

# Glenfall News

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

Friday 23rd April 2021



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

I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter Holiday. It seemed like a really long break and I hope that you all got a bit of a rest and that you managed to catch up with family and friends. Although the weather was bright and sunny for most of the break, it was a bit of a shock to wake up to snow on one of the mornings! However, things seem to have turned a corner and it really does feel like spring now.

I would like to formally welcome Miss Begum to the school. Miss Begum will be the Year 6 Class Teacher whilst Miss O' Connor is on maternity leave. Miss Begum has moved to Glenfall from St Gregory The Great School in Cheltenham. I am sure that you will all join me in offering her a big Glenfall welcome.



The new term has got off to a flying start and it has been great to see some of our usual activities getting under way. This week we had Move More come into school to work with Reception Class to deliver the Bikeability Programme to them. We also had the cricket coach come into school to work with Year 3 and Year 4. It was also fantastic to see 20 live eggs and incubators arrive in school on Monday. The chicks started to hatch on Tuesday evening and we now have 20 chicks in school. The children in Year 1 and Reception have been captivated by the eggs and hatching chicks and it won't be long before they can start to handle them.



Thank you to all of you who supported the Big Pedal initiative this week. I know that some families have cycled and scooted all week, well done! On Friday over 40 children made their way to school on wheels! All of these children went into a prize draw and we were able to select 4 winners at random who received either bike lights or a bike lock.

Possibly the most exciting news this week is that Miss O'Connor has had her baby! Leonardo Brooklyn Fry was born on Wednesday 21st April weighing in at 7lbs 6oz. Huge congratulations to Miss O'Connor and her partner.

Have a great weekend - Mr Mitchell

## COVID Safety Measures

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support our COVID safety measure at the start and end of the day. Although some restrictions have eased, there are still currently many restrictions in place.

Could all parents continue to wear their facemasks at drop off and collection. It would really help with the flow of the one way system if parents could continue to support the staggered drop off and collections times. Could I also encourage all parents to leave the school site as soon as they have collected their children; I know it is tempting to catch up with friends at collection time, particularly during the nice weather, but please don't congregate in groups.

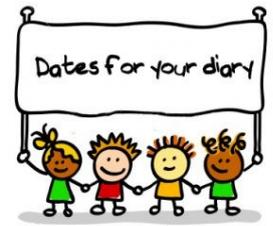
I have also been made aware that some children have had sleepovers with friends. Unless you are in a support bubble, there should be no indoor mixing of families until at least 17th May. I have also noted that in Y6, that some of the children are leaving the school at the end of the day and walking home via the 'shop'. The rule of 6 is currently still in place and the children shouldn't be gathering in large groups.

Please try to support all of these measures a while longer to help ensure that the National Roadmap stays on track - Thank you for your support.



## May

- 3rd May - Bank Holiday (School closed)
- 13th May - Treasure Island - Cinematic Experience
- Full Governors Meeting 7pm
- 17th May - Y4 Residential to The Forest of Dean
- 25th 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

## July

- 2nd July - Annual Reports
- 6th July - Y6 Cricket Festival
- 8th July - Full Governors Meeting 7pm
- 13th July - Y6 Music Recital
- 16th July - Y4&4 Cricket Festival
- 19th July - Whole school picnic
- 21st July - Leavers assembly at 1pm
- School Closes at 2pm for Summer

## 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 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 currently cost £2.30 per day.**

**FROM MONDAY 10th MAY  
MEALS WILL INCREASE TO £2.34 PER DAY.**

We have not increased the price of school meals for the last 3 years. However, due to rising food costs we have been unable to avoid increasing the price of meals. We feel that the cost still represents good value for money and I am sure the children will tell you that the food is delicious.

## 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.





# STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

## Would you have kept your child off school before Covid?

**Yes** → **Keep your child off school**

**No** → **Do they have:**

1. A new continuous cough?
2. A fever (high temperature over 38°C using a thermometer)?
3. A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

**Yes** → **Keep your child off school and at home.**  
Ring 119 or go to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) to order a home test kit.  
**You cannot access a test through 111 or 999. Please do not go to A&E.**  
Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

**No** → **Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?**

**Yes** → **Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you when to act**

**No** → **Children who are otherwise well with:**

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school as **NORMAL**

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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 PHG</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 PHG 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 PHG 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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Introducing a new **free** resource

## Charlton Kings HEALTH & WELL-BEING DIRECTORY

Medical / Sport / Fitness  
Getting About / Clubs  
Eating Out / Arts & Crafts  
and much more...

Browse\* & download at  
[charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
search: charlton kings health connect

\*a number of bound copies have also been made available locally - see web for locations

Any feedback you have would be most welcome. Please send your comments to [ckhealthconnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ckhealthconnect@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

To check current arrangements under COVID-19 restrictions for many of the listed activities in the Directory please consult individual websites, social media or contact service providers directly via email or telephone.

DIRECTORY LINK

## START YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT JOURNEY...

• STEP 1 •  
**UNDERSTANDING YOUR FOOTPRINT**

Is your carbon footprint above or below average? The WWF footprint tool is easy to use and takes just a few moments to complete  
[footprint.wwf.org.uk](http://footprint.wwf.org.uk)

• STEP 2 •  
**START REDUCING YOUR FOOTPRINT**

The calculator will give you hints and tips to start reducing your footprint, and your impact on the planet. Understanding what changes you can make is a step in the right direction!

• STEP 3 •  
**SPREAD THE WORD!**

Talk to friends and family about climate change and help them on their journey.

Together, we can make a change for a better, greener Charlton Kings!

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