



21st October 2021

'The Glass Duck' Special Christmas Workshop

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

We are delighted to announce that local Glass Artist, Jane Connell, from 'The Glass Duck' will be offering her expertise in fused glass creations and running a special workshop at Castle Hill Primary School in the lead up to Christmas.

The workshop will run in school hours and will last approximately 45 minutes. During which, the children will make their own glass Christmas tree decoration. The workshops will be held on the following dates:

Year 3 & 4 – 26th November

Year 5 & 6 – 3rd December

The children will make a **10cm x 5cm Christmas tree** which is pre-cut. They will decorate it with glass frit (like glass glitter), stringers and glass scraps of coloured glass using tweezers and glue whilst wearing protective goggles. All health and safety procedures are in place and Jane Connell has appropriate public liability insurance.

Jane Connell then takes the glass designs away, fires them in her kiln at 'The Glass Duck', then wires them with beautiful coloured jewellery wire and finishes them off with a coloured ribbon. They are returned to school about a week later, all packaged with the children's name on ready to take home in time for the Christmas holidays.

It's a great opportunity for the children to learn a new skill, whilst supporting a local Basingstoke artist and small business. It is also an additional way for the school to raise some extra funds and the parents to receive a unique and lasting gift.

If you would like your child to take part in one of the workshops please complete the pre-order via the PTA website by **23rd November 2021**.

www.pta-events.co.uk/gbff

The workshops will take place during the school day and will still adhere to the current set up of 'bubbles'. The cost of the 45-minute workshop including the Christmas decoration is **£12.00**.

These pictures give an impression of what your child's artwork may look like; obviously each piece is unique and makes a lovely keepsake. More information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/>





In addition to the workshop, 'The Glass Duck' have offered us a special price of £20.00 on their popular 'takeaway' Christmas decoration kits which usually retail at £22.00. On the proviso that the kits are also ordered before the 23rd November via our PTA Website.

Jane will then bring any 'takeaway' orders to the school on the workshop dates and we can hand them out at the gate.

There is a choice of the following kits at that price:

- **Blue Christmas Tree**
 - <https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/product-page/takeaway-blue-christmas-tree>
- **Green Christmas Tree**
 - <https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/product-page/takeaway-green-christmas-tree-decoration>
- **Personalised Red and White Stocking**
 - [stocking https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/product-page/takeaway-personalised-red-and-white-christmas-stocking](https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/product-page/takeaway-personalised-red-and-white-christmas-stocking)
- **Personalised Blue and White Stocking**
 - <https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/product-page/takeaway-personalised-blue-and-white-christmas-stocking>
- **Robin**
 - <https://www.theglassduck.co.uk/product-page/takeaway-christmas-robin>

We hope your child/ren will look forward to creating their masterpiece!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email gfff@chjs.net

Kind regards

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