



Glenfall News

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

Friday 25th October 2019



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, 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 and were bowled over by the community feel of the school.

Our 'Open Afternoon' for Reception intake 2020 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.

The football team have been in action over the last few weeks with some mixed results. The team also represented the school at The Albert Dix Tournament at St Edwards Prep. last week. Well done to the team who represented the school so well at this tournament.

I hope that this weeks 'Parents Meetings' have been useful and that you now have a good understanding of how well your children have settled into this year and how they are engaging in their learning. If you have any concerns regarding your child's education please do contact your child's class teacher and arrange a meeting. It's better to tackle any concerns early rather than let them develop into bigger issues.

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



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.

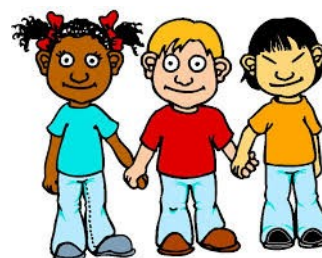


Tokyo 2020 Stickers

We have made a good start to our collection of stickers. Keep collecting and help us to win £20,000. Ask friends family and neighbours to collect for you. This promotion finishes on 30th November.

Infant and Primary School Admission September 2020

We have been asked by the Local Authority to inform parents that paperwork for infant/primary admissions for 2020 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





Diary Dates



October

- 25th October - School Closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications or Y6 pupils

November

- 4th November - Term starts
- 12th November - School Photographs
- 15th November - Children in Need Day
- 25th November - Bikeability starts for Y6
- 28th November - FrOGS Disco
- 29th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

December

- 2nd December - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 7th December - FrOGS Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm
- 17th December - Flu vaccinations - All children Rec - Y6

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 10th December - Christmas music evening at Holy Apostles - 6pm
- 16th December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
- 17th December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)
- 19th December - Everyman Panto - Cinderella
- 20th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm
- 3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 5pm
- 5th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- 26th June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 3rd July - Reports out to parents
- 17th July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 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 family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

HELP US HELP YOU
STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

Apply online for

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



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 £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 school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Access to Learning
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

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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 online. If you have not received a letter please contact the school office.



Bikeability

Bikeability starts for Y6 on 25th 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. You should have now received a letter and leaflet about this appeal. This is a great half term activity. Boxes to be returned by 8th November please.



Flu Immunisation

Parents of children in Reception through to Y6 will receive a flu vaccination in school on December 17th. Further information and a link for you to give your consent will follow after half term.



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.



Poppy Appeal 2019

Poppies will be available for children the week after half term. If you would like your child to have a poppy please send them into school with a donation. There are also other poppy themed items of stationary available. The Y6 pupils will be available at break time and lunchtime for the children to acquire their poppy. They will also be outside school just before pick up each day.



GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Wild Autumn School
Crickley Hill

Outdoor Holiday Club - October Half Term

Do you have children aged 8 to 12 years old who love the outdoors & are looking for activities with a difference over October Half Term?

Cost £24 per day, each day will be different so you can book all three
This is a parent free event
Advanced booking essential
www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on
01452 383333

Look no further than Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's Wild Autumn School.

9am - 3.30pm
Wednesday 30th October
Thursday 31st October
Friday 1st November

Activities will include:
- Investigating wildlife
- Bushcraft skills
- Creating nature art
- Wild play
- Games and lots more...

Location
Crickley Hill Nature Reserve Birdlip,
near Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL4 8JF

Registered charity number 232580

Friends of **F.O.P.S.**
Pittville School

Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

6-9pm - Pittville School

Support our school and enjoy an evening of good cheer with craft and gift stalls, choir, hotdogs, mulled wine and refreshments!

For more information contact
pittville.ptfa@gmail.com

ENTRY
Adults-£1
Kids-Free

Includes free entry to prize draw for luxury hamper

HOWARD BAKE

The Snowman
Projected onto a large screen with a live orchestral accompaniment

MOZART SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CONDUCTOR: PHILIP MACKENZIE
NARRATOR: DIGGORY NEACOME
SOPRANO: ALICE MACKENZIE

PROKOFIEV
Peter and the Wolf

"You would be hard pushed to find a more magical Christmas experience"
The Times

Cheltenham Town Hall, Monday 23rd December 2019 at 1.30 and 4.30
Tickets: £30, £25, £20, £15 from Cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk
Tel: 0844 5762210



FrOGS News

Cake Sale - Thank you to everyone who came to the cake sale on Thursday. 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!

Disco

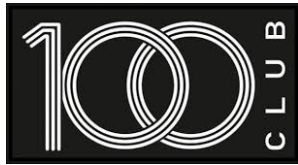
Our first discos of the year will be taking place on 28th November. This day will also be a mufti day when children will be invited to bring in a bottle or chocolate for the Christmas Fair

100 Club - The Glenfall FROGS 100 club 2019 will be being launched soon. Look at for letters and further details in book bags.

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 much appreciated. The Christmas Fair will take place on 7th December from 2pm - 4pm.

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'

Rags-2-Riches - The next clothing recycling collection is due on 12th November 2019. You should have received a bag vis your child's book bag. Please return your bags on 8th & 11th November and also first thing on 12th November.



Breakfast Club Staff Required

Breakfast Club is looking for staff to ensure that this vital service remains an option for many parents at the school. Anne needs somebody from 7.45am - 8.45am Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office or let Mr Mitchell know and we can put you in touch with Anne Swannel.



Eco Club need your help!

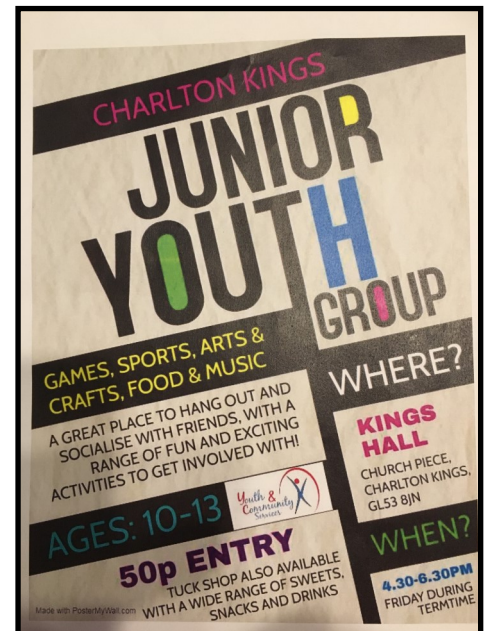
We are collecting two new items at school this year for recycling.

We are collecting crisp packets and postage stamps - both of which can be sent away to be recycled!

Keep an eye out for the boxes around school where you can put your crisp packets.

Postage stamps should be cut from the envelope with a half centimetre border around it. The stamps will be collected and sent off to the 'New Start Rescue' charity.

Please send your stamps in to Mrs Nye.



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.