



Glenfall News

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

Friday 11th March 2022



A word from the head.....

It seems like quite a lot of time has elapsed since we came back from the half term break and the world is certainly in a very different place. The tragic and harrowing scenes of what is currently going on in Ukraine are truly heart-breaking.

In school we have handled the situation very sensitively and when we have spoken it, we have tried to focus on the humanitarian angle and what we can do to support the refugees fleeing their homeland. As I write this letter we have already raised over £400 for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal organised by Save the Children. It would be fantastic if we could keep those donations coming in to raise as much as we possibly can. Friday the 11th March is a non-uniform day and the children can swap their uniform for their own clothes in exchange for a donation to the appeal. We would also like the children to wear something white for peace in Ukraine (white trainers, white socks, white t-shirts or even white ribbons and bows in hair. You could also just safety pin a piece of white fabric to your child's top) There will also be a collecting bucket on the gate tomorrow for any parents who would rather make a cash donation rather than using the JustGiving page. Thank you so much for your support.

Last week we welcomed Sarah Lazenby to the school as a new admin assistant in the office to support Gill. I am sure that you will all join me in extending a friendly welcome to Sarah as she joins the Glenfall team. Sarah will be getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months and I hope that she will be very happy here.

Next week we will see The Cheltenham Festival swing in to action. This is always a very busy time on the roads in Cheltenham so please make sure that you leave plenty of time to get to and from school if you are travelling by car.

Also next week, Y4 will be heading off to The Forest of Dean on Wednesday for their residential visit. We are delighted that this exciting trip is going ahead following the lifting of the COVID restrictions. I hope that the children have a great time and I will look forward to visiting them during their stay.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend and enjoy spending time with your family,

Anthony Mitchell

Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling

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.



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.



Residential Payment Reminders

Year 4

Please ensure that you have now made your final payments.

Y5

Please remember that you are able to make regular payments at your convenience throughout the year. The total cost is £346 with the final instalment due on 15th July 2022

All payments can be made via your ParentPay accounts.





Diary Dates

March

- 16th March - Y4 Residential to Dean Fields
- 18th March - Red Nose Day
- 29th March - Spring Music Evening - Hall

(Change of date and venue)

April

- 5th April - Visiting Drama Company - The Railway Children
- 5th April - Spring Parents Evenings
- 6th April - Spring Parents Evenings
- 10th April - Easter Celebration in school.
- 11th April - School closes for Easter holidays at 2pm



A few things...

Gymnastics Club

The timings for the Gymnastics club are - KS1 - 3.15 - 3.55 KS2 - 4pm—4.40pm

Breakfast Club

Sam Clapham has now officially taken over the running of the breakfast club business. Please direct enquiries regarding this out of school provision to Sam via the school or through email at sclapham@glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk

Pupil Absence

Always call the office and leave a message on the pupil absence voice mail. E-mailed messages don't always get to the office in time before the register closes each day.

Rags2Riches

Thank you so much for your clothing donations for the Rags2Riches collection. Many bags of clothes were donated and we collected 172kg which raised £70 for FrOGS.



Comic Relief - Friday 18th March



Children will be able to dress in red or wear non-uniform for the day. The children are welcome to wear comic relief accessories **but no noses please**, unless they are painted on. We are asking parents to make a £1 donation through parent pay please. We would also like the children to bring in some jokes to share with their class during JokeTime!



***** GIRLS FOOTBALL*****

Charlton Rovers Girls Football Academy

Calling all girls - Reception / Year 1 / Year 2



We have recently introduced an all girl football academy which is running alongside the mixed academy at Balcarras on the astro between 9:30am and 10:30am every Saturday. The cost of sessions are £3 per session, pay as you go.

If your daughter is interested in having fun playing football with her friends whilst making new friends and/or you are willing to help in any way please come along, If you could message me to let me know you're coming to assist with planning, that would be appreciated.

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The new normal.....

There is currently no expectation for parents to wear facemasks at collection or drop off or if coming into the school.

We have returned to whole school assemblies and we are limiting the mixing of pupils at break time or lunch time.

Should there be a spike in COVID infections we will implement our contingency plan to safeguard the school community.



The School Day - Start and Finish Times

You are 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.



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.



Winter Weather Closures

As we head into the winter months it seems a timely opportunity to remind parents of the procedure for school closures should we need to shut the school.

If the school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or heating failure, parents will be contacted using our text messaging system. Please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number. We will also post a message on the Gloucestershire County Council school closure pages which can be accessed at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

You can also sign up to the Gloucestershire County Council Twitter feed @Glos_schools

We will also place a message on our own school website: www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.

