



Glenfall News

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

Friday 30th September 2016



A word from the head.....

Another busy few weeks have passed since the last newsletter and we are already half way to half term. The French Residential visit was once again another amazing week. The children were so well behaved and were amazing advocates for the school. The children conquered some personal challenges and had some amazing first experiences like tasting snails and frogs legs. Thank you to all of the staff who left their own families to supervise the children. Mrs Uppal planned an amazing enrichment week for those children that didn't join the trip to France. They had an amazing week creating an Egyptian themed piano, walking to Dowdeswell Reservoir, Kayaking at Croft Farm and spending time in Forest School.

Last weekend a group of children and staff took part in The Cheltenham Half Marathon Schools Challenge. Mrs Nye, Miss Clapham and Mr Radley ran with the children in a pacey race. Congratulations to Ivor Northup who came in 5th position with a time of just over five minutes. Well done to all of the competitors. Thank you to Mrs Whyte for organising the event and for training the children to run their miles in the run up to the race. Mrs Seeley and several parents also ran the Cheltenham Half Marathon. Well done to them all.



All the classes across the school are very settled and are now fully engrossed in their learning and topics. The Reception children have completed their first full week in school and joined us in assembly today for the first time. We have had a good number of parents sign up to be mystery readers but there's always room for more.

I hope some of you will be able to join us for the Harvest Celebration next Friday at 11am to see the pupils perform and to join in some Harvest songs.

Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell



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or
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SuperStars will be running FUN Multi Sports Holiday Course at the school over the October Half Term (Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October). The course is suitable for all children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-15.30 Daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30). For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on 0845 241 3682 or at: <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/>

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



Diary Dates



October

- 4th October - Height & Weight measurements YR&Y6
- 7th October - Harvest Assembly and collection
- 10th October - Life Education Van
- 11th October - Life Education Van
- 14th October - Albert Dix Football Tournament
- 14th October - FrOGS Disco KS1 6pm & KS2 7.15pm
- 17th October - Bikeability starts for Y6
- 19th October - School Closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Term starts.
- 31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6 pupils
- 31st October - Book Fair arrives in school

November

- 1st November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 3rd November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 7th November - FrOGS AGM
- 9th November - Open afternoon for Reception Intake 2017
- 18th November - Children in Need Day
- 21st November - School Photographs

25th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 10th December - FrOGS Christmas Fair
- 12th December - Christmas performance pm (1.30pm)
- 13th December - Christmas performance evening (6.30pm)
- 15th December - Everyman Panto—Jack and The Beanstalk

- 7th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm
- 9th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm
- 29th June - Sports Day at 1pm
- 7th July - Reports out to parents
- 21st July - Leaver's Assembly



French Club

French with Lena every
Monday
3.20pm - 4pm.

The club caters for
beginners and improvers.
Please contact Lena
directly if you would like
your child to join the club.
01242 242246

Reminders

Secondary Transfer

Deadline for secondary
school transfer applications
is 31st October.

Half Term Sports Camp

SuperStars will be running
a half term holiday sports
camp. Further details and
booking information to
follow.

Harvest Assembly

There will be a Harvest
Assembly on Friday 7th
October at 11.00am.
Parents are invited to
attend. Further information
to follow.

Allergies

If you are aware that your
child has a food allergy can
you please inform your
child's class teacher and
the school office if you
have not done so already.
Information relating to
allergens in food produced
from by the school is
available for the school
kitchen. Please ask at
reception for further
information



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.



If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is
entitled to extra funding.

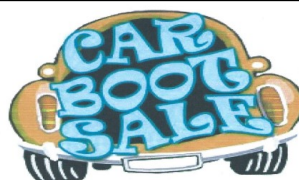
So even if you don't want your child to take a free
meal, you should still apply to make sure that their
school receives all the government funding to which it is
entitled - helping them provide your child with the best
education and support.

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
Knowsley Learning
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP



2nd October

Pittville School

Set up from 8 am Gates Open 9 -12

£5.00 per Car, 20p entrance fee





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

From September 2015 the Government has reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 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 !



Head Office: The Old Farmers Arms
Exmouth Road, Badham, Charlton Kings, GL52 6SA

You can go straight to your pharmacy and speak to the pharmacist about any of the following symptoms.

