

Glenfall News

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

Friday 20th September 2019



A word from the head.....

It has been a difficult start to the year for lots of reasons and I would like to thank the whole of the school community for pulling together to support the families suffering personal tragedies and sadness. It is at times like these that the true spirit of a community centred school shines through, Thank you.

The school is back into full swing. The children are well underway with their new learning in their new classes and Y3 & 4 have already been on a school trip to Stonehenge. The children had a fantastic trip and as always represented the school extremely well. After school clubs have now also started as has orchestra and music lessons.

I hope that the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher was useful and you feel that you have an understanding of expectations and routines for the year ahead. If you have any questions please speak directly to your child's class teacher who will only be too happy to answer them. Please raise any concerns as soon as you have them as this avoids small problems becoming larger ones, which are harder to resolve.

Next weekend we are planning another 'Ground Force Day'. If you would like to help out, we will be at the school between 10am - 1pm. 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 week 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.

With the Rugby World Cup starting today that's my TV viewing sorted for the next month. I hope you all have a great weekend and make the most of these bonus sunny days - maybe a cheeky BBQ?

Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell



Ground Force Day

In the last newsletter I suggested that we would be holding a 'Ground Force Day' at the school on 28th September between 10am - 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

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Tokyo 2020 Stickers

We are now collecting the Aldi Olympic Stickers. Please bring any stickers into school so we can add them to our poster in the hall.



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

28th September - Ground Force Day

October

2nd October - EYFS (Reception) Curriculum Evening
7.30pm

11th October - Harvest Assembly and collection - 10.30

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

17th July - Leaver's Assembly (**AMENDED DATE** from last newsletter)

- School closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm

Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice

starglight 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 Clubbercise (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

Supported by:

Sponsored by: palliative, neurological and bereavement support

Sign up now
call 01242 246162
email leckhampton.events@sue Ryder.org
visit www.sue Ryder.org/LeckhamptonSLH
Facebook: /SueRyderLeckhamptonCourtHospice
Twitter: @SueRyderLCH

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



A few things.....

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 £2.30 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.

Pittville School Open Evening

Wednesday 2nd October 6pm—8pm. You are able to book a tour of the school for week commencing 30th September at 9am, 11am, 2pm. You can book a tour by phone or by visiting www.eventbrite.co.uk

Balcarras School Open Evening

Monday 23rd September 6pm—8pm.



Instagram

Read2Dogs

Willis, the dog, is back in school again and some of the children are getting the opportunity to read to him. He now has his own instagram page and you can follow him at 'willisthewoofers'




**SIR THOMAS RICH'S
GLOUCESTER**

Open Day & Evening

Thursday 26th September 2019
8.30am-12.15pm, 2.15pm-3.30pm, 6pm-8.30pm
Oakleaze, 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, call 01452 338400 or see www.strschool.co.uk/admissions.



Public Health
England

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 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 family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends.
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
- 4. It's better than having 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?
Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.
If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

HELP US HELP YOU
Your Well. Our Mission.

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter.



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Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

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No need to pre-book. Last afternoon tours start 3pm.
For further details call 01452 338400, email info@strs.org.uk or see www.strschool.co.uk/admissions



Parking

Please park responsibly and with consideration for our neighbours. The parking shown in this photograph, taken by a parent at pick up time, is unacceptable and dangerous. I have also had it reported to me that one parent is turning dangerously in the entrance to the car park when there are lots of children and parents arriving at the school. Please do not do this. Could I also ask that parents and carers do not park in the entrance to the car park or use the car park in the mornings. It is fine to use the car park when picking up from after school club.



SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
Mon	2	9	Mon	7	14	Mon	4	11
Tues	3	10	Tues	8	15	Tues	5	12
Wed	4	11	Wed	9	16	Wed	6	13
Thurs	5	12	Thurs	10	17	Thurs	7	14
Fri	6	13	Fri	11	18	Fri	8	15
Sat	7	14	Sat	12	19	Sat	9	16
Sun	8	15	Sun	13	20	Sun	10	17
DECEMBER			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
Mon	1	8	Mon	6	13	Mon	3	10
Tues	2	9	Tues	7	14	Tues	4	11
Wed	3	10	Wed	8	15	Wed	5	12
Thurs	4	11	Thurs	9	16	Thurs	6	13
Fri	5	12	Fri	10	17	Fri	7	14
Sat	6	13	Sat	11	18	Sat	8	15
Sun	7	14	Sun	12	19	Sun	9	16
MARCH			APRIL			MAY		
Mon	2	9	Mon	6	13	Mon	4	11
Tues	3	10	Tues	7	14	Tues	5	12
Wed	4	11	Wed	8	15	Wed	6	13
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Fri	6	13	Fri	10	17	Fri	8	15
Sat	7	14	Sat	11	18	Sat	9	16
Sun	8	15	Sun	12	19	Sun	10	17
JUNE			JULY			AUGUST		
Mon	1	8	Mon	6	13	Mon	3	10
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Term Time: Holidays:

Bank Holiday: Inset Day:

Term 1: Wed 4th Sept – Fri 25th Oct 2019 36 days
Term 2: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20th Dec 2019 33 days
Term 3: Mon 6th Jan – Fri 14th Feb 2020 30 days
Term 4: Mon 24th Feb – Fri 3rd April 2020 30 days
Term 5: Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May 2020 24 days
Term 6: Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July 2020 35 days
Total 190 days

INSET Days: 2nd & 3rd September 2019
 29th November 2019
 1st December 2019
 20th July 2020

Christmas Bank Holidays: 25th December 2019
 26th December 2019
New Year Bank Holiday: 1st January 2020
Good Friday: 10th April 2020
Easter Monday: 13th April 2020
Early May Bank Holiday: 8th May 2020
Spring Bank Holiday: 25th May 2020
Summer Bank Holiday: 31st August 2020

Please note the change of date for this Bank Holiday from the 1st to the 8th May. It has been moved to mark the 50th Anniversary of VE Day.



French Club

French with Lena runs on a 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

Breakfast Club Staff Required

Breakfast Club is looking for staff to ensure that this vital service remains an option for many parents at the school. Anne needs somebody from 7.45am - 8.45am Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office or let Mr Mitchell know and we can put you in touch with Anne Swannel.

We need

YOU!

