



# Glenfall News

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

**Friday 8th March 2019**



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

I hope that you all had a good half-term break and that you managed to get out and about and enjoy some time with your family. Despite storm 'Freya' battering us this week there are some signs of Spring around the corner. The daffodils blooming around the school are already looking magnificent.

The children have slipped back into their routines since they returned and the school has been a hive of activity. Year 5 went to SkillZone in Gloucester last week to find out about keeping safe in all manner of situations. In our celebration assembly we saw some amazing pieces of work and shared the children's successes with the whole school. I am continually impressed with the number of children who are really engaging in their learning both at home and in school. Thank you all for your ongoing support with reading, spelling, tables and homework in general; it really makes a difference.

I hope that you found your meetings with the class teachers useful this week and that you have a clear view of where your child is with their learning. Please contact your child's class teacher should you have any ongoing concerns as there are no more formal parent evenings this academic year. The sooner you raise any issues the sooner we can hopefully resolve them for you.

We had a very successful World Book Day this week and it was wonderful to see so many children dressed up. We had a visit from the Read2Dogs and Willis, Tango and Rafiki came into the school to meet the children. We collected £106 for the charity. Next week we will be supporting Comic Relief and the children are able to come to school with Crazy Hair and purchase a school produced joke book.

Don't forget that we are looking to elect a new Parent Governor before Easter. Closing date for nominations closes on 15th March at 12pm

**Have a great weekend !  
Anthony Mitchell**



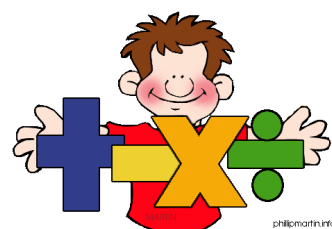
## **"How do you teach Maths at school and how can I help at home?"**

I am delighted to invite you to a maths curriculum evening due to be held at the school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

From feedback that we have received from parents it is often asked "How do you teach maths at school and how can I help at home?" As part of the schools drive to improve standards, particularly in maths, we wanted to hold an event that would allow parents to understand the methods and style of maths teaching at Glenfall and to offer you some strategies to help your children at home with their maths.

On the evening we will be joined by Steve Lomax who is the Maths Hub Lead for GLOWMaths and also the creator of Kangaroo Maths. Steve is an engaging speaker and promises to make the session enjoyable, informative and supportive. Parents will gain an insight into the methods we use at the school, learn some new strategies and understand how they can best support their children at home. The teaching staff will also be attending the event and will be on hand to sit with parents from their classes to answer any questions that you may have. Parents will also hear from the Maths Subject Leaders at the school and also Mr Mitchell.

Please look out for the letters coming home next week and reply as soon as possible.





## Diary Dates

### March

- 20th March - Y4 Residential – Forest of Dean
- 22nd March - School Disco
- 26th March - Music Evening at Holy Apostles 6.30pm
- 28th March - Maths Curriculum Evening 6.30 - 8pm
- 29th March - FrOGS Quiz & Chips

### April

- 3rd April - Easter cake sale
- 5th April - School closes for Easter at 2pm
- 23rd April - INSET Day (School closed)
- 24th April - School opens
- 27th April - Ground Force Day

### May

- 6th May - Bank Holiday (School closed)
- 13th May - Y6 SATs Week
- 24th May - School closes for Half Term

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 28th June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 5th July - Reports out to parents
- 19th July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays



Parents and pupils are warmly invited to come and discover The King's School, Gloucester at our next open morning on Saturday 9th March.

King's is an Independent School for girls and boys age 3 to 18 located adjacent to the Cathedral in the heart of Gloucester. We offer a wide range of academic subjects and co-curricular opportunities designed to identify and develop individual talent. With small class sizes and specialist teachers, our value-added results each year are exceptional and our pupils develop confidence, resilience and skills to stand them in good stead for the future.

But don't take our word for it, come and discover our wonderful school for yourselves at our Open Morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturday 9th March. If you would like to register your details in advance this will save you some time on the day [www.thekingsschool.co.uk](http://www.thekingsschool.co.uk). Alternatively you can contact us by email [registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk](mailto:registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk).

