



# Glenfall News

...a newsletter to inform the school community about the day to day life of our school.

Friday 7th September 2018



## A word from the head.....

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer and were able to spend some quality time with your children and families. Despite the heatwave breaking shortly after we broke up for the summer; the weather, on the whole, remained fair. Hopefully you all got out and about and recharged the batteries.

The children all appear to be rested and ready for an exciting term ahead. They all looked eager to start the year on Tuesday and all looked smart in their new uniforms and shoes. We have had 2 new pupils join us over the summer in addition to our new reception intake. We now have 209 pupils on roll. I would like to welcome all new families to the Glenfall community and I'm sure that you will be made to feel very welcome.

The cleaners and teachers worked very hard during the holidays to get the school looking ready for action on Tuesday. As you know the kitchen was closed for the last two days of term to allow the extension and refurbishment works to start on time. Despite a summer of dust and disruption the kitchen was completed on time and was open to pupils on the first day of term. We are delighted with the outcome and we can now ensure that we are able to offer the same high standard of food as you have been accustomed to. I know that all of the teachers have planned some exciting activities and topics to stimulate the children's learning. Last year was full of enriching activities that allowed the children to engage in an incredible range of experiences. We are hoping to sustain these opportunities once again this year. You will have the opportunity to find out a bit more about this at the 'Meet the teacher evening' on Wednesday 12th September. Your continued support to help with your child's learning is much appreciated and time spent helping them with reading, spelling, tables work and homework activities will help them to make good progress with their learning this year.

I look forward to a full and rewarding year and to seeing Glenfall continue to go from strength to strength.

**Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell**



## 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm

We would once again like to invite you to our 'Meet The Teacher' evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The evening will be an informal opportunity for parents to come into school to meet with their child's new teacher, see the classroom and to find out about:

- the structure of the working week
- expectations for homework and reading
- this term's topic and plans in each subject
- procedures and routines for their child's class

Each class teacher will give a brief introduction to the year, hand out a letter/booklet about homework and topics to be covered during the Autumn Term and also be on hand to answer any questions.

There will be a staggered start to the evening which will hopefully allow most parents the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher.

- **Year 1,2,5 &6 - 7pm start**
- **Year 3&4 - 7.30pm start**

I am hopeful that parents will value this opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher early on in the term to gain an insight into the year ahead and to answer any questions and concerns that they may have.

It is anticipated that this will be an adult only evening. There will be other opportunities during the year for the children to share their work with you.

## Keep us up to date

If you have moved house, changed telephone numbers or set up a new email account please let the office know so that we can accurately maintain our records to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency and communicate with you effectively.



**UPDATE YOUR DETAILS**



## Diary Dates



### September

15<sup>th</sup> September - 11+ Test Day for 2019 Intake  
 17<sup>th</sup> September - 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September France Residential  
 18<sup>th</sup> September - Y3/4 Visit The Living Rainforest  
 19<sup>th</sup> September - Swimming Starts for Y3 – 11.30am  
 25<sup>th</sup> September - Chinese exchange start in school.

### October

1<sup>st</sup> October - FrOGS Meeting at School @ 8pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 7.30pm – EYFS Curriculum Eve  
 8<sup>th</sup> October - Life Education Van  
 9<sup>th</sup> October - Life Education Van  
 10<sup>th</sup> October - Intake 2019 – Prospective Parent Tour 2pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Assembly 10.30am  
 FrOGS Bingo and Beetle Drive - 6pm  
 17<sup>th</sup> October - 2019 Intake - Open Afternoon - 1.30  
 Halloween Cake Sale  
 30<sup>th</sup> October - 2019 Intake - Prospective Parent Tour 9.15am  
 31<sup>st</sup> October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6

### November

6<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Mtgs – 3.40 – 6.30pm  
 8<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Mtgs – 3.40 – 5pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> November - 100 Years – WW1 Memorial Procession  
 12<sup>th</sup> November - Bikeability starts for Y6  
 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day  
 School Disco 6pm & 7.15pm  
 21<sup>st</sup> November - Individual School Photographs  
 29<sup>th</sup> November - Mufti Day for Christmas Fair  
 30<sup>th</sup> November - **INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)  
 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)  
 20<sup>th</sup> December - Everyman Panto - Dick Whittington  
 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day at 9.15am  
 5<sup>th</sup> July - Reports out to parents  
 19<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's Assembly  
 School closes for Summer Holidays

## Y5/6 France Residential

Please make sure that you have returned your child's EHIC to school by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.



## French Club

French with Lena starts on Monday  
 11<sup>th</sup> September  
 3.20pm - 4pm.

The club caters for beginners and improvers.  
 Please contact Lena directly if you would like your child to join the club.  
 01242 242246

Apply online for

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.



If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.

So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team  
 Access to Learning  
 Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,  
 Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP





## A few things.....

**Clubs and Activities:** The autumn term activities circular is now available with opportunities for all children from Year 1 through to Year 6. It contains all the information you need to know. If you have not received a copy, spares are available from the school office.

### Parent Pay — School Lunches

Could all parents whose children will be taking a hot lunch please ensure that their accounts are currently in credit before ordering lunches. It is important that the account is kept in credit throughout the year to ensure that debts do not mount up. **Meals cost £2.30 per day.** The current menu remains in place until October half term.



### Y6 Secondary School Transfer

The deadline for making your choices for secondary school transfer is 31st October. Please make your application [online](#). If you have not received a letter please contact the school office. It is crucial for all Y6 parents to apply for a secondary school place even if you have another child at the school to which you will be applying.

[Guidance Booklet](#)

[Schools Information](#)

[Application Form](#)

## Children's Usborne book event!

Are you free between 10am and 12pm on  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September?

Come along to Sardar's café, Sailsbury  
Avenue in Warden Hill.

Activities and competitions for the  
children and drinks will be available.

Any questions please contact Jessica  
Cook on 07821434915 and visit my  
Usborne online store.

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 **SIR THOMAS RICH'S  
GLOUCESTER**

## Open Day

**Thursday 13th September 2018**

8.30am-12pm, 2.15-3.30pm and from 6pm  
Headmaster's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm  
see [www.strschool.co.uk](http://www.strschool.co.uk) for details

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