



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 25th September 2020



## A word from the head.....

Since the start of term your children have been a credit to you all. They have all adjusted so well to the new arrangements at school and seem to have just taken much of it in their stride. They are fantastic at following the one way systems around the school and have been superb at maintaining good hand hygiene throughout the day. Thank you children. I would also like to thank all of the parents as well for using the one way system and working with us on the staggered drop off and collection times. Each morning and afternoon runs smoothly and there is a controlled, steady flow of parents around the outside of the school. Music has returned to the school in the last two weeks and it has been wonderful to hear the children learning their instruments again. Hopefully a bit of singing will follow soon.

As with many aspects of our lives at the moment many things have changed and are continuing to change - and school is no different. We will always look to maintain things as normal but some things inevitably will be different this year. Towards the end of this half term we will be holding our first ever virtual/remote Harvest Celebration and we will be holding Parents Evenings remotely. I will write to you again shortly with further details and how these two events will work. After half term the school photographer will be in school and you will be able to order photographs as normal.

I am also delighted to inform the parents in Y5 that, after 6 months, many emails, many phone calls, Mrs Stratford has managed to secure a refund for the cancelled residential visit to The Forest of Dean. We will be in contact soon to arrange the refunds to parents.

Have a great weekend! - Mr Mitchell

## A few things...

### Clubs and Activities

In order to allow Breakfast Club and After School Club to operate in a COVID Safe manner they are currently having to operate in the hall. Clearly, this means that we are unable to operate any clubs that need an indoor space. However, I am hoping that we may be able to offer some outdoor clubs after half term. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

### 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.

### Disabled Parking Bay

You may have noticed that the disabled parking bay now has a dropped kerb and unloading area. We now have several families who need to use this bay and would appreciate it if it could be kept clear for their use. If you need to use the disabled bay could we respectfully ask that you display your 'Blue Badge'



### Bikeability

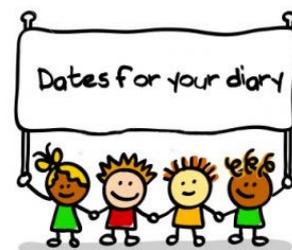
Bikeability starts on Monday for Y6. Please make sure that your child has their bike, helmet and appropriate clothing ready to start the training on Monday morning.





## October

- 17th October - 11+ Test Weekend for Y6
- 20th October - Remote Parents Mtgs
- 21st October - Remote Parents Mtgs
- 22nd October - Remote Parents Mtgs
- 23rd October - Virtual Harvest Celebration
- 31st October - School Closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6 pupils



## November

- 2nd November - Term starts
- 9th November - T4U Shoebox Appeal - Collection day
- 10th November - School Photographs
- 11th November - Reception Intake 2021 - Remote Open Evening
- 12th November - School Photographs
- 27th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 30th November - INSET Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

## December

- 14th December - Flu vaccinations
- 18th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

**No Cake sales, no bingo night, no Christmas fair!!!  
How can we raise money you ask?**

### Join the 100 club.

Money raised by FROGS plays a huge part in the schools activities from art workshops, forest school to class Christmas presents and leaving gifts for the year 6's. We are hoping to raise at least £650 through the 100 club. You can buy tickets for £10 each and every month you will have a chance to win £20, £10 and £5 Letters will be coming round soon to explain it further, along with application forms. Be part of the 100 club.

Due to lockdown we couldn't do the usual draws. Therefore we have had 5 separate draws this week, so everyone gets a fair chance of winning every time.

### The winners are:

Jo Cobby, Phillip Huxley, Sandi Smith, Christine Huxley, Alfie Green, Caroline Piggot, Steve Pitcher, Heinrich Ehrmann, Caroline Lambert, Ian Bangs, Camille Pigott, Pat Randle, Cynthia Lambert, Keith Gibbons.

You can collect your winnings from Mrs Whyte on your way round the one way system.

Watch this space for further innovative fundraising ideas from FrOGS...