Kind regards

*Sharon Bird*

Sharon Bird, Registrar

NB - We have a county-wide bus service and offer a range of scholarships and bursaries, making the School accessible to all.



## Winter Weather Closures

As we head into the winter months it seems a timely opportunity to remind parents of the procedure for school closures should we need to shut the school.

If the school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or heating failure, parents will be contacted using our text messaging system. Please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number. We will also post a message on the Gloucestershire County Council school closure pages which can be accessed at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

You can also sign up to the Gloucestershire County Council Twitter feed @Glos\_schools

We will also place a message on our own school website:  
[www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk)

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.



## 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



## A few things.....

### Spring Music Concert

The Spring Music Concert will be being held at Holy Apostles Church on the evening of 26th March at 6.30pm. This concert will be for all musicians and the orchestra and will follow the same type of format as the Christmas performance did. The Choir will also be performing at this concert. More details will follow nearer the time.



### Year 6 Music Recital

09th July 2019 - School Hall. Year 6 music students.

### Ground Force Day

I would really like to run a 'Ground Force' day at the school again on 27th April from 10am - 2pm. We did this a number of years ago and had a team of parents and children armed with garden tools and paint bushes who gave the school grounds a bit of a spruce up. I will write to you again after half term to gauge if there is enough interest to make in a viable proposal. Check your diaries and await further information.



### Maths Curriculum Evening

Would you like to know more about how your child is taught maths at the school? Join us for an evening of discovery, learn some new ways to support your children with their work at home and maybe even learn something your self. During the evening we hope to outline how we teach maths at the school, demonstrate some of the strategies and resources we use and hopefully answer any of the questions you've always wanted to ask, but haven't. Join us on 28th March at 6.30pm.



### Battery Recycling

We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.



### Pen Recycling

The 'School Council' have started a plastic pen recycling point in the entrance hall. Please bring any unused or old pens into school for recycling

### SuperStars Easter Holiday Camp

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with the SuperStars Multisport holiday course team for the fast approaching Easter Holidays. If you want to keep the children off their screens and on their toes this Easter, then SuperStars is the answer! They have over 40 different sports, fun activities and themes that the children will be taking part in.

Everyone from the school is welcome as they accommodate age 4-11. If you have any more queries or would like to book on then contact SuperStars direct

[www.super-stars.org.uk/holiday-courses](http://www.super-stars.org.uk/holiday-courses). Call 03452413682. Spaces are likely to fill up fast and the courses can only take 30 children per day."







Glenfall House

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

GOOD FRIDAY

In aid of  
**WE ARE MACMILLAN.**  
CANCER SUPPORT

**Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun Day!**  
**GOOD FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2019**

**Come and enjoy the family fun this Easter at Cheltenham's beautiful Glenfall House!**

 Mill Lane  
Charlton Kings  
Cheltenham  
GL54 4EP


**EASTER EGG HUNT, FOOD, MUSIC, FACE PAINTING, BOUNCY CASTLE!**

10.30am Session, 1.00pm Session, 3.30pm Session  
Come and see the stunning gardens and have a tour of the house.

**ONLY £2.50 PER CHILD**  
(Accompanying adults are free)

**BOOK ONLINE NOW AT**  
[www.glenfallhouse.co.uk/events](http://www.glenfallhouse.co.uk/events)  
or Call 01242 323 889



**SuperStars Holiday Course at Glenfall Primary School**

Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April

Free 2019 edition SuperStars T-shirt when you book by Friday 29th March

**Looking to keep the children active and off their screens this Easter? We can help.**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It's OK, you can breathe a sigh of relief, because this Easter Holidays we've teamed up with **Glenfall Primary School** to run our multisports holiday course here at your school. We offer more than 40 sports and games, suitable for children of all ages and abilities. We'll encourage your child to try something new and be the best they can be. Because we want them to leave us with new confidence and feeling proud of what they've achieved. If your child's been to SuperStars before, they'll probably be shouting, "Book me a place now!" How do we know? Because in 2018, more than 8,000 children gave our courses the double thumbs-up. So, we're a hit with the kids.

