



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 14th February 2020



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

I can't quite believe that it is already February Half Term. The weeks have whizzed by and the school, as always, has been a buzz of productivity with so many exciting things going on in all of the classrooms. There have been high levels of illness for both staff and pupils and I hope that the half term break will give everybody a chance to recharge their batteries ready for the second half of the Spring Term.

Please ensure that you have booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher at one of the parents evenings being held on 3rd and 5th March. You will have received an email and text message with links to the booking system.

The term ahead already looks very busy with a vast array of events and activities taking place. We will have a bingo night, wildlife quiz, World Book Day, Y4 Residential, music evening and a visiting production of Alice in Wonderland, to name just a few.

The weather looks pretty stormy with the arrival of Storm Dennis on Saturday and Sunday but the week ahead looks a bit more settled. Hopefully this will allow you all to get out and about and start to enjoy the start of spring.

Enjoy your half term and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on 24th February.

Have a great weekend !

Anthony Mitchell



## Get Writing at Half Term

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, they will get to go to the 500 Words Final at Buckingham Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, six amazing illustrators: Tony Ross, Fiona Lumbers, David McKee, Sue Cheung, David Roberts, and Margaret Sturton – will each be set the task of illustrating one the winning stories. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories. Check out the 500 words website for further details.



Closing date is 8pm on 27th February

## Glenfall Gym Squad Strike GOLD!

The Glenfall Gym Squads have brought home a haul of medals from the First Steps Gym competitions over the last few weeks. Children from Y1—Y6 have represented the school and have secured team Silver and Gold and lots of individual Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Well done! We are very proud of you all. This means that some of our teams are through to the Gloucestershire finals next month. The squad competed against some of the largest schools in Cheltenham, which makes this achievement even more special for Glenfall and demonstrates what a talented bunch of gymnasts we have at the school. Thank you Mrs Grisman and Mr Cripps for coaching the children to success.



## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Just to let you know that the book fair will be arriving in school Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The Book Fair will be open each day after school from 3.15pm – 3.45pm each day until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.





## Diary Dates



### February

26<sup>th</sup> February - Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection

### March

3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 5pm  
 4th March - Feet First Dance at Town Hall  
 5th March - World Book Day  
 - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6.30pm  
 24th March - Holy Apostles Music Evening  
 27<sup>th</sup> March - Y5 to SkillZone  
 - Family Bingo  
 30th March - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival

### April

3rd April - Alice in Wonderland Production  
 - Easter Assembly

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

29th June - Sports Day at 9.15am (Change of Date)  
 27th June - Summer Fair  
 3rd July - Reports out to parents  
 17th July - Leaver's Assembly  
 - School closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm

## 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.



**NEW  
PHONES**



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

## A few things.....

### 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.



### 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.



### 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 18th March. Mr Radley will send out further information in due course regarding the arrangements for the trip.

### Year 5 & 6 Residential (September 2020 - Condover Hall)

Thank you for your initial deposits for this residential visit. It is now time to make the second payment to JCA. Could I ask all parents and carers to make their second deposit payments of £50 by the 31st January. Don't forget that you can spread the cost of this trip by making payments at any time through the Parent Pay App.

### Sports Day - Important - Change of Date

Please be aware that the date for Sports Day has now changed to 29th June at 9.15am





## Eco Club Update

Eco Club is run by Mrs Nye and is made up of children from Year 1 to Year 6. We meet after school, twice every half term and we discuss lots of environmental issues affecting Glenfall School and the local environment. We have achieved our Bronze and Silver Eco Schools awards and are currently working towards our Green Flag award. In recent years we have carried out litter picks, have begun composting and have encouraged the recycling of paper, cardboard and plastic in school. This year we have started recycling old pens, stamps, crisp packets and sweet wrappers and batteries. We are a busy group and are passionate about looking after our school and the environment.



## A few things from FrOGS

### Dates for diary.....

Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection Date – 26<sup>th</sup> February  
 Family Bingo – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
 Cake Sale – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
 Disco – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
 Summer Fair – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
 Lido Evening – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
 Christmas Fair – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December



### Rags2Riches - Clothing Collection

The next Rags2Riches Clothing Collection is taking place on 26th February. Please bring any bags of clothing into school after half term.



### Costume and Christmas Jumper Recycling

Nativity outfits, Christmas Jumpers and World Book Day costumes that your child has grown out of can be donated to FrOGS to be resold. Donations can be dropped off at either of the 2 forthcoming cake sales.