- ✦ Colds, flu-like symptoms or nasal congestion
- ✦ Aches, pains, earache, headache or temperature
- ✦ Sore throat
- ✦ Cough
- ✦ Cold sores
- ✦ Athletes foot
- ✦ Conjunctivitis
- ✦ Constipation
- ✦ Cystitis
- ✦ Dermatitis, dry skin or an allergic type skin rash
- ✦ Head lice
- ✦ Haemorrhoids
- ✦ Heartburn or indigestion
- ✦ Infant colic
- ✦ Mouth ulcer
- ✦ Nappy rash
- ✦ Scabies
- ✦ Sprains and strains
- ✦ Teething
- ✦ Threadworms
- ✦ Vaginal thrush
- ✦ Bites and stings
- ✦ Hay fever



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Introducing the Minor Ailment Service Available at Badham Pharmacy

Did you know that you can now get advice and medicines for some minor ailments from your local pharmacy?

Your pharmacist is always here for help and advice. With the new Minor Ailment Scheme, the pharmacist can provide some medicines for minor conditions for free if you don't pay for prescriptions.

How do I use this service?

Think Pharmacy First. If you have a minor ailment, go to your local pharmacy and ask to speak to the pharmacist. You don't need an appointment, and the pharmacist will be available throughout the day, much quicker than waiting for a doctor's appointment. The pharmacist will then have a short consultation with you to discuss your symptoms. And if there is something suitable, the pharmacist can then give certain medicines for free to help with the symptoms if you don't pay for prescriptions. Even if you pay for your prescriptions, it is often cheaper to buy minor ailment medicines over the counter rather than pay a prescription charge.

What about babies and children?

Your pharmacist can provide treatment for babies and children for some common conditions. This includes nappy rash, colic, teething, and mouth ulcers and head lice. If the pharmacist thinks that a prescription is needed, they will refer you back to the GP. It is likely that the pharmacist will need to see the child to make sure the correct treatment and advice is given.

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Charlton Kings Parish Plan

Charlton Kings Parish Council is inviting all people who live or work in Charlton Kings to complete a simple questionnaire to help create a Parish Plan. The council want to reflect the priorities and aspirations of the community in the Plan which will shape a vision for the development of Charlton Kings for the next 5 -10 years.

The questionnaire is available at www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk Hard copies are available at various locations around the parish with ballot boxes open from 1st October to 1st November at:

Badham Pharmacy, London Road
Smith & Mann, Lyfield Road West
Charlton Kings Library, Church Piece



Ribston Hall High School

Open Day Information:

Wednesday 12th October 2016: between 9.15am & 12.30pm – no booking required.

Thursday 27th April 2017: Open day and Evening for Year 5 children anticipating entry in September 2018

Tuesday 20th June 2017: Open morning for Year 5 children anticipating entry in September 2018

Ribston Hall High School is an 11-18 Girls' Grammar School with a mixed Sixth Form.

www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk

Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5LE

Please visit us during our Open Sessions; there will be an opportunity to see the school on a working day. Please check the school website for timings.

Admissions Officer Mrs D Murphy –
dmu@ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk

Pate's Grammar School

NURTURING EXCELLENCE



Open Evening

Tuesday 4th October 2016, 5.30–8.30pm

(no pre-booking required, just drop in)

Head Master's presentations will take place at 5.45pm & 6.45pm.

There will be student-guided tours of the school and staff will be available to answer any questions. Pupils are invited to join in with experiments and demonstrations, as well as tackle the climbing wall! (There will be parking on-site)

Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years. Our students achieve the highest academic standards, whilst benefitting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities.

Telephone: 01242 523 169

Web: patesgs.org

Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham, GL51 0HG

School office: office@patesgs.org

Sixth form office: sixthform@patesgs.org

Admissions office: admissions@patesgs.org



High School for Girls

Denmark Road, Gloucester GL1 3JN Telephone: 01452 543335 www.hsfg.org

Open Day

For parents/carers and current Year 5 students

Monday, 17th October 2016

School will be open to visitors at the following times:

8.45-10.45 am and 5.15-8.00 pm

Why not come and see us either during a working morning or during the evening?

There will be talks by Mrs Sawicka, the Headteacher, at 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm in the Hall.



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Open Evening Invitation Wednesday 5th October 2016

PRESENTATIONS BY THE HEADTEACHER AT 6PM AND 6.30PM

TOURS OF THE SCHOOL ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT

9.00AM, 11.00AM AND 2.00PM FROM:

MONDAY 3RD –FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2016



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