



Glenfall News

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

Friday 10th May 2019



A word from the head.....

I hope that you all had a good Bank Holiday weekend last week. With the fantastic weather, the Jazz festival and lots of other things going on in Cheltenham it really felt like a holiday. With this term being so short it is hard to believe that we are only two weeks from half term!

SATs season is also upon us with the Y6 pupils starting their tests on Monday. We have been very impressed by the children in how hard they have been working and how they are approaching the tests. We are looking forward to welcoming them to their special SATs breakfast club from 8:15 on Monday. The Y2 pupils will also be starting their assessments next week. Once again we are really impressed with how the pupils have made progress over the year.

Due to the SATs tests taking place next week there will be no orchestra or music lessons taking place.

The school photographer was in school this week taking whole class groups and Y6 leavers photographs. We will shortly receive the proofs which we will send home and ask you to return as soon as you can. This will ensure that the photographs are back in school before the end of the term.

Some of you may be aware that Mr Radley competed in a World Championship Aquathlon Race last week, representing Team GB in his age range. Mr Radley was placed 10th in the race. This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of his success. We interviewed Mr Radley in assembly and it was clear to see that the children were inspired by his experience. Well done Mr Radley.

**Have a great weekend
Anthony Mitchell**



The FrOGS Summer Fair is on 29th June 12pm - 2pm. More information to follow in future newsletters.

Ground Force Day New Date—22nd June

Unfortunately we had to cancel the 'Ground Force Day' that was planned in for earlier this term. I have now set a new date for this event and it will take place on 22nd June between 10am and 1pm.

If you would like to help out at this event and can make the date, please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible. Parents and pupils are all welcome to help out

The school will provide any paint and materials but we do ask that any helpers bring brooms, paint brushes, shovels, gloves, hedge trimmers etc. Over the next few weeks I will make a list of tasks to be completed and parents can drop in and out during the day for as long or as little time as you can spare. You are welcome to bring a picnic and weather permitting you can make use of the school field.





Diary Dates



May

- 13th May - Y6 SATs Week
- 23rd May - Athletics at St Edwards
- 24th May - Cake Sale
- School closes for Half Term

June

- 3rd June - School Opens
- Sports Fest
- 8th June - Cheltenham Open Studios
- 14th June - FrOGS Lido Family Night
- 18th June - Orchestra to St Marks Day Centre
- 21st June - Mufti Day
- 25th June - Y4 to Cricket Festival
- 28th June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 29th June - FrOGS Summer Fair

July

- 4th July - Whole school transition day
- 5th July - Reports out to parents
- 6th July - Orchestra & Choir to Midsummer Fiesta
- 19th July - Leaver's Assembly

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

A few things.....



Next week the Y6 pupils will be taking their KS2 SATs. Good luck to all of the children. They have all been working incredibly hard and well prepared to take the tests. Hopefully they will have a relaxing weekend and will be in school at 8:15 for their special SATs breakfast on Monday.

Music

There will be no orchestra on Tuesday 15th May.
There are no music lessons next week.

Battery Recycling

Don't forget that you can recycle your old batteries at the school. Please use the recycling container in the school entrance



Car Park

There have been an increasing number of parents using the staff car park at the start and end of the school day. Unfortunately the car park is not big enough to accommodate all parents and staff at the school. In addition to this vehicles manoeuvring at the same time as children leaving and arriving poses a risk to the children's safety. Can parents please not use the staff car park at these times. Parents collecting from after school club are welcome to use the car park.

Healthy Lunch Boxes and Morning Snack

Please ensure that your child is provided with a balanced packed lunch and a healthy morning snack. We have started to see an increase in sugary snacks and chocolate bars. Chocolate biscuits as part of a packed lunch are fine but chocolate bars are not. Fruit, vegetables and cheese are great for morning snacks.



Late Arrivals and Collections

Parents are reminded that the start of the school day is 8.55am. It is important that your child arrives on time for the start of school. Arriving late is disruptive for the class and your child is missing part of their learning. Arrivals after the register have closed are marked as unauthorised absences. If you do arrive late please enter the school through the reception area, sign your child in and order a lunch if required. There has also been an increasing number of late collections from school. Please ensure that you arrive on time for the end of the school day. Always phone the school before if you are unavoidably detained and state how late you are going to be. It is distressing for your child if they are collected late and we are unable to explain where you are.

Absences from school can be reported at **any** time by calling the school number. There is an option for you to leave a message on our dedicated absence voicemail box.

Make every minute count !!!

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4.5 days a week = 90% attendance = 4weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career

Attending 3.5 days a week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to **missing a whole 2 years from school.**

Late to school?

- If your child is **5 minutes late** every day they will miss three days of learning each year.
- If your child is **15 minutes late** every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Missing School = Missing Out !!!



Glenfall Penathlon Team

The Penathlon Team were in action last week and secured 2nd Place in the competition. The children came away with individual medals and a team trophy for the school. Having come 2nd the team have earned a place at the county final later this term. We will update you on their progress. Well done team, we are very proud of you all.







SIR THOMAS RICH'S
GLOUCESTER

Open Days

Wed 8th and Thurs 9th May 2019
8.40am - 1.10pm and 2.15pm - 3.30pm

No need to pre-book - just turn up at a time to suit, see www.strschool.co.uk

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We would like to invite Year 5 boys to one of our informal open days - a great opportunity to tour Rich's, experience some of the subjects first hand, to take part in School activities and to meet our teachers and students during a normal School day. No need to book – just turn up at a time to suit you 8.40am to 1.10pm or 2.15pm to 3.30pm. We suggest you allow about an hour for your visit. Address: Oakleaze, Gloucester GL2 0LF.

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Pittville Park, Tommy Taylors Lane
10am to 5pm



CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL / OE
CYCLING 2019

SUNDAY 19 MAY

cheltenhamcyclingfestival.org.uk
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Lots of exciting activities for a wheelie good day out!



NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Some sessions may require advanced booking, please see website for details



Can you help?

Glenfall Pre - School have had a shed donated to them to store some of their outdoor equipment in. However, they require some help to get it to the school. If you are able to help and have a vehicle or access to a vehicle which could transport a shed please get in touch with either Mr Mitchell or any members of the Pre - School Team.