



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 23rd November 2018



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

**The Christmas preparations are already starting to take hold at the school. I can hear daily bursts of Christmas songs and the turkey, crackers and entertainment are booked for Christmas Lunch.**

Today you will have received your letters about the Christmas Lunch. Please complete the reply slip and make your payment via Parent Pay in the usual way. It is important that you return your slip even if your child is having their own packed lunch on the day.

Next Thursday, 29th November, is a mufti day and we are asking the children to exchange their school uniforms for their own clothes. In return we are asking for donations of bottles and chocolates for the FrOGS Christmas Tombola. The same day is also the School Disco. KS1 Children must be accompanied by an adult and the DISCO starts at 6pm. The KS2 Disco starts at 7.15pm. Please be reminded that the school is closed to pupils on 30th November for a staff INSET day.

The FrOGS Christmas Fair is on 8th December between 2pm and 4pm.

Could I please ask any parents who are entering the car park prior to the end of the school day and waving over the fence at the children in the KS1 playground to refrain from doing so. Thank you.

We are experiencing lots of late arrivals in the morning. It is really important that all children arrive for the start of the school day at 8.55 at the latest.

- If your child is 5 minutes late to school every day they will miss 3 days of learning a year.
- If they are 15 minutes late to school every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning.

This week the children had their photographs taken and we are expecting the proofs back into school next week. The turn around is going to be tight for any Christmas orders so please look out for the proofs and make your orders as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend - Anthony Mitchell

## A few things.....

### 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/> consent forms. Your child can not be given the vaccination unless you have given consent.

### 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.



### Inset Day

Please note that the school will be closed on 30th November for a staff training day.



### 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.



## Holy Apostles Music Evening 13th December at 6.30pm

An opportunity for parents, family and friends to listen to some Christmas music performed by the children who all learn instruments in school. Just thought that you might like to have this date for your diary as I know how busy December can get.





## Diary Dates



### November

- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Mufti Day for Christmas Fair  
School Disco 6pm & 7.15pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> November - **INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

### December

- 8<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm**
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Apostles Music Evening @ 6.30
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - Everyman Panto - Aladdin

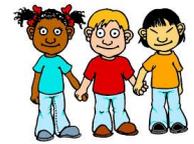
### Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Reports out to parents
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's Assembly  
School closes for Summer Holidays

## Infant and Primary School Admission September 2019

Please remember to complete your online application by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 this applies to all parents (even those with siblings at the school) with children due to start in Reception in September 2019

[school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



## FrOGS News



**Christmas Fair - 8th December 2pm - 4pm**

**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 much appreciated.

**29th November is Mufti-Day** - Please wear non-school uniform in return for bringing in bottles, chocolates and prizes for the adult and childrens tombola in return for not wearing school uniform.

**Bric-a-Brac** - Please bring any 'good quality' bric-a-brac which can be used for the secret wrapping room.

**Unwanted Teddies** - We still need lots of teddies for the teddy stall

**Fill-a-Cup** - Look out for the coffee cups coming home next week for you to fill with prizes!

**Facebook** - Are you following us on our Facebook page? To keep up to date with what's going on please join us on 'Glenfall FrOGS'.



NHS  
Gloucestershire  
Care Services  
NHS Trust

### Flu Immunisation: Catch-Up Clinics for 2018/19

Please book a session below if your child missed their school flu clinic or if you'd like your child vaccinated sooner than their planned school session –

Wed 7 Nov	Edward Jenner Court, 2022 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL3 4BW	16:30-18:45
Thu 15 Nov	Great Fire Station, Reginald Lane, Stroud, GL3 4JT	16:00-18:45
Wed 21 Nov	Gloucester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Gloucester, GL3 3FL	16:00-18:45
Thu 13 Dec	Stroud Fire Station, Reginald Lane, Stroud, GL3 4JT	16:00-18:45
Thu 3 Jan	North Cotswolds Hospital, Outpatients, Depart m ent, New Road, Moreton in Marsh, GLO3 0DQ	09:30-13:45
Fri 4 Jan	Woods Hospital, Outpatients, Depart m ent, Great Road, Badminton, GLO3 5LQ	09:30-13:45
Wed 9 Jan	Gloucester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Gloucester, GL3 3FL	16:00-18:45

