



Glenfall News

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

Friday 22nd October 2021



A word from the head.....

We seem to have arrived at half term very quickly. The last seven weeks have been jammed with lots of exciting activities and it has been wonderful to have all of the children back in school. It has also been brilliant to be able to have parents back in school to help with reading and also for our Harvest Celebrations.

I do hope that you all have a great half term break and that you get to do lots of things with your families.

I know that you will all be aware of the rising number of positive COVID cases across Cheltenham. Whilst we have had a small number of positive cases amongst some of the staff and pupils, our numbers are significantly lower than those in many local schools. I would like to thank you for continuing to follow the one way system around the school and for respecting our requests for parents to wear face masks at parents evenings and also at our Harvest Celebrations. Without a doubt you will have contributed towards reducing the number of local infections - thank you!

Half Term COVID Reporting

In order for me to plan to make any further changes to our protective measures after half term (should I need to) I would appreciate it if you could **report any positive PCR results for your children by sending a text message to the school mobile number - 07434617493**. Thank you for your support with this as it will allow me to make an informed decision about any changes that may be required to ensure the safety of your children and the school staff. If I feel it necessary to reintroduce additional protective measures I will update you before we return to school on 1st November.

You will also have received another letter today which hopefully clarifies the procedures for testing and self isolation. The national messages seem to have become confused and many people are not sure of what is the right thing to do. My rule of thumb would be - if in doubt, self-isolate and get a PCR test.

**OVER HALF TERM PLEASE REPORT POSITIVE PCR RESULTS BY TEXTING
07434617493**

Please have a restful and relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on 1st November.

Anthony Mitchell

Flu Vaccinations

The seasonal flu vaccination programme for **all pupils** will take place on Monday 1st November. Please make sure that you have returned your consent form to the school. Your child will not be given their vaccination unless you have completed the form.

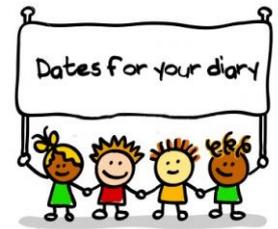




October

22nd October
31st October

- Term ends for Half Term
- Deadline for secondary school applications



November

1st November
2nd November
4th November
8th November
9th November
15th November
19th November
22nd November
26th November
29th November

- Flu Vaccinations - Rec - Y6
- Prospective Parent Tour
- Rags2Riches Collection
- Bikeability for Y6
- Individual School Photographs
- Book Fair in school
- Children in Need Day
- Y5 visit SkillZone
- INSET Day
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December

2nd December
4th December
6th December
8th December
13th December
14th December
15th December
16th December
17th December

- Full Governors Meeting
- FrOGS Christmas Fair
- Y6 Trip to STEAM
- Holy Apostles Christmas Music & KS2 Celebration
- KS1 Nativity 2pm
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- Pantomime at The Everyman Theatre
- School Christmas Lunch
- School closes for Christmas at 2pm

Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling



**Your Ink Cartridges
Could Help Us
Raise Funds!**



Recycle Yours Here!

We are now able to recycle your old printer ink cartridges. Please deposit your cartridges into the box in the reception area, next to the battery recycling. By donating your empty cartridges for recycling you will help to raise funds for the school as well as helping to save the planet.





A few things.....

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

The term dates for academic year 2022 - 2023 have been emailed to you with this newsletter. All term dates for this year and next year are also available on the school website www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk

Year	Term	Start	End	Half	End	Summer	Start	End
2021-22	Autumn	29/08/21	22/10/21	22/10/21	22/10/21	Summer	22/05/22	22/05/22
2021-22	Spring	22/10/21	22/12/21	22/12/21	22/12/21	Summer	22/05/22	22/05/22
2021-22	Summer	22/12/21	22/02/22	22/02/22	22/02/22	Summer	22/05/22	22/05/22
2022-23	Autumn	29/08/22	22/10/22	22/10/22	22/10/22	Summer	22/05/23	22/05/23
2022-23	Spring	22/10/22	22/12/22	22/12/22	22/12/22	Summer	22/05/23	22/05/23
2022-23	Summer	22/12/22	22/02/23	22/02/23	22/02/23	Summer	22/05/23	22/05/23



Pantomime 2021

This week you will have received details about the whole school trip to The Everyman Theatre Pantomime to see Jack and The Beanstalk. Please make your payment of £16.50 by ParentPay by 26th November please.

