



Glenfall News

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

Friday 20th December 2019



A word from the head.....

This will be my last newsletter of the year and I would like to wish all parents and friends of the school a very Happy Christmas and a great start to 2020. I would also like to thank all of the parents and volunteers that have supported the school over the last year in the many projects and activities that have enriched the children's learning experiences.

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Performances this year. It was great to have the whole school together to perform Bethlehemian Rhapsody in KS1 and the KS2 Pantomime, Aladdin Trouble. Thank you to the children, staff and parents for working so hard to ensure that the performances were such a success.

The school Christmas lunch was once again an extravaganza with superb food and excellent entertainment for the children from Colin Dymond and The Music Man. Thank you Lisa, Lynne, Karen and Ily for a fantastic meal and for all of your hard work throughout the year.

The Holy Apostles music evening was a fantastic festive event with amazing performances from all of the children. Thank you to Mr King and all of the peripatetic music teachers for leading the orchestra and all of the instrumental tuition groups.

The whole school pantomime visit to the 'The Everyman Theatre' was also a great success enjoyed by all. The children were incredibly well behaved and we received many positive comments from members of the public who were also in the theatre.

It has been an exhausting term and both staff and pupils deserve a well earned rest over the Christmas Holidays. Don't forget that the term starts again on Monday 6th January 2020

Have a fantastic Christmas,

Anthony Mitchell



FrOGS Christmas Fair

Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who turned out and supported the Christmas Fair earlier this month. It was a fantastic event full of festive cheer and a great atmosphere. The event raised approximately £2300 which is a great achievement. I would like to thank the FrOGS team for organising such a successful event.

Twas the day of the Christmas Fair

It was a few nights before Christmas, but all through the school, a few creatures were stirring, though the weather was cool.

The tinsel and lights were hung up with care, in hope that the fun of Christmas soon would be there.

The FrOGS had set up their stalls in the hall, the tombola and traders were there one and all. With a secret wrapping room, No Parents Allowed! with mistletoe, a tree, we would welcome the crowd.

In through the doors came friends with a smile, to find face paint and hoopla, to sit with Santa awhile. The mince pies warmed at the edge of the hall, while mulled cider was poured at its very own stall.

Happiness and merriment rose to the rafters, with an elf charming the queue with plenty of laughter. Sweets in the jar we were asked to gauge, and the cakes all went before they could age.

Thanks to the mums, dads, grans and pops, who came with such joy, it really was tops. Thanks to all who helped to make the fair fun, who served up the treats till nearly all done.

Thanks to the helpers who cleared up at the end, and yes, we made quite a bit of money to spend. Over 2300 pounds, that is certain good cheer, Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year



Diary Dates



December

20th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

January

- 6th January - Term Starts
- 16th January - Height, Weight, Vision checks R & Y6
- 29th January - The Black Hole Planetarium in school
- 30th January - Key Steps Gym Comp Y3 & Y4

February

14th February - School closes for Half Term

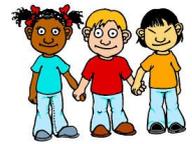
Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 5pm
- 5th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- 26th June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 27th June - Summer Fair
- 3rd July - Reports out to parents
- 17th July - Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm

Infant and Primary School Admission September 2020

Please remember to complete your online application by 15th January 2020 this applies to all parents (even those with siblings at the school) with children due to start in Reception in September 2020

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Christmas Collections

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to one of our Christmas Collections.

We collected
£479.68

We were able donate £100 to Holy Apostles and £379.68 to The Open Door Project.

A few things.....

Battery Recycling

We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.



Winter Coats

As the weather is becoming wetter and colder could you please make sure that your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. We will be asking them to put a coat on at breaktime and lunchtime and they may miss out if they do not have a coat.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Cheltenham open Door
Working to relieve poverty,
hardship and social or
emotional distress



How can I make my connected home more secure?

There are things you can do to help make your connected home safer for your child:

- 1. Do your research:** Research different products online and read reviews. This is a great way to find out more about a product including age restrictions and credibility, as well as hearing directly from other parents.
- 2. Read the manual:** Read the manual provided by the manufacturers. Information should be given about the privacy of the device, how it connects to the internet, and information about any app which may need to be downloaded in order to use the device.
- 3. Set up parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet enabled device in your home. You can find out more about how to use parental controls by visiting your broadband provider's website, or by reading our Thinkuknow article about [parental controls](#).
- 4. Use safe search:** Enable the 'SafeSearch' function on your connected device and web search engines. This will allow you to limit the material your child can see when online. It is important to understand that no parental control or 'SafeSearch' function is 100% effective. This cannot be used alone to protect your child from accessing age-inappropriate material.
- 5. Change the default password:** When you buy a connected device or toy, change the default password. Use a strong password that cannot easily be guessed and do not share this with others.
- 6. Set your Bluetooth to 'undiscoverable':** Many connected devices are Bluetooth enabled. This means they are able to connect to nearby devices without having to connect to the internet. If the device has Bluetooth, set this to 'undiscoverable' so your child doesn't share data or pair with an unknown device.
- 7. Review and/or delete audio files:** Some connected devices or toys work by listening to your child's voice commands, so these devices usually record and keep these audio files to work properly. Refer to the manual and find out how to review and/or delete audio files. If there's a microphone on your child's connected device, you can turn on the 'mute' button. This will stop the device from recording and storing audio files.
- 8. Talk to your child:** Include connected devices in your online safety conversations, reinforcing the message that if your child sees or hears anything that makes them feel worried, they can speak to you or another adult they trust. Read further information on [starting the conversation about online safety](#).
- 9. Supervise your child:** If your child is primary school aged, supervise them when they are online or using a connected device. You should keep the connected devices your child uses in communal areas of the home such as in the kitchen or living room.

