



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
19 Nov 2015	Year 5 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start	15 Dec 2015	Christmas Meal
26 Nov 2015	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start	16 Dec 2015	EYFS/KS1 Performance 2pm and 6pm
23-29 Nov	Assessment period – avoid any time off during this week	17 Dec 2015	KS2 Performance 1.30pm start
27 Nov 2015	Whole School Pantomime Trip	18 Dec 2015	Christmas sing along – 1.30pm start
3 Dec 2015	Music Concert – 6pm	18 Dec 2015	End of Term 2 – 2pm finish
4 Dec 2015	PTA Table top Christmas Fair tbc	5 Jan 2016	Start of Term 3
11 Dec 2015	Christmas Disco	14 Jan 2016	Curriculum and Assessment Evening – 6pm start

### Ontic Supply Chain Team

The PTA organised for a team of volunteers who work at Ontic to come and help the school maintain the grounds. This is a great initiative from Ontic and we are very grateful to everyone who came to help. We had nine people from Ontic and eight members of the PTA and the grounds look great!



### 11am, 11 November

Year 6, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Kempster walked up to the war memorial in the village to participate in the simple armistice day service along with other local schools and members of the community. The children were super and read their poem beautifully then Kaitlin and Aaron laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school. It was a very moving event, well done to our children who represented us so well.



### Childline report by Nathan and Jamie M

On Wednesday 11 November we had a visit from the NSPCC to give us a talk about Childline. Firstly Year 5 and Year 6 had an assembly in the hall where we learnt about how the charity Childline help other children. We found out that it is a free service that children can use by calling: 0800 1111 or visiting the website [www.childline.org.uk/buddy](http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy)



After break for Year 5 and in the afternoon for Year 6 we had a workshop where we were shown a video about our safety and discussed many different situations that can occur. We also learnt about bullying and that it must STOP! Sheila taught us that **STOP** stands for **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose which helped us to understand what bullying was and made us think. We all received a 'Buddy' kit which we could take home and record our places, things and people who made us feel happy and safe. We enjoyed the workshop and found it very interesting.

### Jambo!

Many people have asked me “how was Kenya?” and I have found it quite difficult to find the right words to express the full-on assault of all the senses which I experienced. It was an amazing 10 days if not a little daunting! As the first “white person” to be encountered by many in the schools and towns we felt a huge sense of responsibility and privilege. Naturally, the children (and adults) were very curious and before long I had to get used to shaking hands and having my hair and arms touched whenever we were out and about. I have mastered the delicate skills required for successful use of a long-drop toilet; I have grown to enjoy the ritual of “taking” tea and felt strangely comforted by the sustaining power of African tea (it *is* tea but not as we know it!); and I have been reminded that irrespective of colour, wealth or nationality – children really are the same the world over....



Together with 3 other schools in our cluster – Gotherington, Woodmancote and Swindon Village – we shall shortly be deciding what our project will be and I am very much looking forward to involving Grangefield children in developing a longer term partnership with Kiwanja Primary School.

So... kwaheri for now...

Mrs Newitt

### **Curriculum and Assessment Evening - Thursday 14 January 6pm**

Following your feedback from the last Curriculum and Assessment evening that I held and from a couple of suggestions from the recent parental survey, I would like to run this information evening again. I will endeavour to cover:

- Changes to the curriculum that came into effect last year
- Changes to the assessment procedures since levels were discontinued
- What we have learnt over the past year as teaching staff
- How we are addressing the gaps that have arisen to ensure as much continuity as possible
- The implications of all these factors on what is happening in the classroom

It would be great to see as many parents there as possible. If there are other areas or specific things that you would like me to address please do let me know. You can contact me through [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk)

Mrs. Gilroy

### **The Big Breakfast**

We are thrilled to be able to report that we raised £230.02 from the Big Breakfast for Winston's Wish. Thank you again for everyone who donated and shared the breakfast with us.

### **PTA**

Please see the poster for our Christmas Fair at the end of the newsletter. Please tell all your friends and family as there are lots of nice stalls and PTA will be serving mince pies and mulled wine so it should be a nice festive evening.

### **Christmas Meal**

This year our Christmas Meal will be on Tuesday 15 December. On the menu will be: roast turkey served with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing and cranberry sauce and gravy, or feta spinach and cranberry roulade. Both are served with herby roast potatoes, honey glazed carrots and garden peas. Dessert will be festive chocolate log and cream. The meal will cost £2.20 per child and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have the meal as it is a very special and fun occasion.

### **Children in Need 2015**

Thank you for your support in this year's Children in Need. We have seen some great pairs and lots of spots. We will put photos on our website and let you know how much we have raised in due course.

### **Parents Survery**

Thank you to those who contributed to our survey, we will now digest all the comments and get back to you in due course.

### **Sport Round up**

#### **Girls Football - Report by Kaitlin and Ella Y6**

On Thursday 5 November there were 10 girls who went to Bishops Cleeve Primary to play 3 football matches. Our 1<sup>st</sup> game was against Bishops Cleeve B and it was 0-0, Our 2<sup>nd</sup> game was against Woodmancote and it was 1-0 to them. Finally our 3<sup>rd</sup> game was against Bishops Cleeve A and it was 1-0 to them. We played extremely well but sadly we didn't make it up to the next league. The player of the match was Tilly C-P who is an amazing player of our team. We would like to thank Mr Allard and all of the parents who came and supported us.

### **Reminders**

- We are collecting the Tubs 4 Tables tokens from Flora. If you have any please bring them in. We currently have 2 tokens and if we get 50 we get a free tablet.
- We are still waiting for some completed e-safety forms. Again these were emailed to you, but you can get a copy from the office.
- Thank you to those who have paid their Grange money. If you have not yet paid, please do so urgently.

## Community

- Transition Cleeve were at the school last term preparing all the apples (including our very own Grangefield apples), squeezing them and then finally making the lovely apple juice. It really was delicious. We saw quite a few Grangefield children and they all had a go helping. It was an afternoon of hard work, but great fun.



Have a good weekend.  
Mrs Lewis/Mrs Freeman

**Grangefield School Christmas Fair**  
Hosted by Grangefield PTA

Books & Cards  
Raffle  
Mince pies & mulled wine  
Xmas tree decs  
Toys  
Kids Activities  
Free Entry  
Craft Stalls  
Childrens Choir  
Chocolates Fudge  
Gifts

**Friday 4th December**  
5.30-7.30pm

Adcock Designs  
Fraser's Fudj  
Hill View Ducks  
Usborne Books  
2nd Bishops Cleeve Brownies  
Cheltenham Face Painting  
Lowry's Chocolates  
Cotswold Creations  
Hil's Hearts & Crafts  
Stella & Dot  
Neals Yard  
Phoenix Cards  
Forever Living  
Partylite  
Pickle Pie Crafts  
PTA Treasures  
Wooden Wonders  
**Grangefield School**  
Voxwell Lane  
Bishops Cleeve  
*plus many more*