Rags2Riches

The next collection of unwanted clothing is on **4th November**. Please place you unwanted clothing and shoes in a bin liner and bring into school on either the afternoon of the 3rd November or the morning of the 4th November. Please place your bags under the bike shelters.



FROGs 100 Club

Please don't forget to register for this years 100 Club with a chance to win cash prizes.

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.



real people making a real difference

Teams4U.COM – Shoebox Appeal – Christmas 2021

Last year we supported Teams4U and we had a successful collection of 76 filled shoeboxes. Therefore, we are going to continue with this charity and support them in filling a shoebox for a child at Christmas.

This would make a perfect half term activity. Please return your filled shoeboxes by Friday 5th November. Please see the letter and leaflet which you will have received this week for further details.



COVID-19 – Update

I'm sure that you will be aware that the number of positive COVID-19 cases are rising nationally but also locally. The rapidly rising infections in Gloucestershire have triggered thresholds for additional action and we have received some updated guidance.

I feel that the messages around testing and isolation have become confused and it is difficult to know what to do if we suspect that someone may have COVID-19.

I hope that the following information will hopefully clarify the situation, particularly with the updated guidance for LFD testing of children under 11.

Symptomatic?

New continuous cough – Fever 37.8 or over – Loss of smell or taste

As soon as anyone becomes symptomatic, they should isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test to see if they have COVID-19. If the result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel well. If the result is positive they should self-isolate for 10 days.

LFD Tests (Lateral Flow Tests)

Whilst routine LFD testing on children under 11 is not currently recommended nationally, we have received guidance from South West Public Health and South West Health Security Agency which suggests that parents may wish to test their children twice a week.

If you choose to use a LFD test on your child you must take the appropriate action and self-isolate and get a PCR test if it is positive.

If your child is displaying one of the three main symptoms, no matter how mild, do not use the LFD tests to diagnose COVID. You must self-isolate and book a PCR test.

If in doubt as to whether it is a COVID symptom, please self isolate book a PCR test.

We have also been advised to inform parents that non-symptomatic household contacts of a confirmed case should take daily LFD tests whilst they await their PCR results and continue to attend school until the result of the PCR test is known. This is at the parents discretion but is strongly recommended.

Close Contacts

All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months, are fully vaccinated, have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons they do not need to self-isolate whilst they wait for their PCR result. They may however wish to do daily LFD tests.

Already had COVID-19?

If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test.

What if my child starts to show symptoms at school?

If your child starts to show COVID symptoms at school, we will contact you and ask you to collect your child and to arrange for a PCR test. Your child must not return to school until you receive the result. We respectfully ask that you keep us up to date with the outcome of the test result.

If in doubt as to whether it is a COVID symptom, please self isolate book a PCR test.

Working together we can continue to protect our school community.



Glen Group

CLEANERS WANTED X 2

Glenfall Primary School

Monday – Friday

3.30pm – 5.30pm 10hrs a week

£8.91 ph

Duties:

Hoovering, mopping, cleaning toilets, cleaning tables, emptying bins, cleaning edges and window sills, replenishing toilet rolls/hand towels and soap.

Experience not needed as training will be given.

All staff need to be DBS Cleared. (which will be completed by Glen Group)

You will be employed for 44 weeks of the year.

38 weeks term time

1 week of inset days over the year

5 weeks Deep cleaning over the year in shut down time.

Please call Gina - 07789 723540