



Glenfall News

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

Friday 17th December 2021



A word from the head.....

Well done everybody! - We've made it to the end of another long and challenging term. The challenges of the COVID landscape are exhausting and I am sure that you and your children are in as much a need of a rest as the staff are here at the school. Despite the challenges of this year, you have all been very supportive of the school and the policies and procedures we have needed to put in place to keep us all safe.

With COVID control measures in place, it was fantastic to be able to invite parents back into the school for the Christmas Fair, the KS1 Nativity and to Holy Apostles Church for the KS2 Christmas Celebration. All of these events felt really special and I feel that it was down to the fact that the Glenfall Community, that we are so proud of, was once again reunited in person.

We collected an amazing £454 from the Christmas Celebrations. We will be donating £100 to Holy Apostles for the use of the church and we will also be donating £354 to the Cheltenham Open Door Project. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

It was fantastic to be able to visit The Everyman Theatre to watch Jack and the Beanstalk on Wednesday and I hope your children enjoyed the visit to the theatre as much as the staff at the school did.

Despite the challenges of the year, the support of a strong team, positive comments from parents and of course the energy and positivity of your children have been constant bright spots throughout the year.

Happy Christmas everyone and here's to a happy, bright, new year!

Mr Mitchell



INSET Day - 4th January

The school opens to pupils on Wednesday 5th January 2022

School Lunches

Due to rising food costs we need to increase the price of a school meal by 10p to **£2.45**. The new price will come into effect on 5th January. We have tried to keep costs as low as possible but with a 20% increase in cost since September, we have been unable to avoid making this increase.

Christmas Crackers

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A mince spy!



What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!



Who gives puppies Christmas presents?

Santa Paws





December

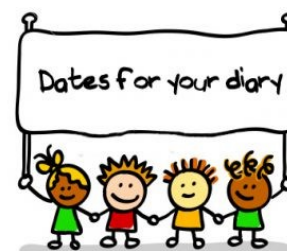
17th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

January

4th January - INSET Day
5th January - Term starts
11th January - Prospective Parent Tour

February

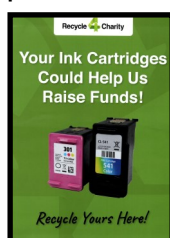
18th February - School closes for Half Term



A few things...

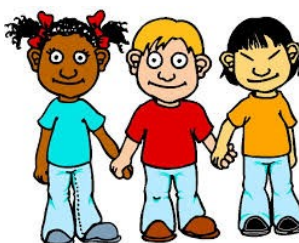
Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are now able to recycle your old printer ink cartridges. Please deposit your cartridges into the box in the reception area, next to the battery recycling. By donating your empty cartridges for recycling you will help to raise funds for the school as well as helping to save the planet.



Infant and Primary School Admission September 2022

Please remember to complete your online application by 15th January 2022 this applies to all parents (even those with siblings at the school) with children due to start in Reception in September 2022
school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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 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.





STAY ALERT ► CONTROL THE VIRUS ► SAVE LIVES

What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19 over the Christmas Holiday?

- Child should self isolate for 10 ten days following positive result
- Close contacts should take daily LFD tests for 7days
- If you get a positive LFD test, self isolate and book a PCR test

If your child tests positive for COVID and will be absent from school at the start of term, please text Mr Mitchell on this number 07434617493.

This will allow Mr Mitchell to plan for a safe return to school in January

#HAF2021

Holiday Activity and Food Programme

What?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals.

When?

The programme will be running for 4 days from 20th - 23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December.

To stay up to date on all things HAF, email us at:

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk to join our newsletter where we will have updates, insights, recipes and crafts from November.

What is available?

We will be offering a variety of face-to-face activities with your local providers:

- ✓ exciting activity packs for all ages
- ✓ an opportunity to claim your own winter food hamper to enjoy over the holidays
- ✓ tickets to local events and more!

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf



Holiday Activity Programme

What?

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our holiday activity programme for December to all children in Gloucestershire.

Open to children of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally.

When?

The HAP programme will be running for 4 days from 20th - 23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December. You will be able to book any activities marked HAF in the title.

What will be available?

- ✓ Face to face activities for children to socialise and play
- ✓ Ticketed activity schemes to your favourite venues
- ✓ A large online video activity library and more!
- ✓ A potential free meal at your local activities

(Please contact providers directly for more details on this).

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