New dates added not on original catch up letter –

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Gloucester North Fire Station, Chesterton Road East, Gloucester, GL3 3AF – 16:30-19:30  
And  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PP – 16:00-19:30

Call 0300 421 8140 to book

Working, 9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri, 9am to 12pm

To provide consent for the vaccination you can attend the appointment with your child or visit [www.gcs.nhs.uk/immunisation/immunisation-reed](http://www.gcs.nhs.uk/immunisation/immunisation-reed) and provide consent electronically

Understanding you

### 5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

1. **Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. **Protect you, your friends and family.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. **No injection needed.** The nasal spray is quick, easy to use, painless and easy to have.
4. **It's better than flu.** The nasal spray protect against flu, has been given to children worldwide and has a good safety record
5. **Avoid costs.** If you may have to take your child to hospital for an alternative child

**Immunisations take place on Wednesday 12th December**

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**STAY WELL THIS WINTER**      Flu Immunisation 2017/18  
Helping to protect everyone, every winter



Claim your  
**FREE CLASS**

Here at Glenfall

*Charlton Kings*  
**ZUMBA**  
with Sarah

**Every Thursday 6pm**

Just turn up; say you saw this advert in Glenfall newsletter  
And your first time will be free of charge

No need to be a dancer or a co-ordination expert, this fun, full-body workout is  
suitable for all abilities, all fitness levels and all ages\*  
Self-improvement is what keeps participants coming back each week

\*Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a participating adult.

**Have a question?**  
**Call/text Sarah**  
**07770 417418**

**Music Night**  
**Saturday 26th January, from 8pm**

Back for its fourth year, for one night only, live from the school hall, some of the parents, and friends as you've (possibly) never seen them before!

This relaxed evening of musical entertainment is a fundraiser to support arts project for the school.

A great night out and all for a good cause to. Why wouldn't you?



## 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**



## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is obviously very important to ensure that children get the most out of the learning opportunities available to them. There is a very strong link between attendance and achievement and together we must seek to ensure that all children achieve to the best of their abilities.

### **Appointments**

Please try to make appointments for after the school day. Missing parts of a day is disruptive to the child leaving the classroom and for the children within it. We do appreciate that some appointments for specialists and consultants are very difficult to have any control over, and accept that it may be unavoidable to have to take time during the school day.

### **Term Time Holidays**

Leave of absence for term time holiday can no longer be authorised by schools. Therefore, if a parent takes a child out of school for a holiday in term time it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. This could in turn lead to a warning and ultimately a fine. Please try to take all holidays during the set school holiday periods.

### **Arriving Late?**

Pupils arriving after 8.55am will be marked in the register as being late. Pupils arriving after 9.25am without any prior notification will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

### **Persistent Absenteeism**

Since September 2015 the persistent absence threshold has been 10%. This means that a child missing 38 sessions in a school year will be deemed as being persistently absent. 38 sessions equates to only 19 school days per year. Therefore any family taking 10 days unauthorised absence will be close to reaching the threshold for the school to report persistent absenteeism to the Local Authority. Authorised absences for illness, medical appointments, exclusions and other authorised absences are also considered in the context of persistent absenteeism. Therefore it is clear to see that 10 days unauthorised holiday and 9 days illness in a year would mean that your child would be deemed to have reached the persistent absenteeism threshold.

### **Some facts to think about**

One half day's absence a week results in a pupil attaining only **90%** attendance.

If this absence continues, the pupil will have missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks of lessons in the school year.**

Over five years this absence will total **half a school year.**

**There is a clear link between attendance and achievement !**

## Children in Need—2018

We had a fantastic Children in Need Day today led by Mrs Nye, The School Council and Y6. The fundraising extravaganza raised £636, the most ever raised from this event. The events planned and executed by the children were superb and there was a huge buzz of excitement throughout the school. Thank you Mrs Nye for a truly amazing event.

