



Glenfall News

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



Friday 1st February 2019

A word from the head.....

Wow!!! What an exciting 'Snow Day' we had at school today. The children had plenty of fun in the snow and really enjoyed playing with their friends from across the school. It really was a delight to see the children just being children. A golden opportunity that will hopefully have formed some memories for them all.



There have been a lot of absences this week due to sickness and coughs and colds. Please take time to read the guidance on the 48 hour rule as it does help to control infection at the school.

A parent brought to my attention this week that their child had been bitten on the chin by a dog tied up to the fence outside the school. Could I please ask that parents do not leave dogs tied up and unattended outside the school. Although the bite wasn't serious, it did break the skin and could have been far worse.

Next week we are hosting another one of our Maths 'Open Mornings' and will be hosting many teachers from across Gloucestershire. We have also set a date for parents at Glenfall to come to a maths curriculum evening. Please reserve the date in your diaries for 28th March at 6.30pm. More information to follow.

The Rugby Six Nations starts tonight; so that's my weekends sorted for the next five weeks! Come on England !!!!! Oh and Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Italy

**Have a great weekend !
Anthony Mitchell**



Music Night

Thank you to Nikki Whitfield for organising the Glenfall Music Night which, once again, was a huge success with the many parental talents at Glenfall on show.



Glenfall Gym Squad

The 'Glenfall Gym Squad' brought home a haul of medals from the First Steps Gym competition this week. They secured team silver and a some individual Golds, Silvers and Bronzes, as well as some special values awards. Well done, we are very proud of you all and we hope that you do well in the final.



Head Lice

Since the start of term we have had quite a few outbreaks of head lice across the school. Could you please check your child's hair and treat accordingly if you find that head lice are present. Thank you for your assistance in dealing with this matter.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK



Diary Dates



February

- 1st February - FrOGS Quiz & Chips
- 14th February - Y4 Residential Meeting at 3.30
- 15th February - School closes for half term
- 25th February - School Opens
- 27th February - Book fair arrives in school

March

- 5th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 7th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- World Book Day
- 20th March - Y4 Residential – Forest of Dean
- 22nd March - School Disco

April

- 3rd April - Easter cake sale
- 5th April - School closes for Easter

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



2019 Dates at Glenfall Primary School...

- > Easter Holidays Week 1: Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April
- > Summer Holidays Week 1: Monday 28th July - Friday 2nd August
- > Summer Holidays Week 2: Monday 12th - Friday 16th August
- > Summer Holidays Week 3: Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August

Book before 2019 to take advantage of our early bird prices...

Two easy ways to book...

1. Online at www.superstars.org.uk/2019courses
2. Call us on 02020 090 500



Course Fees

| Course duration | MirvStar (Age 4) 8:45am - 1:00pm | SuperStars (Age 5) 8:45am - 2:30pm |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Day | £120 - £15.00 | £120 - £15.00 |
| 7 Day | £720 - £105.00 | £720 - £105.00 |
| 1 Day (Weekend) | £120 - £15.00 | £120 - £15.00 |
| 1 Day (Weekend) | £120 - £15.00 | £120 - £15.00 |
| 1 Day (10 day FREE) | £120 - £15.00 | £120 - £15.00 |

*Terms and conditions apply. See our website for more details.

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Hey Glenfall, it's great to be back!

Book before January 1st 2019 to take advantage of our early bird launch offer...

Our Parents / Guardians,
It's OK, you can breathe a sigh of relief, because the SuperStars Holiday Course team will be back at your school in 2019! Whether you are looking for activities or an action packed week full of sporting fun, we have the solution for you. If your child has been to SuperStars before, they'll certainly be excited. Book the course now! You do not need to book in 2018, more than 6,000 children gave our courses the double thumbs-up. So, it's a 10 with the stars.

A treat for your kids
Plan at SuperStars we give ourselves an amazing course designed to help children between the ages of 4 - 10 to get active, have fun and learn new skills. It's a place where they can learn and become the other more than 40 sports, games and activities. A chance 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 have a lot of fun, confidence and a feeling of pride in what they've achieved. We'll bring the course through throughout the year, via our SuperStars website.

- Why choose SuperStars?**
- ✓ Awarded CB Children's Understanding award (Summer 2018) (Independent)
 - ✓ 8,000 children awarded our course in 2018, giving us the double thumbs up, as we know your child will love it and we'll love to hear from you!
 - ✓ 80% of parents would recommend us to friends and family members. (2018 Business Review Survey, 367 parents responded)
 - ✓ We run smaller courses, usually for around 20-30 children, so you can be sure we'll get to know your child and all of the things they love to do!
 - ✓ All our courses have a safety approved CBG teacher, and all our courses are approved and regulated by an education OFSTED provider.
 - ✓ All our coaches are qualified, enthusiastic and committed to helping children succeed.



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

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.....

Read2Dogs

We now have a weekly slot with a Read2Dog. The children will now have the chance to get to meet 'Willis'. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter we will select children as the opportunity arises. If, as before, your child is afraid of dogs or is allergic to dogs please let your child's class teacher know so we can make sure that they do not get chosen if they don't want to be.



Y4 Residential

The Y4 Residential is approaching quickly. Could I please take this opportunity to remind you that the balance of payment can be made at any time but must be paid before we embark on the journey on 20th March.

There will also be a meeting for parents and children on 14th February at 3.30pm to finalise the details for the trip. Please make every effort to attend this meeting if you are able to.

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

Winter Coats

As the weather is becoming wetter and colder could you please make sure that your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. We will be asking them to put a coat on at breaktime and lunchtime and they may miss out if they do not have a coat.



Valentine cake sale

We will be having a FROG's Valentine cake sale on Thursday 14th February, and we will, as usual, be very grateful to all cake bakers, purchasers and eaters! Please bring all cakes to school on the day. Thank you, as ever, for supporting us!



EHO Visit

We were visited by the Environmental Health Officer this week who came to inspect the school kitchen. I am delighted to report that we have retained our 5 Star rating for the fourth year running. Well done to Lisa, Lynne and Karren.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday the 5th February is Safer Internet Day. We will be sharing some of the key messages with the children next week. Please have a look at some of the resources on the website as you might want to reinforce the messages at home.

www.saferinternet.org.uk





Sickness “48 hour rule”

From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or Diarrhoea.

In the Health Protection Agency document, “Guidelines for the Control of Infection and Communicable Disease in School and Early Years Settings”, the guidance is:

Diarrhoea and Vomiting exclusion

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the ‘48 hour rule’) and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

GET YOUR GROOVE ON FOR
A GREAT CAUSE!

SILENT DISCO

SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 8 TILL LATE
THE APARTMENT, BATH STREET, CHELTENHAM

TICKETS £10.
INCLUDES 25% OFF YOUR FIRST DRINK

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