

Dear Parents/Carers,

here we are at the end of what has been a difficult term in many ways, but it has also been a wonderful example of school and parents all working together to do the very best we can for our children. We have kept each other safe, settled the children back into strong learning habits, made the absolute most of learning outdoors in our wonderful woods and now as the term draws to a close, made sure that although things are different this year, the children still experience the fun and joy of the Christmas season. I would like to thank the many parents who have gone out of their way to show they understand the challenges faced by schools currently and show us that they appreciate all we are doing. As Headteacher, I want our school to be the beating heart of this community and recent times have certainly brought us together with all kinds of local organisations to offer support to our families. I wish you all a cosy and family fun-filled Christmas break, followed by a happy and healthy New Year.

Spotlight on...

Our wonderful kitchen staff!

I would like to thank Mrs Green and her kitchen staff team for the marvellous job they have done in providing hot meals throughout the term, despite the restrictions under which they have had to work. On Monday and Tuesday, children and staff enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch, with one pupil saying it was the best meal she had ever had!



Covid Update

STAY ALERT

As a school community, we know that we have been really lucky in the low level of impact that infections have had on pupils' learning. We have only needed to close one year group bubble, which is considerably luckier than most other schools in Bradford.

We continue to be very careful in the precautions that are taken, and wish to reassure families that these will continue next term. As advised by Public Health England, we will need to be informed of any positive tests for pupils during the first six days of the Christmas holidays (up until lunchtime on 24th December). After this date we are assured that tracing will have no impact on the school community. If you need to inform school of a positive test, or need to provide 'test and trace' with a school contact, please use Mrs Wilkinson's direct email: Headteacher@glenaireprimary.co.uk She will check this daily during these six days, but will only answer emails in relation to coronavirus during this time. If you email to inform us of a positive test, to help us work out isolation times and contacts, please include the following information:

- the name of the positive pupil/s and their year group
- what are their symptoms and the date symptoms started
- the date the test was taken

Holiday Hunger is a very real issue faced by many families as a result of covid-19 or in general, with schools closed and extra meals to find at home. The school website has some information of organisations that can help, or contact <https://bradfordfoodbanks.org.uk/>

Parent Surveys

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey form – your feedback is really helpful and I am glad to say was overwhelmingly positive!

96% say their children are happy at Glenaire and 94% feel they are safe (6% didn't know). 98% of parents feel their children are well-cared for and the same proportion would recommend Glenaire to another parent.

Some of the comments and messages for staff were really heartwarming and will be shared with staff before their Christmas break.

Places for Reception in September 2021

A reminder that applications for pupils due to start Reception in September 2021 need to be completed online and the deadline for this is the 15th January. We haven't been able to hold our usual open evening, but prospective parents can look at the information on the website and we are happy to do outside, socially distanced tours to show our amazing outdoor learning facilities and share some of the things that make our little community school so special.

Year group News

There is some lovely learning going on around school at the moment. Hollie in Year 2 came to show me some wonderful writing and then I had more visitors from around school – must have been a super week for writing!

I have really enjoyed seeing and hearing Christmas spirit grow around school, from EYFS children decorating trees, to some fabulous stick trees with pompoms made outdoors by Year 5 and then culminating in children in every class singing carols beautifully to us all.

The winner of the Year 6 Excellence Lottery for this half-term was Scarlett! She has chosen a book voucher as her prize. Well done to all of the others who got their names into the draw too. I look forward to seeing how many names are in the next half-term lottery!

A Message from our Governing Body

The governors would like to thank all staff, parents and pupils for pulling together during this difficult time. We have all faced extraordinary challenges this year and the governors would like to recognise how much they appreciate how everyone in the school family has played their part to keep Glenaire covid safe. The attitude, resilience and strength of character shown by everyone, day after day, has been beyond all expectations. Thank you.

The New Year

School opens to pupils on the 4th January and we look forward to seeing everyone back, well rested and ready for a busy term of learning. Please remember that uniform should still be worn in school, (**grey** bottoms, white polo and green jumper) and that all children need wellies as part of their uniform for learning outdoors.

As always, thank you for your support for your child and our school – particularly in the current circumstances,

Jo Wilkinson
Headteacher

