



Glenfall
Community Primary School

Glenfall News

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

Friday 20th September 2013



A word from the head.....

The school is now back in full swing and it was great to see music lessons and clubs getting started this week. All clubs will be running next week. Apologies for any confusion this week with when clubs started. It has been a busy time in Reception and the children are settling really well. We are hoping that they will all be in full time from the start of October. The Year 6 pupils have completed their 'Bikeability' course this week and the sports coaches from District Sports and SuperStars have started working in the school as part of the schools development of PE as a result of the additional Sports Premium funding schools are receiving from September.

At last weeks 'Meet The Teacher' evening I spoke to parents about the progress that the school has made over the last three years. Topics covered at the meeting included:

- Summary of SATs and other assessments
- Celebration of rise in progress made from KS1 - KS2. This year 94% of pupils made two levels of progress in reading, writing and maths. This is above the National Median and is a huge improvement for the school.
- Celebration of the enrichment available to pupils at Glenfall
- Report on progress made since the last OFSTED inspection.
- Report on internal review of the schools improvement.
- Presentation of the schools revised vision statement (attached)

If you missed the meeting last week and would like to find out a bit more please let me know. If there are a number of parents wishing to hear more we can arrange for another opportunity for this to happen.

Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell



I hope that the 'Meet The Teacher' evening that we held last week was informative and useful. The event was well attended and gave parents the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to find out about the term and year ahead.

It was also an opportunity for me to share information about how the school is progressing and to celebrate the successes of the last year.

I feel that these events are an important part of our communication with parents and allow the school to share information. In order for us to gauge the success of the event it would be good to get some feedback.

I would be grateful if you could complete the response sheet at the end of this newsletter and return to school.

Reception Intake 2014



If you or anybody you know is thinking of sending their child to Glenfall in September 2014 could you please register your interest with the school office. We are obliged to inform the Local Authority of any potential pupils, that we know of, who are due to start school. It is also important to know that all parents need to complete an admissions form, including parents who already have a sibling at the school.



Diary Dates



September

25th September - Swimming starts for Y2,3&4

October

3rd October - Full Governors Meeting 7.30pm

6th October - Residential departs for The Isle of Wight

16th October - Harvest Assembly (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**)

17th October - Proposed Strike Action by teaching unions

21st October - School Photograph Day

25th October - School Closes for Half Term

November

4th November - School opens after half term

- Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 5pm

7th November - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm

12th November - Open afternoon for Reception Intake 2013

29th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Advanced notice of a few dates:

12th December - Whole School trip to Pantomime - Aladdin

16th December - Christmas performance pm

17th December - Christmas performance evening

25th February - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm

28th February - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm

1st July - Sports Day

4th July - Reports out to parents

18th July - Leaver's Assembly

- School closes for Summer Holidays

Macmillan Coffee Morning

As part of the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' campaign, you are invited for tea, coffee and cake in the pre-school on 27th September at 12.30.

We look forward to seeing you there as we support this very worthy charity.



St Edwards School Open Day Saturday 28th

September
9am -12.30pm



A few things.....

Y6 Parents

Please remember that the deadline for Grammar School Registration is Friday 27th September and that the Grammar School tests are being held on Saturday October 5th. The deadline for the online secondary school applications is Thursday 31st October.

PE T-Shirts

Thank you to all parents who have supplied a coloured T-Shirt for PE in your child's house colour, they look great. It would be very much appreciated if those children who still do not have coloured T-Shirts could be provided with one as soon as possible and by half term at the latest. Thank you for your support in this change to the PE Uniform.

School Library

If you would be willing to spare a bit of your time to help keep the school library tidy and organised we would be glad of your help. Amanda Wiltshire has kindly offered to help again this year and would be glad of any support from other parents. If you are able to help please speak to Amanda, or pop into the office to let us know.

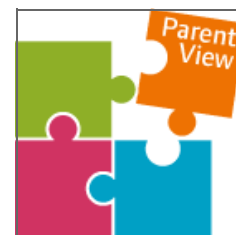
Parking

Please remember to park considerately when you are dropping off and picking up your children. Please do not park or stop on the zig-zags, even just to drop off your child, you could be putting other children's safety at risk. I have also had to ask several parents not to park in gateway entrance to the car park. Again this makes it dangerous for pupils walking into school who have to go onto the road to get around the cars that are parked here. Thank you for your consideration



Your Comments Count - www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

This website is a great opportunity for parents to communicate their views about the school. The website is accessible to any member of the public and as such may well be used by parents choosing a school for their children. Therefore, positive views are important in promoting the school. The Governors understand that sometimes you may have concerns or comments that are not positive. If this is the case please speak either to a Governor or arrange a time to meet Mr Mitchell to discuss your concerns. Hopefully we can solve the problem promptly and deal with situations before they become a big issue. Please visit the website to make your comments and support the school.



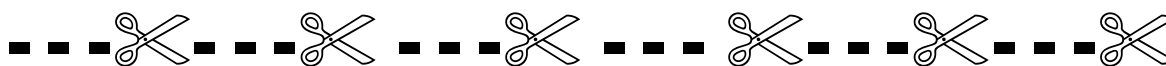
Parent Pay — School Lunches

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



Whole Class Instrument Sessions

This year we are going to be trialling some whole class instrument lessons. We are starting with the Year 3 class who will receive a block of sessions as a whole class taught by Mrs Sallis, from the Music Junction. We are hoping that if it is successful that we will be able to roll it out to other classes across the school. Mr Cripps is also going to be leading some whole class Samba drumming sessions this term.



Meet The Teacher - Response Form

Please answer the questions below and return to Mr Mitchell. This will help us gauge the success of the event and help us decide whether we should run it in the future.

What did you find useful about the event?

Did you receive enough information?

What would you like to have known more about?

What else would you like to see included in future events like this?