

# Glenfall News

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

Friday 7th July 2023



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

It really has been a very busy final term of the year and the Summer holidays are now in sight.



It has been another successful year with children representing the school at football matches, tag rugby tournaments, cricket festivals, athletics meetings, dance festivals, gymnastics competitions, the nature quiz and also the Cheltenham Rotary Quiz. All of the classes have been on school trips to support their topics and the there have also been two residential visits to The Forest of Dean and Condover Hall in Shropshire for Y4 and Y6. I would like to thank you as parents for supporting these events, the children for representing the school in such a positive way and also to the teachers and teaching assistants for organising and supervising at all of these events. It is these things which create memories for life for the children.

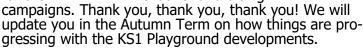
As you know, we have been celebrating our 50th



Anniversary this year and last week we held a tea party for staff and governors past and present. It was a great event and lovely to get all of these people together to trawl through archive photographs of the school together and to catch up

with one another. I was delighted that we were joined by a teacher who taught in the school in it's second year of opening! GlenFest was also a huge success and I hope that you all enjoyed the afternoon and the format that we had chosen to bring the community to-

gether. Hopefully your children all managed to get their anniversary commemorative mug home in one piece last week. I would like to give a shout out to the FrOGS team for planning and delivering on all of the events this year and also for their innovative fundraising



With two weeks to go, there are still lots of exciting events taking place including the Lido Family Evening tonight, KS1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park, the Reception sleepover,Y6 Performance, Y6 Music Evening, Glenfall's Got Talent and the whole school picnic.

Have a good weekend and I hope to see some of you at the Lido this evening.

#### **Anthony Mitchell**

### **Community Use Defibrillator**

The school has had a defibrillator for a number of years now but have only been able to offer it for community use during school opening

hours. However, FrOGS have funded a heated cabinet for the defibrillator to be stored in outside. This now means that the defibrillator is now registered on The Circuit and is available for community use 24/7 365 days a year.







### **Upcoming Dates**

July

10th July - Reception Class Triathlon

11th July - Rec, Y1 & Y2 - Cotswold Farm Park trip

12th July - Annual Reports

- Lido Evening

13th July - Full Governors Meeting 14th July - Reception Class Sleepover

17th July - Y6 Leavers Performance - 2pm and 6.30pm

18th July - Y5 Viking Play to parents - 2.20pm

20th July - Glenfall' Got Talent 21st July - Whole School Picnic

- 1pm - Leavers Assembly



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.



#### **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Should you need to request leave of absence for your child please call into the school office to collect a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form. This form must be completed and returned to the school and your request will be considered by the Headteacher. Please do not make your requests direct with the class teachers. You may already be aware that the DfE are focusing on school attendance at the moment and they are asking school to pursue parental fines for poor attendance that is unauthorised.

## **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.













## Special 50th anniversary fundraising campaign – New KS1 Play Area!

The Friends of Glenfall School (FrOGS) are the PTA charity for Glenfall Primary School. We organise several social events over the school term to raise funds to benefit the children that attend the school as well as bringing the school and wider community together.

We are launching this special campaign because we would love to put a fantastic play area in the Key Stage 1 section of the playground! We are aiming to raise £10,000 towards a really fun, interesting and interactive structure which will encourage plenty of play, exercise and imagination. FrOGS will match fund up to £10,000 so we can make this happen! We are encouraging Glenfall's students to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary by taking up a 50-theme challenge to raise money towards the new play area for Key Stage 1...

#### Fundraise for Us:



https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/frogs-glenfall-parent-teachers-association-7296

**Want to make a donation to the campaign directly**? scan the QR code to take you straight to the donation page:







# Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides FREE activities for children in reception to Year 11 during the Spring, Summer and Winter holidays.

Bookings for Summer open at **12pm on Wednesday 5 July** and you can register your child on the booking system in advance by <u>clicking here</u>.

There will be lots of FREE activities available across Cheltenham, delivered by a variety of providers including activity camps, arts and crafts sessions and swim passes. A FREE lunch will also be provided at all provision.

For further information on the HAF programme please visit: <u>Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) - Gloucestershire County Council</u>

If you require any additional support to access the booking system or have any further queries please email <a href="https://harmone.org">HAF@move-more.org</a> or call 07932 738420







# Sports Day 2023

Last week saw our annual sports day celebration. It was great to see all of the children so involved and engaged whilst representing their house teams. Children completed a range of different stations during the first part of the morning before all settling down to watch the highly anticipated relays. This year it was a very excited Donaldson team who took home the trophy in our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Please see some photos below which were kindly taken by Mr Jackson.

























