



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 6th September 2019



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

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer and were able to spend some quality time with your children and families. Hopefully the weather, despite it being a bit mixed, gave you all the chance to get out and about.

The children all appear to be rested and ready for an exciting term ahead. They all looked eager to start the year on Wednesday and all looked smart in their new uniforms and shoes. We have had 3 new pupils join us over the summer in addition to our new reception intake. We now have 205 pupils on roll. I would like to welcome all new families to the Glenfall community and I'm sure that you will be made to feel very welcome.

The cleaners and teachers worked very hard during the holidays to get the school looking ready for action on Wednesday. I know that all of the teachers have planned some exciting activities and topics to stimulate the children's learning. Last year was full of enriching activities that allowed the children to engage in an incredible range of experiences. We are hoping to sustain these opportunities once again this year. You will have the opportunity to find out a bit more about this at the 'Meet the teacher evening' on Thursday 12th September. Your continued support to help with your child's learning is much appreciated and time spent helping them with reading, spelling, tables work and homework activities will help them to make good progress with their learning this year.

I look forward to a full and rewarding year and to seeing Glenfall continue to go from strength to strength.

**Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell**



**12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

We would once again like to invite you to our 'Meet The Teacher' evening on Wednesday 12th September. The evening will be an informal opportunity for parents to come into school to meet with their child's new teacher, see the classroom and to find out about:

- the structure of the working week
- expectations for homework and reading
- this term's topic and plans in each subject
- procedures and routines for their child's class

Each class teacher will give a brief introduction to the year, hand out a letter/booklet about homework and topics to be covered during the Autumn Term and also be on hand to answer any questions.

There will be a staggered start to the evening which will hopefully allow most parents the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher.

- **Year 3&4 - 7pm start**
- **Year 1,2,5 &6 - 7.30pm start**

I am hopeful that parents will value this opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher early on in the term to gain an insight into the year ahead and to answer any questions and concerns that they may have.

It is anticipated that this will be an adult only evening. There will be other opportunities during the year for the children to share their work with you.

## 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



### September

- 12th September - Meet The Teacher Evening
- 28th September - Ground Force Day

### October

- 2nd October - EYFS (Reception) Curriculum Evening  
7.30pm
- 11th October - Harvest Assembly and collection
- 16th October - Open afternoon for Reception Intake 2019
- 22nd October - Parents Meetings - 3.30 - 5pm
- 23rd October - Parents Meetings - 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 24th October - Y5/6 Evacuation Day trip
- 25th October - School Closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications or Y6 pupils

### November

- 4th November - Term starts  
Book Fair arrives in school
- 12th November - School Photographs
- 15th November - Children in Need Day
- 28th November - FrOGS Disco
- 29th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### December

- 2nd December - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 10th December - Christmas music evening at Holy Apostles
- 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
- 20th July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm

## Ground Force Day

**Save the date—28th September**

We are planning another 'Ground Force' day at the school. Put the date in your diary and I will contact you with further details soon.







## A few things.....

**Clubs and Activities:** The autumn term activities circular is now available with opportunities for all children from Year 1 through to Year 6. It contains all the information you need to know. If you have not received a copy, spares are available from the school office.

### Parent Pay — School Lunches

Could all parents whose children will be taking a hot lunch please ensure that their accounts are currently in credit before ordering lunches. It is important that the account is kept in credit throughout the year to ensure that debts do not mount up. **Meals cost £2.20 per day.**



### 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.

### Orchestra

Orchestra will start at 8.00 on Tuesday 10th September. Anyone is welcome. Please bring your instrument to the music room.

Dates for the diary.

Christmas concert Tuesday 10th December Holy Apostles

Spring concert Tuesday 24th March. Holy Apostles

Year six recital Tuesday 7th July school hall.

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](http://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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Public Health England

**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 painless and easy to have
4. **It's better than 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?**  
Children aged two and three years old are offered this vaccination in general practice. Your child's GP surgery should contact you if you haven't heard from their GP by early November, contact them directly to make an appointment. Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the vaccine at school. Your child's school will provide details from the local healthcare team.

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

**Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice**

**starlight hike** A night to remember

Shine bright in memory of loved ones on our 10k walk and support your local hospice.

**Saturday 19 October 2019, St Edward's Prep School, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.**

- Live entertainment from The Rock Choir and warm up with Clubbierie (sign in and entertainment from 7pm)
- 10km walk starting at 9pm
- Tranquil hospice grounds, softly lit with lights, where you can place a message on our wall of stars in memory of loved ones

Early Bird entry £12 per adult until Monday 26 August, then £15 in advance or £20 on the night.

Children 6-12 years £6. Family of four £48 and team of six £72 including: Fundraising support, refreshments and post walk goodies

Sign up now  
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**Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice**

Join us at our **Autumn Fayre**

**Saturday 7 September**  
11am-4pm  
Leckhampton Court Hospice grounds  
GL53 0QJ

Entrance fee on day: £2.50  
**FREE for children under 12**

- BBQ, pop-up bar and tasty treats
- Live music and entertainment
- Leckhampton Court Tea Rooms and Bake Off
- The inaugural Leckhampton Court Dog Show
- Face painting, bouncy castle and family fun activities

For more information  
visit: [www.sue Ryder.org/leckhamptonautumnfayre](http://www.sue Ryder.org/leckhamptonautumnfayre)  
email: [leckhampton.fundraising@sue Ryder.org](mailto:leckhampton.fundraising@sue Ryder.org)  
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**Open Day & Evening**

**Thursday 26th September 2019**  
8.30am-12.15pm, 2.15pm-3.30pm, 6pm-8.30pm  
**Oaklease, Gloucester GL2 0LF (no need to pre-book)**

**Five-form entry boys' grammar school**  
Excellent academic results  
Superb extracurricular provision  
Exceptional pastoral care

Sir Thomas Rich's School warmly invites Year 5 and 6 boys and their parents to its Open Day and Evening on 26th September. The day is a great opportunity to tour the school, experience some of the subjects first hand, take part in school activities and to meet teachers and students during a normal school day. The Open Evening features talks from the Headmaster at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. For further details email [info@strs.org.uk](mailto:info@strs.org.uk), call 01452 338400 or see [www.strschool.co.uk/admissions](http://www.strschool.co.uk/admissions).