## Spring Music Concert

The Spring Music Concert will be being held at Holy Apostles Church on the evening of 24th March at 6.00pm. This concert will be for all musicians and the orchestra and will follow the same type of format as the Christmas performance did. More details will follow nearer the time.



### Active 30:30

4 of our Y6's got to meet Paralympic Swimmer, Liz Johnson at the Active 30:30 Sports Leadership Day held at the University of Gloucestershire






**SuperStars 2020  
Dates at Glenfall  
Primary School...**

**Glenfall Primary School**

**Easter Holidays:**  
Monday 6th – Thursday 9th April

**Summer Holidays:**  
Monday 20th – Friday 24th July  
Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August

**SuperStars**  
Developing Bright Futures

**Book before 2020 to take advantage  
of our early bird prices...**

Course Fees

Course duration	MiniStars (Age 4) 8:45am – 1:00pm	SuperStars (Age 5) 8:45am – 3:30pm
1 Day	<del>£13.76</del> <b>£13.76</b>	<del>£18.27</del> <b>£18.27</b>
2 Days	<del>£28.05</del> <b>£28.05</b>	<del>£36.55</del> <b>£36.55</b>
3 Day Discount	<del>£40.00</del> <b>£34.00</b>	<del>£54.00</del> <b>£48.85</b>
4 Day Discount	<del>£50.00</del> <b>£46.75</b>	<del>£70.00</del> <b>£61.63</b>
5 Day (5th day FREE)	<del>£50.00</del> <b>£46.75</b>	<del>£70.00</del> <b>£61.63</b>


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**SUPERSTARS 2020  
HOLIDAY COURSES**  
[DATES LIVE ON THE BOOKING SYSTEM NOW!]

**Hey Glenfall, It's great to be back!**  
Book before January 1st 2020 and receive our 15% Early Bird Discount

Dear Parent / Guardian,  
It's OK, you can breathe a sigh of relief, because the SuperStars Holiday Course team will be back at Glenfall Primary School in 2020! If you are looking for an action packed week, full of sporting fun, we have the solution for you. If your child has been to SuperStars before, they'll probably be shouting, 'Book me a place now!' How do we know? Because in 2019 more than 6,000 children gave our courses the double thumbs-up. So, we're a hit with the kids.

**Keeping your children active in the school holidays**  
Here at SuperStars we pride ourselves on creating courses designed to help children between the ages of 4 - 12 get 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 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 course themes throughout the year, we are sure your children will have a blast!

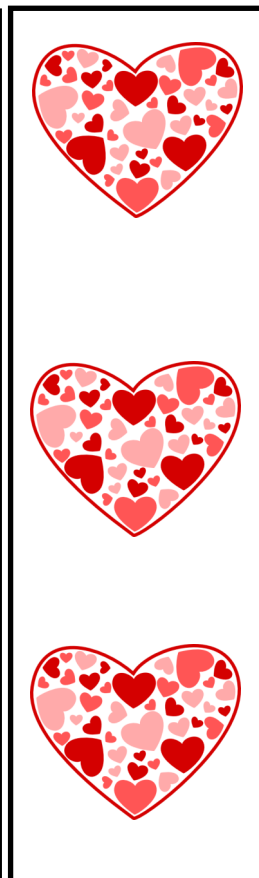
**Why choose SuperStars?**

1. We have been running since 2005, so we have a wealth of experience.
2. Awarded CB Childcare 'Outstanding' accreditation (Summer 2019 Inspection)
3. 6,000 children attended our courses in 2019, giving us the 'double thumbs up' (2019 Summer Parent Survey, 185 parent responses)
4. 96.7% of parents would recommend us to friends and family members.
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

Best wishes,  
*Curtis Irwin*  
SuperStars Holiday Course Manager

**SuperStars**  
Developing Bright Futures

**World Cup Football - Street Dance - Tag Rugby - Netball - Capture the flag - Basketball - Athletics - Gymnastics - Cricket - Gladiator Dodgeball - Ultimate Frisbee - Parachute - Hockey and many more!**



Dear Parent. This is to make you aware of a proposal involving restricting access to certain local roads within the red CKI/JS School zone at school drop off and pick up times. If approved, it may affect you due to the potential rerouting of traffic and increase to other parents parking near Glenfall school, to access their child's school.

Therefore you may wish to either lend your support to the proposal or raise a concern. Please follow **CK School Streets** on Facebook for more info and contact your county councillors if you wish your views to be heard.

Official consultation is apparently planned, so please follow the Facebook page for updates.



## 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.







HM Government



# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

[Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

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CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED!

## NEW ACTIVITIES!



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STREET DANCE



MAGIC SHOWS

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