



Glenfall News

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

Friday 9th September 2016



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. The good weather that we experienced over the summer certainly made a difference, allowing us all the chance to get out and about.

The children all appear to be rested and ready for an exciting term ahead. They all looked eager to start the year on Monday and all looked smart in their new uniforms and shoes. We have had 3 new pupils join us over the summer in addition to our new reception intake. I would like to welcome them all and their families to the Glenfall community, I'm sure that they will be made to feel very welcome. I would also like to formally welcome Gill Stratford (new secretary) and Gemma Harris (Year 1 teacher) to the school.

The cleaners and teachers worked very hard during the holidays to get the school looking ready for action on Monday. All of the toilet refurbishments are now completed and the school is looking good. 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 14th 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



14th September @ 7pm

We would once again like to invite you to our 'Meet The Teacher' evening on Wednesday 14th 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

On the evening the hall will be being used for a Pilates Class until 7.30. Therefore we would like parents to access the classrooms via the outside doors. Apologies for this inconvenience.

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

- 14th September - Meet The Teacher Evening
- 14th September - Swimming starts for Y2,3&4
- 19th September - French Residential departs
- 23rd September - French Residential returns
- 24th September - Cheltenham Half Marathon and School Mile
- 28th September - Richard Gilpin (Pitville Headteacher) to speak to parents and pupils considering Pitville as their Secondary School choice - 3.30pm
- 28th September - EYFS (Reception) Curriculum Evening 7.30pm

October

- 7th October - Harvest Assembly and collection
- 17th October - Bikeability starts for Y6
- 19th October - School Closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Term starts.
- 31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6 pupils
- 31st October - Book Fair arrives in school

November

- 1st November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 3rd November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 9th November - Open afternoon for Reception Intake 2017
- 21st November - School Photographs
- 25th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 12th December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
- 13th December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)
- 15th December - Everyman Panto—Jack and The Beanstalk
- 7th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 9th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 29th June - Sports Day at 1pm
- 7th July - Reports out to parents
- 21st July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays



French Club

French with Lena starts on Monday
12th 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



We had an Environmental Health 'spot check' on our kitchen on Thursday.

I am delighted to inform you that we have maintained our 5 Star rating.

Well done to Lisa, Lynne and Karen for working so hard to produce the fantastic meals for our school and in ensuring the high standard of hygiene in the kitchen.



French Residential



The French Residential departs on Monday 19th September. Please make sure that you have sent your child's EHIC card into school before Thursday 15th September. Please advise the school of any changes regarding your child's health and medication. Please make sure that if you have recently changed your mobile phone number that we have the most up to date details.



A few things from Mr Cripps & Mr Radley.....

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. Activities available include:

- **Tennis:** Mondays from **12th September**
- **Gymnastics:** Tuesdays from **13th September**
- **Netball:** Tuesdays from **20th September**
- **Hockey:** Thursday lunchtimes from **15th September**
- **Multi-Skills for Y1&Y2:** from **15th September**
- **Football:** from **15th September**

MUSIC:

- **Orchestra:** This will start next **Tuesday, 13th September at 8.00am** in the Music Room
- **Guitars:** Guitar lessons will start on Monday 12th September.
- Other instruments start next week on the days that have been advised to you by Nathan King

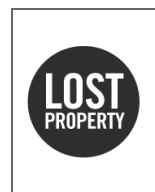
Not yet signed up for music lessons?

If your child would like to learn an instrument please contact Nathan King on 07850 153949 to enquire as to the availability of spaces.

A few things.....

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property in school at the moment that was left at school at the end of last term. If you are missing any items of your child's uniform please look in the lost property boxes in the hall. Any unclaimed items will shortly be recycled.



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 £2.20 per day.**

Parking and Road a Safety

You will have seen this week that the PCSOs for Charlton Kings have had a presence outside the school. This is a continuation of the work that they did with the school last year.

Could I also ask that parents and carers do not park in the entrance to the car park or use the car park in the mornings. It is fine to use the car park when picking up from after school club. I have also been contacted by one of the residents in the vicinity of the school who wanted to inform me that one morning this week she was prevented from leaving her drive as a car of a parent of the school was blocking her drive making her late for an appointment. Could I please ask all parents to park responsibly; respecting the rights of our neighbours to access their drives freely and without hindrance . Thank you.



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

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.

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