prosecution.

We will be contact in January with parents whose children's attendance has dropped below this percentage and if necessary to arrange a meeting to devise supportive measures to improve it.

Training

As a school we sign up to the Pitville Primary Partnership training scheme. This is an opportunity for our staff to continue to receive PPD in specific areas of

children's development and need. However, we would like to extend the opportunity to you as parents.

If you wish to book a place please email Mrs Nicholson at Senco@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk

The training sessions are as follows:

Monday 13th January 2020

Staff Wellbeing – Learning how to look after yourself!
Sarah Gothard, Educational Psychologist & Alice Webb, Pittville School

Tuesday 25th February 2020

Teaching Boys
Emily Bottell, SENDCo @ Pittville School

Monday 9th March 2020

Metacognition – Learning to Learn
Sarah Gothard, Educational Psychologist

Monday 27th April 2020

Successful Circle Times
Sarah Gothard, Educational Psychologist & Emily Bottell, SENDCo @ Pittville School

Monday 18th May 2020

Effective use of In Class Support-the role of the TA
Sarah Gothard, Educational Psychologist

Monday 22nd June 2020

An introduction to ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
Juliette Ttofa, Educational Psychologist

July 2019 Date TBC

Pittville School Fun Day for KS2 Students with SEND and/or EAL

Other training that the staff have been on recently

- Science Subject Leader Network Meeting
- English Subject Leader Network Meeting
- Maths Subject Leader Network Meeting

Pupil achievement

Immy R in 5W, has been awarded her 5 Kyu blue belt in Karate. What an amazing achievement!

Mrs Catchpole



Flu Immunisation: Catch-up Clinics for 2019-20

Please book an appointment below if your child has missed their school-based flu session or you wish to have your child vaccinated prior to their school based session.

Call: 0300 421 8140 to book

Booking is open 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

The person with parental responsibility must complete the consent form. If you are not attending with your child and sending with another family member please contact the team to enable us to take verbal consent.

21st December 2019	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	10.00 - 15.00
23rd December 2019	Lydney Hospital Outpatients, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JE	09.30 - 14.30
30th December 2019	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	09.30 - 14.30
31st December 2019	Stroud Hospital, Trinity Outpatients, Trinity Road, Stroud, GL5 2HY	09.30 - 14.30
02nd January 2020	North Cotswold Hospital Stow Road, Moreton-In-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0DS	09.30 - 14.30
03rd January 2020	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	09.30 - 14.30
08th January 2020	Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4AW	17.00 - 19.30
13th January 2020	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.45 - 19.00
15th January 2020	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	15.45 - 19.00
20th January 2020	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.30 - 19.00
23rd January 2020	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	15.45 - 19.00
31st January 2020	Rikenel Health Centre, The Park, Gloucester, GL1 1XR	15.45 - 19.30

School Nursing Hubs

Healthy Lifestyles and Oral Health

5 February, 1:30pm St Mark's C of E Junior School

11 March, 1:30pm Warden Hill Primary School

Behaviour, Anxiety and Sleep

8 January, 1:30pm Charlton Kings Junior School

22 January, 1:30pm St John's C of E Primary School

26 February, 9:00am Rowanfields Infants

www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing/hubs/

LINC Light Up A Life Service

Dear Georgina,

Please pass on our thanks to all the children, parents and staff who attended the Light up the Life Service yesterday. The children sang beautifully and they really added something special to the service. We really appreciate your support at this very busy time of year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

*Kind regards
Claire*

*Claire Charlton BA(Hons) MInstF(Cert)
LINC Head of Fundraising
The Leukaemia & Intensive Chemotherapy Fund*





It Was a White Christmas Eve

Year 3 setting description writing inspired by the John Lewis 'Buster the Boxer' Christmas advert

It was a white Christmas Eve and soft, brightly coloured snowflakes were slowly falling down to the snow topped earth. The stars were glistening as brightly as a full moon. In front of my eyes was a white blanket of light, tufty snow. A mysterious sound of rustling leaves came from the bottom of the garden. The cold, freezing air was rushing past me and the air was flying up my nose freezing up my nostrils. Snow was making me shiver as though a ghost had flown through me. Suddenly, something came into my sight. It was a recently put up trampoline. It stood there with no purpose but to stand there with a giant red bow tied round it.

Louis 3W



Sprout Boy

After watching the short film Sprout Boy, Year 5 have been writing their own television adverts. The aim was to encourage more people to eat Brussel Sprouts this Christmas. We looked at lots of different types of persuasive writing techniques including ambiguous phrases, rhetorical questions and the use of emotive language. We researched facts about sprouts and then wrote our own television advert which we performed. Our adverts were so persuasive that even Mrs Catchpole thinks she will eat sprouts this Christmas!

Year 5



Read Steady Cook

Y6 designed recipes, prepped and cooked delicious curries inspired by the Himalayan region.

In their groups everyone prepared their curries, sharing the parts of getting different ingredients ready. Whilst in the kitchen, each member of the group equally took part in either cooking and washing up.

Everyone put themselves forward to make extremely delicious curries. This was another way of helping others to try new foods and experience working with people they may not usually work with.

Everyone worked tremendously well as teams and all their teachers were super proud of them.

Eva 6H



School Beat Officer Visit

On Wednesday 18th December, both Year 6 classes were visited by PC Fiona McDowell, a local police officer. She is a designated School Beat Officer, meaning she visits local primary and secondary schools educating children on lots of different areas, many of which form part of KS2 PSHCE curriculum. Fiona will be visiting us again in the new year, but this time her fascinating and informative session covered healthy and unhealthy relationships, including bullying and online behaviour. We watched some video clips, debated statements about online behaviours and tried to relate our own behaviours to those things we were discussing.

If you see Fiona around school after Christmas, she has said we are all welcome to ask her any questions we might have about the police, her role or anything related!





People and the Communities: Police and Paramedics Visits



Learning how to moon jump
from Bob: The Man on The Moon



Visit from Father Christmas



Reception Nativity



Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 January 2020	Start of Spring Term
Thursday 9 January	Open Morning
Wednesday 15 January	Year 3 trip to Gloucester, GAM
Tuesday 21 January	Young Voices Concert, Birmingham
Friday 24 January	PTA Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Thursday 30 January	Gymnastics Competition Year 3 and Year 4

For times and detailed information
please visit the Calendar page
wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/events/