Thank you for your support, the FROGS team

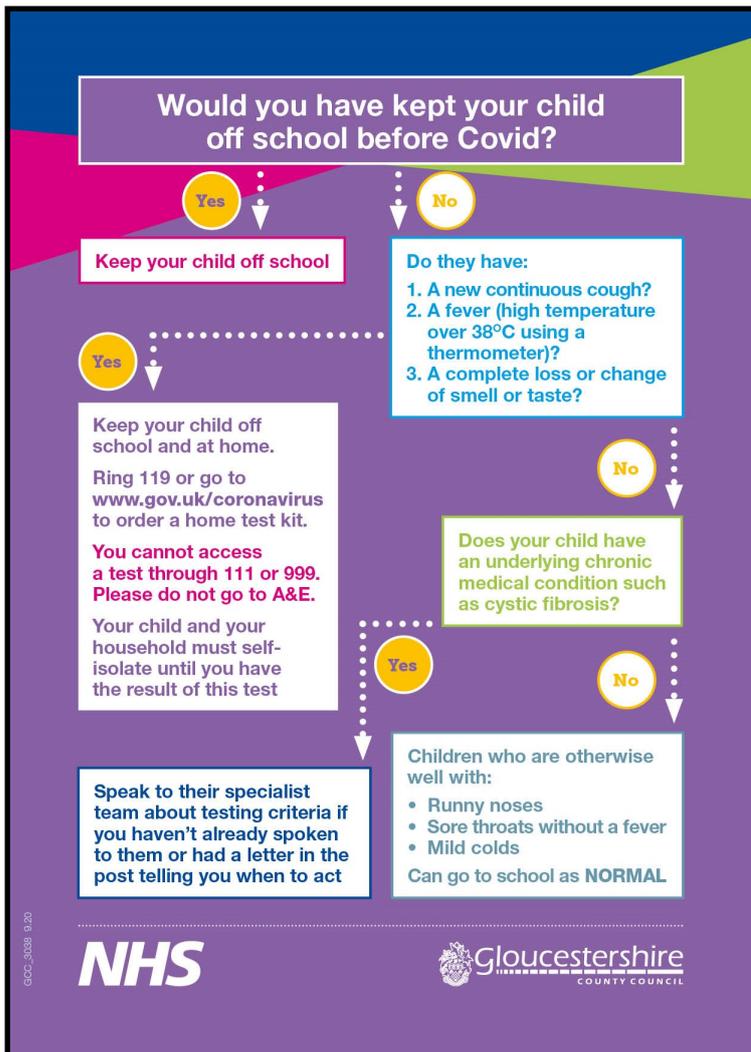




Some parents will have received emails inviting them to register for this system. SIMS Parent is our preferred method of collecting and maintaining contact information for your child. Please register to use this service and check your information and submit.

Some parents will receive reminder emails as you haven't yet registered for the service. Please register when you receive your email and check, edit and submit as soon as you are able to.

Once you are registered we would suggest that you check your information regularly. If you change your address, phone number or email you can change this information yourself and submit to the school.



### COVID-19 Symptoms

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our school safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

You should book a COVID-19 test if your child has:

**A high temperature...**  
This means they have a temperature over 37.5°C.

**A new continuous cough...**  
This means coughing for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

**A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste...**  
This means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

OR

If your child has any of the above symptoms they must remain at home until they have received a negative test result. All household members should also remain at home.

You can book a test online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119

If your child does not have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat (without a fever), mild colds etc, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if they are fit to do so. Please refrain from 'dosing' up with Calpol as it makes it difficult for us to identify if they have a temperature.

### Here's what to do if...

<p><b>Your child has COVID-19 Symptoms</b></p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>• Book a COVID-19 test</li> <li>• Household self-isolates</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p><b>Your child tests positive for COVID-19</b></p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> <li>• Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by PHU</li> </ul>	<p><b>Somebody in my household has COVID-19 Symptoms</b></p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>• The household member should book a COVID-19 test</li> <li>• Household self-isolates</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p><b>Somebody in my household tests positive for COVID-19</b></p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>
<p><b>When can my child return to school?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hrs and they have not been advised to self-isolate by PHU Contact Tracing Service.</p>	<p><b>When can my child return to school?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school after 10 days, if they are well enough, even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. Symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>	<p><b>When can my child return to school?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they have not been advised to self-isolate by PHU Contact Tracing Service.</p>	<p><b>When can my child return to school?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>

## COVID-19 Risk Assessment

This risk assessment has been updated and posted on to the school website. You can access it via this link:

[COVID-19 Risk Assessment](#)



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](http://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.

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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

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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](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

HELP US HELP YOU  
STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Flu Immunisation  
Helping to protect children, every winter

**Pate's Grammar School**  
NURTURING EXCELLENCE

**Y5 & Y6 OPEN MORNINGS 2020**  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
or Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020  
Timings: 9am-11am or 11am-1pm both days

This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit the school on a working day. There will be a presentation by Russel Ellicott (Headmaster), and student-guided tours of the school. Staff will be on hand to talk to you about the transition from primary school and about life at Pate's, including the House system, clubs, uniform and school buses.

**BOOK YOUR OPEN MORNING VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (HERE)**

**OPEN EVENING – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (5.30-8.30pm)**

Further details regarding booking will be published on our website in September. Open to all ages.

Please be assured that we will be observing government guidelines regarding social distancing and hygiene. We will endeavour to make parking available on site (subject to weather conditions).

*Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years. Our students achieve the highest academic standards, whilst benefiting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities.*

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Ofsted Outstanding

**St Edward's**  
SENIOR & SIXTH FORM

**OPEN MORNING**  
Senior & Sixth Form  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
09:30am-1:00pm

Book online at:  
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GL53 8EY  
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