



# Glenfall News

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

Thursday 31st March 2021



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

I can't believe that the three and half weeks that we have had at school since we all returned on 8th March has gone by so quickly! It has been great to re-establish friendships and good learning routines and I feel that after the Easter break we will all return rested and ready for a full and exciting Summer Term. I feel optimistic about the Summer Term and hope that the number of COVID cases continue to go down and more people get vaccinated and that the Government Roadmap remains on track. The changes which came into effect on Monday, which allow for a bit more mixing of households, was certainly a welcome milestone and hope that many of you will be able to visit relatives whom you may not of seen for a long time. We also heard this week that the two residential visits which we have planned for Y4 and Y6 are going to be able to go ahead, which is great news. As the lockdown eases, I am hopeful that in time we will be able to do more together as a school community, both internally and with the wider school community.

On Tuesday, two of the Y6 pupils gave a Zoom Presentation to the whole school on Earth Hour. Florence Vincent and Elsa Solomon spoke passionately about things we can do to protect the planet and they encouraged us to turn off the lights around the school for an hour. Maybe this is something you could do at home. Well done girls, you were so professional!

We also had a great Red Nose Day a couple of weeks ago and we raised over £221. Thank you for supporting through donations but also through the magnificent crazy hair which was on display.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and in following the guidance we have in place to keep the school community as safe as possible. It is much appreciated.

**Have a great Easter - Mr Mitchell**



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## 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.**



### Important Date Change

**21st July 2021** will now be a normal teaching day and **not** an INSET Day. This is due to the fact that we brought forward the INSET Day to the 4th January 2021 prior to the government announcement of a full lockdown on 5th January. You will receive updated term dates with this newsletter.





## April

- 1st April - INSET Day - School closed to all pupils
- 19th April - School opens for the Summer Term
- The Big Pedal (Cycle, scoot, walk to school)

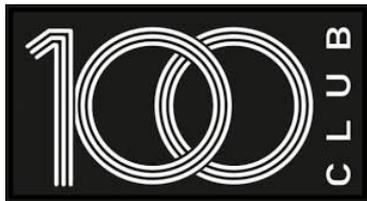


## May

- 3rd May - Bank Holiday (School closed)
- 13th May - Treasure Island - Cinematic Experience
- 17th May - Y4 Residential to The Forest of Dean
- 19th May - School Photographs - Whole Class and Leavers
- 28th May - School closes for Half Term

## June

- 7th June - School opens for Term 6
- 16th June - Height, Weight & Vision checks - Reception Class
- 21st June - Y5 & Y6 Residential Visit to Conover Hall
- 30th June - Sports Day



## 100 Club Winners

January	£5 Walter Litherland £10 Joanna King £20 Neil Caskey
February	£5 Jon Stubbings £10 Christine Haxley £20 Edith Shergold
March	£5 Nassi Ameri £10 Rhian Newton £20 Kerry Pasquet
April	£5 John Randle £10 Ollie Newton £20 Neil Caskey

## 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



## 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

## A few more things...

**Red Nose Day** - We raised over £220 for this charity, thank you!

**Rags 2 Riches** - We collected 336 Kg of clothing which raised £134 for the school.





### **Have you missed playing a fun sport and being with friends? Tennis is back!**

The latest Government guidelines have stated that outdoor tennis activities can take place from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Since we heard the news, we have been busy planning a full programme of activities for all ages and abilities.

We are based at Balcarras School and are known for being welcoming, friendly and providing a good quality programme for the local community. Our venue has seven outdoor courts and we have taken steps to make the environment as covid safe as possible by following official guidelines.

Here's what's available:

[Junior coaching courses for school years 3-13](#)

[Junior holiday courses](#)

[Adult coaching courses](#)

[Cardio tennis – fitness classes](#)

You can also [become a member](#) of our thriving club which gives you the following added benefits:

- book courts using our online booking system
- organised junior club and adult social tennis sessions
- fun tournaments and competitions
- membership rates for all coaching activities
- being part of a sociable, inclusive and friendly club

We are proud to have won several county and national awards including Club of the Year, Education Venue of the Year, Community Club of the Year and Coach of the Year.

For further information about everything we have to offer visit [www.charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk](http://www.charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk) or contact Ruth Thomas on 07952 791083

## **What's On Cheltenham - Easter Events Guide**

**Looking for the best things to do this Easter in Cheltenham?** With government restrictions still in place options are understandably more limited this year however, there are still some egg-citing events taking place including Easter egg hunts in Cheltenham town centre, live lambing, a drive-in Easter festival near Cheltenham Racecourse and an elephant family will be grazing in the grounds of our local castle, Sudeley Castle!

[www.visitcheltenham.com/whats-on/whats-on-cheltenham-easter-events-guide](http://www.visitcheltenham.com/whats-on/whats-on-cheltenham-easter-events-guide)





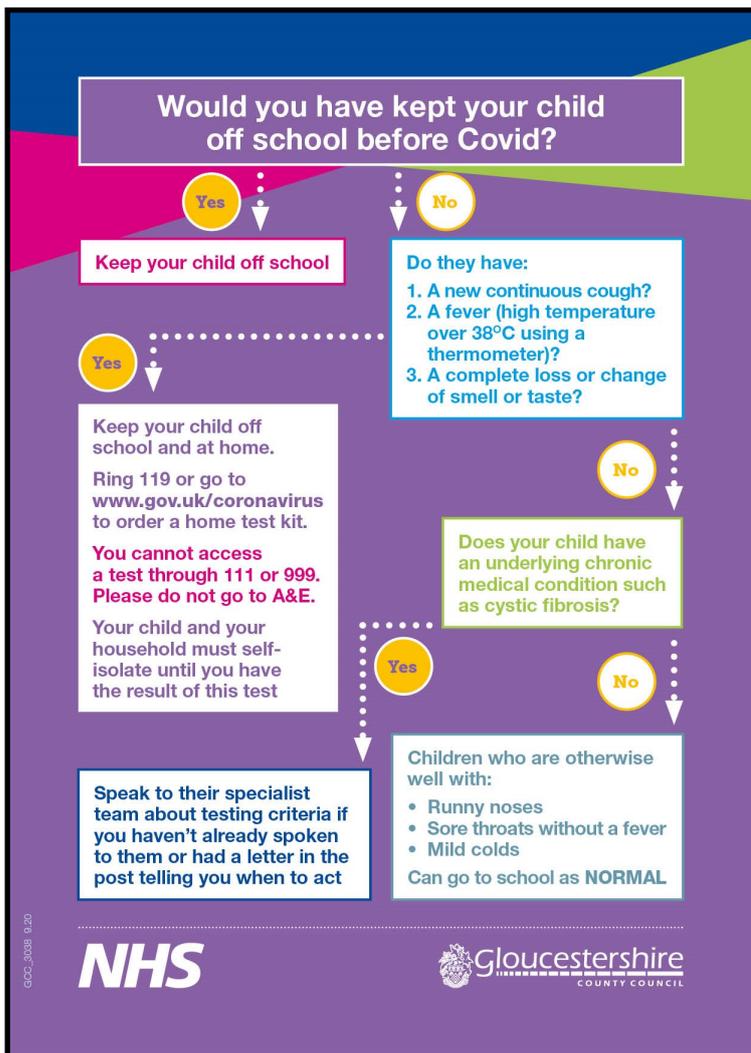
# COVID-19 Contract Tracing over the Easter Holidays.

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### 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](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 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 PHE</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 PHE 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 PHE 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 10 days of self isolation without any symptoms.</p>

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