



Glenfall News

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

Monday 29th June 2020



A word from the head.....



It seems strange to be writing to you all again when we are not yet all back together as a school community. However, I felt that as we are approaching the end of term that it would be a good time to write a newsletter to you all.

Since the school closed to the majority of pupils on 20th March, yes that's over 3 months ago, we have all been living in the strangest of times. Although it has been a challenge there have certainly been lots of positive things that have come out of this period of adversity.

The school has remained open to children of Keyworkers and those deemed vulnerable since the 20th March. In fact the school remained open throughout the Easter Holiday and May Half-Term and was only closed for the 3 Bank Holidays during this period. The whole school staff have done a brilliant job of pulling together to ensure that we have been able to do this — and for that, I will be forever grateful. They have fulfilled their roles with professionalism and humour and have managed the demands placed on them in their capacity as an employee of the school alongside managing the demands of their own families.

I know how hard this period of partial school closure will have been for yourselves and I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for all the hard work that you have put into working with your children as 'Home Educators'. Your support is much appreciated and it will, without doubt, have ensured that your children have continued to progress with their learning. Thank you!

The DfE Confirmed late on Friday that schools will not be expected to remain open during the Summer for Keyworker or Vulnerable Pupils. Therefore the school will officially close to all pupils on Friday 17th July 2020. As yet we have not been provided with official guidance from the DfE as to when and how schools will re-open to pupils in September. The Government have clearly stated that schools **WILL** be open to **ALL** pupils in September. We have started to make preliminary plans to allow this happen and eagerly await the next set of guidance, which is due on 30th June. Once we have received the guidance and processed it's contents I will write to you again with an update.

In addition to the 3 Keyworker/Vulnerable Pupil Groups, we have had pupils from R, Y1 & Y6 in school on a two day a week basis. Last week we welcomed the Y2 pupils back to school to join us for their 'Touch Base Day'. I hope they enjoyed their time in school; we certainly enjoyed seeing them! We look forward to seeing Y3 this week and then Y4 & Y5 during the last two weeks of term.

On Friday 3rd July you will receive your child's annual report. This year we will be sending the report to you by email.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.
Anthony Mitchell



A few things.....

Mrs Nye

After 9 Years working at the school Mrs Nye has taken the decision to leave the Glenfall Primary School at the end of this term. She has worked as a Class Teacher and PPA Cover Teacher during her time at the school as well as leading the School Council and Eco Club. Mrs Nye also attended the majority of Y5/6 Residential visits to France. She will be missed by the whole of the school community and I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Mrs White (Secretary)

Many of you will be aware that Mrs White had decided to retire from her post at the school at the Easter Holiday. This obviously fell within the main period of lockdown and as such we were unable to say a usual 'Glenfall Goodbye' Mrs White will also be greatly missed and I know that many of you had a great relationship with her and that she will have helped many of you at some point during her time at the school. Mrs White will be greatly missed and again I'm sure that you'd all like to wish her well.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving present (vouchers) you are welcome to drop cash/cheque off at the office or pay directly into the school fund – by 3rd July please to give us time to arrange the vouchers.

Account name Glenfall Primary School
Account number 41376004
Sortcode 40-17-53

Please add the reference - Staff Gift

Any contributions will be split between the 2 members of staff.

If you would like to send a personal card to either member of staff please feel free to drop them off at the office and we will make sure that they get them.



A new arrival !!!

I am delighted to inform you that Karen Rossiter (Kitchen) has had her baby. Her baby boy, Isaac Dylan Rossiter was safely born during lockdown on May 3rd. Well done Karen and best wishes to you and your family.



Summer Reading Challenge


The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as preventing the summer reading 'dip'. This year The Summer Reading Challenge is going online and you can find out more information at the link below.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/about-the-challenge>





www.universaluniform.co.uk Tel: 01242 580 062



Universal Uniform

Covid-19 Updates

- Due to the current pandemic and government guidelines, back-to-school shopping will be a different experience this year.
- Social distancing requirements have significantly reduced the capacity we can safely manage in our shop. This means that for 2020, we can ONLY offer in store services to incoming Year 7s.
- Our priority at all times is to keep both our customers and staff safe.

What measures have we put in place?

- Additional safety measures and extra sanitisation procedures are in place.
- Our appointment booking system is now live for Year 7s.
- We are ensuring that customers who come to the premises can social distance.
- We have added extra information and guidance to our online shop to help you size your children.

What can our customers do?

Shop early – help us to manage the peak shopping period and ensure you get what you need in time for the new term.
Shop online – sizing guides are available and our team are on hand via telephone or chat for queries.
Book an appointment (Year 7s only). We will not be able to accommodate customers who do not book.

Existing Students - Shop Online Only

Please shop early – lead times may change later in the season. Use our guidance videos and any current uniform to help you size your child:
<https://www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/whats-my-size>
Contact our customer service team on 01242 580062 / 01242 285999 or use online chat for any queries.

Measure your child(ren) using the measuring guides and advice on our website. Downloadable uniform lists also available on the homepage.

Visit our website and add everything you need to the basket. Select home delivery or click-and-collect.

Exchange any items from now right up until September 2020.

Please allow up to 10 working days for delivery. Await text confirmation for click-and-collect.

Year 7 New Starters - Personal Appointment or Shop Online

If you wish to make an appointment please visit: <https://www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/appointment-booking>
If shopping online, please buy early – lead times may change later in the season.
Use our guidance videos to help you size your child <https://www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/whats-my-size>
Contact our customer service team on 01242 580062 / 01242 285999 or use online chat for any queries.

Book a 30 minute appointment on our website. Appointments are limited, please book early.

Our team will send you a form with questions about your child's measurements and your uniform needs. Please return this at least 48 hours before your appointment.

The team will use your information to ensure that your shopping experience is easy and efficient.

Exchange any items from now right up until September 2020.

Universal Uniform, Unit V1 Kingsville Road, Kingsditch Trade Park, Cheltenham, GL51 9LX

2. Guidance for parents



Shop Early and Shop Safely (Covid-19 Secure)

This will increase our total capacity for back to school.

Visit our website
www.schooltogs.com

New Starters

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT FOR A PERSONALISED SAFE STORE VISIT

Shop early
To help our total capacity for back to school.

Personalised shopping
1:1 personalised service from our trained and experienced staff.

Right sizing first time
Help with sizing as we know this can be difficult.

Avoid the queues
By booking an appointment you will avoid any queues.

One Stop Shop
Get everything you need in one shop including all accessories for back to school.

Existing Students

ORDER ONLINE

Know your sizes
Most existing parents will have a good idea of sizes making their purchase quick and easy.

Returns
Free extended returns to help with web shopping.

Click and collect
Free click and collect to help with web shopping.

Both of our school uniform suppliers have asked us to distribute the information above. They both strongly advise that you visit their websites and that you think about purchasing any new items of uniform early. Both suppliers have reduced store capacity and are recommending that you make purchases online. They both have extended returns policies and click and collect systems in operation.

Evie Lowicki Scales Everest!!!

Evie from Y4 climbed the entire height of Mount Everest using her stairs at home in order to raise money for Sue Ryder Hospice.

Evie set herself the challenge of climbing her stairs more than 3,800 times to reach the 8,848-metre summit – the highest point on Earth. She reached the summit of Everest on May 15.

It took her 16 days, 58,070 steps, 3,781 flights of stairs and 29,029 feet of climbing to achieve her incredible goal. And in order to make the experience as realistic as possible, when Evie reached the height of Everest Base Camp on Saturday, May 9, she started sleeping in a tent at night.

Her charity challenge has raised £1,010 for Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice.

