

Glenfall News

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

Friday 9th October 2020



A word from the head.....

The weeks are whizzing by and it feels like we are on fast forward at the moment.

The children are continuing to demonstrate their resilience and adaptability particularly this last week as we have changed the lunchtime arrangements several times to ensure we can feed all of the children in an acceptable time frame. Y5 staff and pupils have been exceptionally flexible this week, particular after the flood we experienced in the Y5 & Y6 classrooms following last weekends heavy rain. These children have, and will continue to be taught in the hall and library for a while longer as the repairs are carried out and new flooring is laid. Thank you to the patience and resilience of the class teachers and support staff.

You may have been aware of a police presence at the school on Thursday afternoon. This was in response to a report we made regarding a stranger behaving suspiciously outside the school. We reported the incident to the police, and local authority, and spoke to the children who walk or cycle to school on their own to reinforce 'Stranger Danger' messages. This is something that you may wish to do with your own children. We get alerts from the local authority from time to time of this nature and more often than not they amount to nothing. However, I do feel that currently we need to be alert and vigilant.

As we move further into the Autumn your children may wish to consider wearing base layers underneath their uniforms. As we are keeping some doors and windows open in the school to aid ventilation, some children may feel colder than normal. The heating will be on more regularly after half term which of course will make it warmer in school.

Have a great weekend! - Mr Mitchell

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.

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'



SIMS Parent

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.

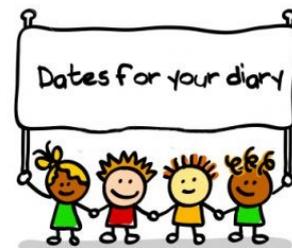
Once you are registered we would suggest that you check your information regularly. If you change your address, phone number or email you can change this information yourself and submit to the school.





October

- 17th October - 11+ Test Weekend for Y6
- 23rd October - Virtual Harvest Celebration
- 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
- Remote Parents Mtgs **CHANGE OF DATE**
- 11th November - Reception Intake 2021 - Remote Open Evening
- 12th November - School Photographs
- Remote Parents Mtgs **CHANGE OF DATE**
- 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

Thank you for your support, the FROGs team



**Don't forget
to buy your
numbers**



Virtual Parents Meetings



In the last newsletter you will have seen that the 'Virtual Parents Meetings' were due to take place on 20th, 21st, 22nd October.

However, the new system which we have chosen to use to enable us to host these meetings will not be fully operational in time for those dates. We have therefore decided to delay the parents meetings until 10th and 12th November. You will receive further information in due course with instructions on how to book your meeting and how to access the video appointments.

If you have any immediate concerns, that need urgently need addressing before this date, please email your child's class teacher or admin@glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange for a telephone meeting.

New Bike Shelter

Jonathon King has secured funding for a new bike shelter following a successful application to a charity organisation. This is fantastic news and means that we can increase the number of bikes and scooters that can be safely stored at the school.

The area where we are going to site the shelter is going to be cleared over half term by a contractor.

We need your help in a number of ways:

- Help to dig footings for concrete pads to support the shelter
- Contacts that may be able to provide materials and equipment (cement mixer, concrete mix, sand, aggregate)

If you are able to help out in any way please contact Jonathon via his email

Jonathon@jkd-studio.co.uk



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



Public Health
England

NHS

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



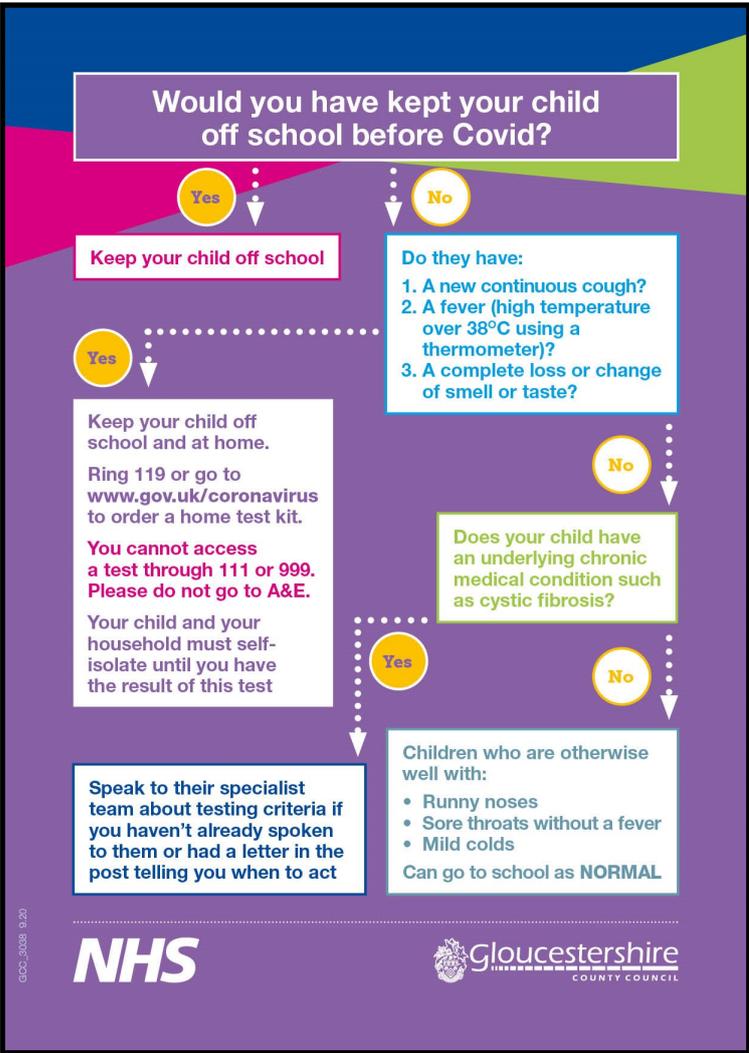


STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19 over a weekend or during a holiday?

You **must** contact Mr Mitchell on this number **07434617493** to inform him of the situation. Please leave a voice mail or text message if the phone isn't answered.

This is so that information regarding possible contacts can be passed to PHE Track & Trace.



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 37.8°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 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>Your child has COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. • Book a COVID-19 test • Household self-isolates • Inform school immediately about test result <p>When can my child return to school?</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 PHE Contact Tracing Service</p>	<p>Your child tests positive for COVID-19</p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. • Inform school immediately about test result • Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by PHE <p>When can my child return to school?</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>Somebody in my household has COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. • The household member should book a COVID-19 test • Household self-isolates • Inform school immediately about test result <p>When can my child return to school?</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 PHE Contact Tracing Service</p>	<p>Somebody in my household tests positive for COVID-19</p> <p>What to do...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. • Inform school immediately about test result <p>When can my child return to school?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>
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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](#)

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