



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 15th February 2019



## 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.

This week Spirax Sarco and The Cheltenham Science Group visited the school to work with the children in Year 5&6. We are hoping for them to come back to work with Year 3 & 4 and we have booked them for a rainforest workshop for KS1.

The school council and eco squad have been very active again recently and are being very proactive about recycling and litter patrols around the school. I believe that there are plans already in pipeline regarding Comic Relief - Watch this space.....

Please ensure that you have booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher at one of the parents evenings being held on 5th and 7th 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 the school disco, wildlife quiz, Y4 Residential, visiting Japanese students and a visiting production of Treasure Island, to name just a few.

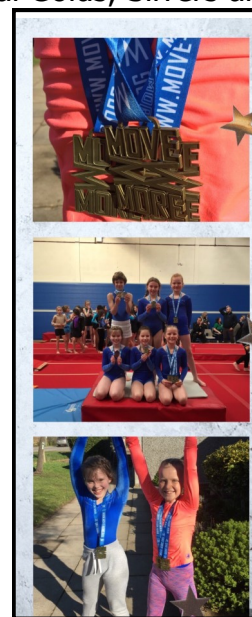
The weather looks set to stay settled over half term which will hopefully allow you all to get out and about and start to enjoy the start of spring. Enjoy your half term and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on 25th February.

**Have a great weekend !**  
**Anthony Mitchell**



## Glenfall Gym Squad Strike GOLD!


The 'Y5/6 Glenfall Gym Squad' brought home a haul of medals from the First Steps Gym competition this week. They secured team gold and a some individual Golds, Silvers and Bronzes. Well done, we are very proud of you all. This means that both of our teams are through to the Gloucestershire final 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.



## Term Dates 2019 - 2020

Today, your child should have brought home a copy of the term dates for 2019 - 2020

You can also find these dates on the school website

GLENFALL PRIMARY SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2019/2020												
SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER						
Mon	3	9	16	23	30	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	5	12	19	26		Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thu	6	13	20	27		Thu	7	14	21	28		
Fri	7	14	21	28		Fri	8	15	22	29		
Sat	8	15	22	29		Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	9	16	23	30		Sun	10	17	24	31		
DECEMBER			JANUARY			FEBRUARY						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	5	12	19	26		Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thu	6	13	20	27		Thu	7	14	21	28		
Fri	7	14	21	28		Fri	8	15	22	29		
Sat	8	15	22	29		Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	9	16	23	30		Sun	10	17	24	31		
MARCH			APRIL			MAY						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thu	5	12	19	26		Thu	7	14	21	28		
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	8	15	22	29		
Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	8	15	22	29		Sun	10	17	24	31		
JUNE			JULY			AUGUST						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thu	4	11	18	25		Thu	8	15	22	29		
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	9	16	23	30		
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	10	17	24	31		
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	11	18	25			
<div><div>Term Time</div><div>Holidays</div></div> <div><div>Bank Holiday</div><div>Inset Day</div></div>												<div><div>Inset Days</div><div>2nd &amp; 3rd September 2019 25th &amp; 26th September 2019 2nd &amp; 3rd November 2019 2nd &amp; 3rd December 2019</div></div>
Term 1: Wed 4th Sept - Fri 20th Oct 2019 38 days												Christmas Bank Holiday 29 December 2019
Term 2: Mon 4th Nov - Fri 20th Dec 2019 33 days												New Year Bank Holiday 26th December 2019
Term 3: Mon 5th Jan - Fri 30th Feb 2020 30 days												Good Friday 10th April 2020
Term 4: Mon 24th Feb - Fri 3rd April 2020 30 days												Easter Monday 13th April 2020
Term 5: Mon 20th April - Fri 22nd May 2020 34 days												Early May Bank Holiday 4th May 2020
Term 6: Mon 1st June - Fri 17th July 2020 35 days												Summer Bank Holiday 27th May 2020
Term 7: Mon 1st Aug - Fri 17th Sept 2020 35 days												Summer Bank Holiday 1st August 2020
Term 8: Mon 1st Oct - Fri 17th Nov 2020 35 days												
Total 190 days												

## FrOGS News

- ⇒ Congratulations to Suzie Pitcher who won the Music picture quiz.
- ⇒ New date for Quiz & Chips - March 29th. Please look out for entry forms soon





## Diary Dates



### February

- 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
- 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

### 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 2: Monday 18th - Thursday 18th April
- > Summer Holidays Week 1: Monday 28th July - Friday 2nd August
- > Summer Holidays Week 2: Monday 12th - Friday 18th 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...

- Online at [www.superstars.org.uk/2019courses](http://www.superstars.org.uk/2019courses)
- Call us on 02020 090 800

To claim your early bird offer enter **EARLYBIRD** on booking page!

Course duration	MiniStars (Age 4) 8.45am - 1.00pm	SuperStars (Age 5) 8.45am - 1.00pm
1 Day	£100 - £110.00	£100 - £110.00
2 Day	£190 - £200.00	£190 - £200.00
3 Day (Weekend)	£270 - £280.00	£270 - £280.00
4 Day (Weekend)	£360 - £370.00	£360 - £370.00
5 Day (10 day PRIME)	£450 - £460.00	£450 - £460.00

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

02020 090 800 | [info@superstars.org.uk](mailto:info@superstars.org.uk) | [www.superstars.org.uk](http://www.superstars.org.uk)

SuperStars is a registered charity. SuperStars.org.uk

**Hey Glenfall, it's great to be back!**

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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's GLEAMING with a night of rain! Because the SuperStars Holiday Courses have all been booked at your school in 2018! Whether you are looking for children 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 probably be asking: "When's the next one?" How do we know? Because in 2018, more than 6,000 children gave our courses the double thumbs-up. So, we're off to the races.

**A treat for your kids**

Plan at SuperStars to give children an amazing course designed to help them discover the magic of 4 - 12 to get active, have fun and learn new skills. In a place where they can learn and achieve, via other more than 45 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 and a feeling of achievement when they're back at school. With some new ideas and themes throughout the year, we know your children will have a blast!

**Why choose SuperStars?**

- Approved CB Children's Understanding Association (Summer 2018 inspection).
- 6,000 children attended our courses in 2018, giving us the double thumbs up, as we know your child will love it! (We have 100% PRIME)
- 85% of parents/guardians recommended us to friends and family members. (2018 Business Review Survey, 347 parents/guardians)
- The 1st summer course, usually for around 20 - 30 children, as you can be sure we'll get to know your child and all of their needs and abilities.
- All our courses have current, up-to-date CB checks, and all our courses are approved and regulated by the relevant CBs and OFSTED.
- All our coaches are qualified, enthusiastic and committed to making children thrive.

[www.superstars.org.uk](http://www.superstars.org.uk)

## 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. More details will follow nearer the time.



### 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

### 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 brektime and lunchtime and they may miss out if they do not have a coat.



### French Club

French with Lena every Monday 3.20pm - 4pm.

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



## Book Fair

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March







## Focus on Science

This week Spirax Sarco and The Cheltenham Science Group visited the school to work with the children in Year 5 & 6. We are hoping for them to come back to work with Year 3 & 4 and we have already booked them for a rainforest workshop for KS1 next term.