



Glenfall News

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

Friday 10th January 2020



A word from the head.....

Happy New Year !!!!

I hope that you all had a great Christmas Break and that 2020 has started positively for you all.

The children all appear to be well rested and have settled quickly back into the routines for school.

You should have now received a topic overview and letter from your child's teacher sharing with you the topic for the term and asking for your support with homework, reading, spelling and tables. Your support in helping your child with these tasks is greatly appreciated and does make a difference to the amount of progress that the children make. After February half term we will be holding Parent/Teacher meetings where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. As always, if you have particular concerns relating to your child's learning that need addressing before the parents evening please arrange to meet your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience.

I have spent some time this week showing prospective parents around the school for the reception intake in September 2020. As always, I felt very proud of our school as I showed the parents around. The good manners and impeccable behaviour really shone out and the children were obviously enjoying their learning and the school had an amazing 'buzz' of excitement about it. I know that there are lots of exciting things to come this term and hope the children continue to remain as engaged as they currently are.

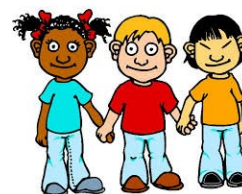
I am looking forward to another great year at Glenfall and in seeing the school continue to go from strength to strength.

**Have a great weekend !
Anthony Mitchell**



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



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 upto 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.





Diary Dates



January

- 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

- 6th February - Key Steps Gym Comp Y1 & 2
- 10th February - Internet Safety Y6 with PC McDowell
- 11th February - Internet Safety Day
- 13th February - Key Steps Gym Comp Y5 & 6
- 14th February - School closes for Half Term

March

- 3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 5pm
- 5th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 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

New phone for Christmas ???

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.



**NEW
PHONES**



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

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.



Y4 Residential

The Y4 Residential is approaching quickly. Could I please take this opportunity to remind you that the balance of payment can be made at any time but must be paid before we embark on the journey on 18th March. Mr Radley will send out further information in due course regarding the arrangements for the trip.

Term Dates 2020 - 2021

You should have received a copy of the term dates for next academic year along with this newsletter. If you haven't, please call into the school office and collect a hard copy.

Parking - New Year - New Years Resolution ?

Unfortunately we have already had several cases of inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the school at the end of the day. Please remember to park safely and legally when dropping off and collecting from the school.





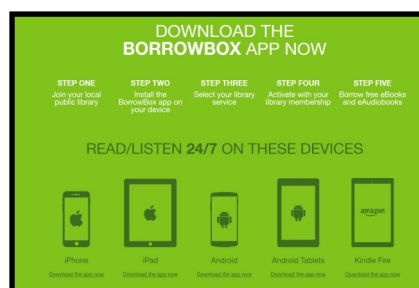
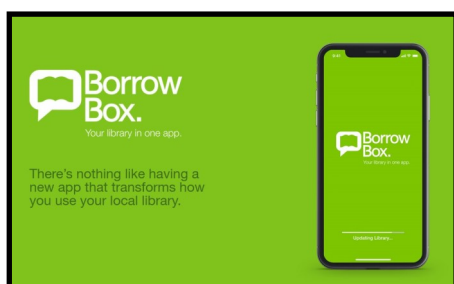
Resources to support Reading and Spelling

At our staff meeting this week the teachers were discussing the teaching of reading and spelling and the resources presented here were shared at the meeting. We thought that they might prove useful for you to use at home with your children.

Borrow Box

This is an app that allows you to access a huge library of **FREE** e-books. All you need is a membership to your local library, an internet enabled device and the app.

www.borrowbox.com



Audible

Audible allows you to download and listen to a huge range of audio books. This service is chargeable. However, you can get a 30 day free trial.

www.audible.co.uk



SpellingFrame

Spellingframe includes all the words - both statutory and the example words - from the National Curriculum for Spelling for Year 1 to Year 6. Choose a spelling rule and each word is read aloud and provided within a sentence for context.

Spelling frame

If a student chooses to be tested they receive instant feedback. If they make a mistake they are shown the correct spelling and given a series of activities to help them to remember.

Spellingframe should work on all devices. If you have any difficulties accessing the activities please get in touch via the contact page.

www.spellingframe.co.uk



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NEXT SESSIONS

Sunday 12th January
Sunday 9th February
Sunday 8th March

(2-3.15 for Treble Voices, 3.30-4.45pm for Changing Voices)

We rehearse in Christ Church, Cheltenham

For more details visit

www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir



What do Schoolbeat Officers Do?



Schoolbeat Officers are Gloucestershire Constabulary Police Officers who are working full time in all local schools throughout the whole of Gloucestershire.



Why?

With Police Officers in local schools building relationships with young people one goal is to prevent children becoming victims of crime by helping them to make safe, positive decisions. Another goal is to deter children from becoming offenders in the future.

Young people, and others the Officers will come into contact with, will feel more confident and comfortable in communicating with the Police as well as having more trust in them. This will assist in early reporting of any issues and will enhance relationships between Police and the local Community.

Curriculum

Schoolbeat Officers offer the following lessons:

- Year 6 – Internet Safety, Online Relationships, Drugs & Peer Influence, Role of the Police
- Year 7 – Grooming, Drugs & Alcohol
- Year 8 – Sexting, Exploitation
- Year 9 – Domestic Abuse, County Lines

There are optional lessons for years 7-9 of Hate Crime, Bullying and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Over time more lessons will be created depending on what other topics may be required.

Gloucestershire School Beat Officers

We are delighted to be working closely with PC Fiona McDowell of Gloucestershire Police. PC McDowell has already been into school to deliver an assembly and she will be visiting the school throughout the year to work directly with the children in their classrooms. We look forwards to forging a positive working relationship with Gloucestershire Constabulary



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

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 | £11.00...£13.76 | £21.00...£18.27 |
| 2 Days | £33.00...£28.05 | £43.00...£36.55 |
| 3 Day Discount | £40.00...£34.00 | £55.00...£48.85 |
| 4 Day Discount | £52.00...£46.75 | £72.00...£61.63 |
| 5 Day (5th day FREE) | £52.00...£46.75 | £72.00...£61.63 |



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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,

Julie Irwin

SuperStars Holiday Course Manager



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