



Glenfall News

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

Wednesday 21st July 2021



A word from the head.....

We made it!.....again!!!

When I wrote to you this time last year we were coming to end of a very challenging period of time and I don't think that any of us thought that this academic year could be as tricky as the previous one. However, in many ways, it has proven to be even more challenging.

It has, once again, been an **extraordinary year** full of challenges and stressful situations but it has been scattered with some real moments of joy as things have started to improve. We know how hard this year has been for all of our children and their families, as well as our staff and their families too. However, throughout the whole year I have been so impressed with the resilience of the children and our staff teams, who really have made the best of what have been challenging circumstances.

The whole school **community** has once again pulled together as one, supporting one another with a **community** minded spirit for the benefit of all within its care.

I have, as always, been proud to be the head of the school, particularly during this challenging year. It has been a privilege to lead such a dedicated team. I would like to thank all of the teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, kitchen staff, caretaker and cleaners for the amazing work that they have done to ensure that all children in the school have been able to access their learning, whether it be at home or in school, in a focussed and productive manner in a clean and safe environment.

Once again, I would also like to thank all parents and family members who have done an incredible job as 'home educators', particularly between January and March and for some of you at other times during the year due to periods of self-isolation. I know it will have been a challenge as many of you will have been trying to juggle your own jobs and commitments. Everything you have done, whether its related to school work or family life will have made a difference to your child.

Your children, as always, have been amazing and are a credit to you all.

Now is a time to rest and recover and hopefully many of you will get a bit of a holiday. For now I will sign off by wishing you all a very happy & healthy Summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to the school in September.

Anthony Mitchell

Y6 Leavers

On Monday, we were treated to the Y6 Performance which was watched by Y5 in the hall and by other classes and parents and relatives via Zoom. The children had all worked so hard in order to be pull off a terrific show. The songs and dances were fantastic and many children had learnt huge amounts of script. Well done to all of Y6 and a massive thanks to Miss Begum for a successful show.

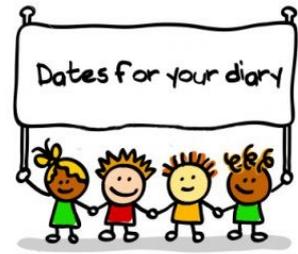
We will be saying goodbye to our amazing Y6 Pupils on Wednesday, when we will be hosting our leavers assembly outdoors. We wish all of our Y6 Pupils the best of luck as they move on to their secondary schools in September. Go from here with confidence in the knowledge that you have much to offer the world!





September

- 2nd September - INSET Day (Staff only)
- 3rd September - INSET Day (Staff only)
- 6th September - Autumn Term starts
- 15th September - Meet the teacher evening



October

22nd October –School closes for Half Term

Please see the amended Term Dates emailed to you along with this newsletter.

Looking ahead to September....

Whilst the COVID-19 Pandemic has meant that we have had to change the way we live, work and enjoy our free time, some of the changes have not all been negative. In many ways we have found that doing things differently has in fact been quite a positive change. At school we have talked about some of the changes we have implemented over the last 18 months and we have decided to keep some of the arrangements in place next year. Please read the information below as it contains important information for September.



The School Day - Start and Finish Times

We are going to be operating a soft start and finish to the school day from September. This will mean that in the morning you will be able to drop your children off at school between 08:45 and 08:55. In the afternoon, you will be able to collect your children between 15:15 and 15:20. **These times apply to all children.** Children will continue to enter and leave the building through their classroom doors as they have done this year.



The One Way System



We will keep the one way system in place as it has allowed for an orderly start and end to the school day. Please enter through one of the two pedestrian gates at the front of the school and walk around the outside of the building, leaving via the pedestrian gate by the car park. Either myself or Mrs Newdeck will continue to be on gate duty each day.

PE Kits

The children wearing PE Kits to school has been very successful and has saved much time getting changed allowing for more lesson time for PE. We would like the children to wear plain blue or black shorts and a PE T-Shirt in their house colour. If possible we would like all children to have the PE T-Shirt with the logo on. These can be purchased from School Togs or Universal Uniform. Once the weather turns colder the children are welcome to wear blue or black jogging bottoms and sweatshirts. All PE items should be plain (apart from the logo) and should not be football kits or high fashion fitness wear.



Your child should wear their PE Kit to school on the days they have PE. Your child's class teacher will advise which days these are going to be.



A few things.....

New Staff

In September, Miss Budenis will be joining the school as the Y5 Teacher. We welcome Miss Budenis to the school and we are confident that the children are going to enjoy being in her class next year.

We will also be joined by two new Teaching Assistants. Miss Hannis and Mrs Allen will be joining the TA team supporting children with their learning. Miss Hannis will also be providing PPA cover for Reception Class and Year 1.

New Governors

Following our parent governor elections earlier this term. Kate Hardcastle and Bella Chambers were duly elected to their posts of parent governors and have already attended their first meeting.



Summer Reading Challenge

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national event, from the Reading Agency, which encourages children to enjoy reading and to visit their library during the summer. Borrowing 6 books over 3 visits, children get rewards and opportunities to get involved with other events and activities. It's a great way to discover reading for pleasure and keeping up their reading skills after a difficult year.

This year's theme is Wild World Heroes - with great new books and activities at your local Gloucestershire library to help learn more about nature and how to protect our environment!

How to take part at your local library – 10th July till 10th Sept

Pop in to your local library anytime from the 10th July. If you're not a member, just join up at the same time - it's all free.

Pick up your first two books and sign up with our staff who'll give you your Summer Reading Challenge poster. That's your first visit and you've started your challenge!

You then just have visit two more times – picking up another two books each time as well as other rewards such as our great stickers. On your third visit you'll also get your completer's certificate and medal.

Remember - there's no rush - you've got until 10th September to finish but keep an eye out for what else is going on at your local library!

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.



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.

Your most up to date email and phone number is the most important.



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