

Glenfall News

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

Friday 19th October 2018



A word from the head......

Whilst I can't believe that half term is already upon us, I have to say that the children are certainly tired and in need of a bit of a rest. It doesn't feel like five minutes since we came back from the summer holidays and the busy term has certainly allowed time to fly by.

The Harvest Celebration, possibly our largest gathering ever, it was a fantastic occasion. The class performances were amazing, with many new items on show. Our produce collection was also magnificent and the Salvation Army were very grateful for the generous donations.

Our Chinese Exchange Students leave today after four weeks at the school. It has been an enriching experience for all involved. Thank you to the host families, teachers and children at Glenfall who have made them all so welcome.

Our 'Open Afternoon' for Reception intake 2019 was very well attended this week and the Y6 children gave our visitors a VERY thorough tour of the school. We had many positive comments from the visiting parents and Glenfall was definitely promoted to it's full potential.

You should have received emails and texts this week informing you of the forthcoming Parents' Meetings after half term. Please make an appointment to see you child's class teacher using the online booking form. Parents of children who have had or will have a review meeting with Mrs Grisman do not need to book a separate parents evening appointment.

The football team are in action this afternoon at The Albert Dix Tournament at St Edwards Prep. Good luck to them and we will update you after half term.

I hope that you all have a good half term break and enjoy spending time with your families. Hopefully with some good weather you will be able to get out and about and enjoy the autumn days and Halloween activities that will be sure to dominate your diaries. Whatever you do, recharge the batteries and get ready for another action packed, fun filled run up to Christmas

Have a good half term - Anthony Mitchell



We have a sporting legend in our midst!

Mr Radley will be representing Great Britain, in his age group, at the Aquathlon European Championships in Ibiza over half term.

He has been training intensively for the event and is ready for the big occasion. We wish him the best of luck and luck forward to hearing how he gets on after half term.

Need to speak to a teacher?

Whilst teachers are happy for you to catch them in the morning to pass on quick pieces of information, important for the day ahead; could I please ask that if you wish to discuss something in more depth or have a concern, that you arrange an appointment to speak to them after school. It is very difficult for teachers to fully engage in a conversation when the class are waiting for the teacher to start the day. Thank you for your understanding

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.





Diary Dates

October

19th October - Albert Dix Football Tournament

Start of Half Term

29th October - School opens after Half Term

30th October - 2019 Intake - Prospective Parent Tour 9.15am
31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6

November

6th November - Parents Mtgs - 3.40 - 6.30pm 8th November - Parents Mtgs - 3.40 - 5pm

10th November - 100 Years – WW1 Memorial Procession

12th November - Bikeability starts for Y6 Children in Need Day

21st November - Individual School Photographs 29th November - Mufti Day for Christmas Fair School Disco 6pm & 7.15pm

30th November - **INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

Advanced notice of a few dates:

17th December- Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
18th December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)

20th December - Everyman Panto - Aladdin

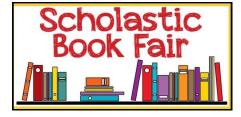
5th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm 7th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm

28th June - Sports Day at 9.15am 5th July - Reports out to parents 19th July - Leaver's Assembly

School closes for Summer Holidays

Book Fair

The Book Fair arrives in school on 29th October, look out for the book fair booklet in book Bags.



New Lunch Menu

After half term we will be starting our new Autumn/
Spring Lunch Menu. We hope that the children will enjoy the

new dishes on offer. You should have received this as hard copy and by email.



Infant and Primary School Admission September 2019

We have been asked by the Local Authority to inform parents that paperwork for infant/primary admissions for 2019 will be posted out by mid November. If you have not received anything by the start of December you must contact Co-ordinated admissions at Shire hall on 01452 425407 or by email at:

school. admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk





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 $\mathfrak{L}437$ per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

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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

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A few things.....

Y6 Secondary School Transfer

The deadline for making your choices for secondary school transfer is 31st October. Please make your application <u>online</u>. If you have not received a letter please contact the school office. It is crucial for all Y6 parents to apply for a secondary school place even if you have another child at the school to which you will be applying.

Bikeability

Bikeability starts for Y6 on 12th November. You should have received letters regarding this activity. Half term would be a good opportunity to check that your child's bike is roadworthy.



Teams4u

Mary Jones from Teams4U came into school last week and spoke to the children about the Christmas Shoebox appeal. This is a great half term activity. Boxes to be returned by 2nd November.



Flu Immunisation

Parents of children in Reception through to Y5 will receive a flu vaccination in school on December 12th. You need to give your consent for your child to receive the nasal spray vaccination, this can be completed online at https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms. Your child can not be given the vaccination unless you have given consent.

Arrivals at school before 8:45

The start of the school day is 8:45. We have started to see an increasing number of children arriving much earlier than this. Whilst we do not want to discourage children's eagerness to get to school, we must ask that pupils do not arrive until 8:45. The children are not supervised until this time and as such we can not be responsible for them prior to this time and can not ensure their safety and welfare.

FrOGS News

Cake Sale - Thank you to everyone who came to the cake sale on Wednesday. The spooky Hallowe'en cakes and bakes looked and tasted amazing! Well done to all the bakers and thank you to all the buyers, eaters and sellers! We raised an amazing £124.40 and had sold out of cakes by 3.27pm, which must be a record!

100 Club - The Glenfall FROGs 100 club 2018 has launched this week, and parents should have received a letter and a form to fill out and hand back to the school office. Please do consider joining our 100 club; it's a great way of making (a lot) of money for our school and it also gives back prize money each month to participants. It's fun too, and only £10 to play for a year! Please return your forms as soon as possible to the office.

Christmas Fair - Plea for Donations – we are starting our quest for donations for the Christmas Fair so if you or anyone you know works for a company willing to donate a prize...it would be very appreciated.

 $\textbf{Facebook} \ \textbf{-} \ \text{Are you following us on our Facebook page? To keep up to date with what's going on please join us on 'Glenfall FrOGS'}$

Rags-2-Riches - The next clothing recycling collection is due on 7th November 2018





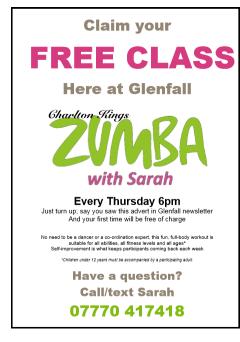


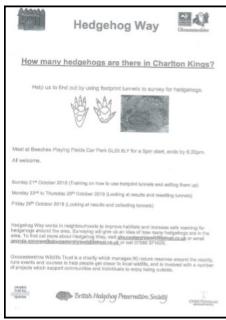




















World War 1 Memorial March

On 10th November there is going to be a memorial march through Cheltenham from Sandford Park to Montpelier Gardens starting at 1.30. The march is to remember the 1700 Cheltonians who died during the great war.