**We want to be a hit with you too**

With lots of parents, we already are. In fact, 96.7% of those we asked said they'd recommend our courses to a friend. And we get lots of positive feedback, like this from a parent in Hereford: "From my child's point of view SuperStars is exciting, fun and enjoyable. From my point of view, it's safe, well-organised and affordable. We're both very happy." We run all our holiday courses on school sites. We do this so the children are in a familiar environment, often with their friends. A lot of our staff provide specialist support in schools during term time, so there's every chance you and your child will know the course leader too. Using school sites also helps your mornings run smoothly as you can keep to your normal routine.

**SuperStars. Good for you, a blast for your kids**

We help children get active, have fun and learn new skills, in a place where they feel safe and secure. And, because we know juggling work and family is sometimes hard, we make the holidays easier for you too. Turn the page now and find out how to book.

Best wishes,  
*Curtis Ivin*  
Curtis Ivin, Holiday Course Manager

PS: Remember to book your place by Friday 29th March. As a thank you, we'll give your child a FREE SuperStars T-shirt



**SuperStars**  
Developing Bright Futures



**SuperStars Multi-Sport Holiday Courses at Glenfall Primary!**

Looking for OUTSTANDING Holiday Course provision to keep your children active, engaged and entertained throughout the school breaks this academic year?

**Look no further!**

Here at SuperStars we pride ourselves on creating multi-sport courses designed to help children between the ages of 4 - 12 to keep active, have fun and learn new skills, in a place where they feel safe and secure.

We offer more than 40 sports, games and activities, suitable for children of all ages and abilities. We'll encourage your child to try something new and be the best that they can be. Because we want them to leave us with new confidence and a feeling of pride in what they've achieved. With brand new themed courses and days throughout the year we are sure your children will have a blast!

**2019 Dates:**

EASTER:  
**EASTER EGG-TRAVAGANZA**  
MONDAY 15TH - THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2019

SUMMER:  
**AROUND THE WORLD**  
MONDAY 29TH JULY - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2019  
**UNDER THE SEA**  
MONDAY 12TH - THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST 2019  
**MEDIAeval**  
TUESDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2019

  
ADVICE | TRAINING | SUPPORT | POLICIES | PROCEDURES

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK VISIT [SUPER-STARs.ORG.UK](http://SUPER-STARs.ORG.UK)

**Two easy ways to book**

① Online at [www.super-stars.org.uk/holiday-courses](http://www.super-stars.org.uk/holiday-courses) ② Call us on 0345 241 3682

**Spaces are limited! And can go fast!**  
Book early to secure yours (plus get your FREE 2019 edition SuperStars T-shirt)

**Course fees (from just £14.50 per day when booking for the week!)**

Course Duration	Mini Stars (Age 4) 8.45am - 1.00pm	Super Stars (Age 5+) 8.45am - 3.30pm	Easter Holiday Theme
1 day	£16.50	£21.50	
2 days	£33.00	£43.00	
3 days with discount	£49.50 - £42.50 (Saving £7)	£64.50 - £57.50 (Saving £7)	
4 days with discount	£66.00 - £52.50 (Saving £13)	£86.00 - £72.50 (Saving £13)	
5 days (for the price of 4)	£82.50 - £52.50 (Saving £30)	£107.50 - £72.50 (Saving £35)	

Book by Friday 29th March 2019 to guarantee your child's place and avoid a 10% late booking fee

**Why choose SuperStars this Easter Holidays?**

1. We have been running since 2005, so we have a wealth of experience
2. Awarded CB Childcare 'Outstanding' accreditation (Summer 2018 Inspection)
3. 8,000 children attended our courses in 2018, giving us the 'double thumbs up'
4. 96.7% of parents would recommend us to friends and family members. (2018 Business Review Survey, 287 parent responses)
5. We run smaller courses, usually for around 20 - 30 children, so you can be sure we'll get to know your child and will give them individual attention
6. All our coaches have current, enhanced DBS checks. And all our courses are approved and regulated by an external child safety provider
7. All our coaches are qualified, enthusiastic and committed to helping children develop

We need to make sure we have the correct ratio of staff to children for all our courses. If you book late or on the day, we may need to add extra cover at short notice. If we have no staff available we may not be able to accept your child on the course. Days must be booked within the same week for the 5th day discount to apply. Offer only applicable with 5 day courses. Terms and conditions apply.

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2018 inspection awarded SuperStars Holiday Courses an 'Outstanding'

  
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