Internet Connected Devices

I'm sure that many of your children will have added gifts to their Christmas lists that are 'Internet Connected Devices'.

To get the best out of these devices and to ensure that your children are safe when connected to the internet you might want to spend a few moments looking at this [advice](#).



You can also view this information at

<https://tinyurl.com/sx6l3k8>



On behalf of Caring for Communities and People (CCP) - thank you so much to everyone who contributed, what an amazing and generous response! There were bags within bags and bags inside boxes containing food and goodies! This will truly make a difference to a vulnerable group of people at this time of year!

Thank you!

Winter Weather Closures

As we head into the winter months it seems a timely opportunity to remind parents of the procedure for school closures should we need to shut the school.

If the school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or heating failure, parents will be contacted using our text messaging system. Please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number. We will also post a message on the Gloucestershire County Council school closure pages which can be accessed at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

You can also sign up to the Gloucestershire County Council Twitter feed @Glos_schools

We will also place a message on our own school website: www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.



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.



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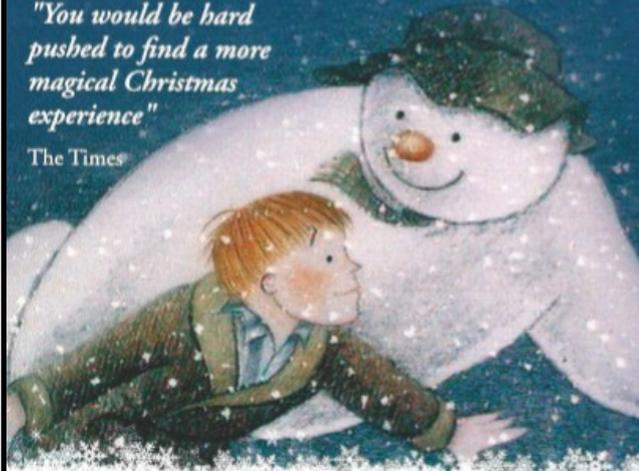


HOWARD BLAKE
The Snowman
Projected onto a large screen with a live orchestral accompaniment

MOZART SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CONDUCTOR: PHILIP MACKENZIE
NARRATOR: DIGGORY SEACOME
SOPRANO: ALICE MACKENZIE

PROKOFIEV
Peter and the Wolf

"You would be hard pushed to find a more magical Christmas experience"
The Times



Cheltenham Town Hall, Monday 23rd December 2019 at 1.30 and 4.30
Tickets: £30, £25, £20, £15 from Cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk
Tel: 0844 5762210



SuperStars 2020 Dates at Glenfall Primary School...

Glenfall Primary School

Easter Holidays:
Monday 6th – Thursday 9th April

Summer Holidays:
Monday 20th – Friday 24th July
Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August

SuperStars
Developing Bright Futures

SuperStars 2020 HOLIDAY COURSES
[DATES LIVE ON THE BOOKING SYSTEM NOW]

Hey Glenfall, It's great to be back!

Book before **January 1st 2020** and receive our **15% Early Bird Discount**

Dear Parent / Guardian,
It's OK, you can breathe a sigh of relief, because the SuperStars Holiday Course team will be back at Glenfall Primary School in 2020! If you are looking for an action packed week full of sporting fun, we have the solution for you. If your child has been to SuperStars before, they'll probably be shouting, "Book me a place now!" How do we know? Because in 2019 more than **6,000 children** gave our courses the **double thumbs-up**. So, we're a hit with the kids.

Keeping your children active in the school holidays
Here at SuperStars we pride ourselves on creating courses designed to help children between the ages of 4 - 12 get active, have fun and learn new skills, in a place where they feel safe and secure. We offer more than 40 sports, games and activities, suitable for children of all ages and abilities. We'll encourage your child to try something new and be the best they can be. Because we want them to leave us with new confidence and a feeling of pride in what they've achieved. With brand new course themes throughout the year, we are sure your children will have a blast!

Why choose SuperStars?

1. We have been running since 2005, so we have a wealth of experience
2. Awarded CB Childcare 'Outstanding' accreditation (Summer 2019 Inspection)
3. 6,000 children attended our courses in 2019, giving us the 'double thumbs up'
4. 96.7% of parents would recommend us to friends and family members. (2019 Summer Parent Survey, 185 parent responses)
5. We run smaller courses, usually for around 20 - 30 children, so you can be sure we'll get to know your child and will give them individual attention
6. All our coaches have current, enhanced DBS checks. And all our courses are approved and regulated by an external child safety provider
7. All our coaches are qualified, enthusiastic and committed to helping children develop

Best wishes,
Curtis Ivin
SuperStars Holiday Course Manager

SuperStars
Developing Bright Futures

World Cup Football - Street Dance - Tag Rugby - Netball - Capture the flag - Basketball - Athletics - Gymnastics - Cricket - Gladiator Dodgeball - Ultimate Frisbee - Parachute - Hockey and many more!

Book before 2020 to take advantage of our early bird prices...

Course Fees

Course duration	MiniStars (Age 4) 8:45am – 1.00pm	SuperStars (Age 5) 8:45am – 3.30pm
1 Day	£13.00 £13.76	£20.00 £18.27
2 Days	£33.00 £28.05	£44.00 £36.55
3 Day Discount	£40.00 £34.00	£57.00 £48.85
4 Day Discount	£53.00 £46.75	£73.00 £61.63
5 Day (5th day FREE)	£52.00 £46.75	£72.00 £61.63



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