



Glenfall News

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

Friday 6th October 2023



A word from the head.....

- **Glenfall Community Primary School continues to be a good school**
- **Leaders' aim is for pupils to 'Enjoy, Enquire and Excel' from coming to school. They have succeeded.**
- **Enjoyment is everywhere in this school. It shows on pupils' faces when they chat over lunch, play outside, or smile in lessons.**
- **Pupils enjoy school because teachers work hard to make that happen.**

Ofsted – July 2023

Having shared the schools OfSTED report with you all last week we have received many positive comments from parents, colleagues from other schools and also from people within the local community. I am proud to be the Headteacher of Glenfall Primary School and we can all be rightly proud of our school and its achievements to date. We welcome the suggestions in the report as an opportunity to further improve the quality of education at the school and are looking forward to the on-going process of school improvement following this inspection. Once again, my thanks go out to the whole 'Glenfall Team' comprising of pupils, parents, governors, teachers, teaching assistants, the catering team, admin staff and caretaking who all work relentlessly to ensure that Glenfall is the best school it can be.

The school is now well and truly back into full swing and it's been a really busy couple of weeks. I hope your children are now settled back into their routines and that they are enjoying their learning.

Year 3 & 4 enjoyed a visit to Avebury Stone Circle to inspire their learning for their Stone Age topic. The children enjoyed a visit to the stone circle and found out lots of facts in the onsite museum. Year 5 went to Skillzone which is Gloucestershire's only interactive life skills village where people of all ages can learn how to keep themselves safe whether at home or in their community. This is a great resource and well worth a visit when they have open days for the general public.

Y6 had an amazing time on their residential visit to Condover Hall last week. The children spent the week challenging themselves on a whole range of outdoor, adventurous activities. All of the children showed courage, perseverance and skills of cooperation and support for one another. We had a great week and the weather staying dry for us was a bonus.



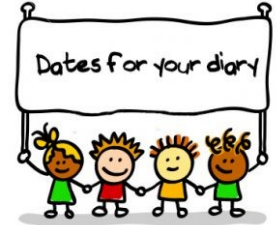
The weather looks amazing over the weekend - enjoy!

Anthony Mitchell



October

- 11th October - Y2 DT Day
- 13th October - Harvest Celebration 9:30am. Open Classrooms afterwards.
- 18th October - Y5&6 GWR Evacuation trip
- 20th October - Flu Immunisations
- 24th October - Parents Mtgs 3:30 – 6pm – F2F
- 26th October - Parents Mtgs 3:30 – 6pm - Online
- 27th October - School closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Deadline for secondary school applications



November

- 6th November - Term starts
- 7th November - Deadline for Teams4u Shoebox Appeal
- 8th November - Reception intake 2024 – Tour of school at 9:15
- 15th November - 2023 Intake – Open Afternoon 1:45pm
- 16th November - Individual school photographs
- 17th November - Children in Need Day
- 20th November - Book Fair in school this week
- 24th November - INSET Day
- 27th November - INSET Day
- 30th November - Rags2Riches Collection

December

- 7th December - KS2 Christmas Music Evening at Holy Apostles 6:30 – 7:30
- 9th December - FrOGS Christmas Fair
- 12th December - Everyman Pantomime – Mother Goose 10:00am
- 18th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 19th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 21st December - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 22nd December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

January

- 8th January - Term starts

Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 20th October

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Friday 20th October** to deliver the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme to all children in Reception to Year 6 for those who have given valid consent.



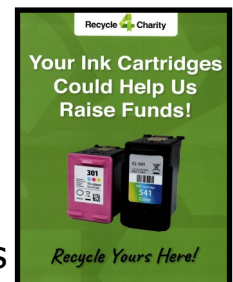
Battery Recycling

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.



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.





A few things.....

£250 donation from Howdens

We have received a £250 donation from Howdens which will be spent on another outdoor musical instrument for Forest School. I wonder what it will be? Many thanks to Howdens Kitchens



NUT AWARE SCHOOL;

Due to some of our pupils suffering with potentially life threatening nut allergies, we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**

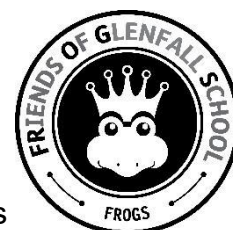


Please **do not** send your child into school with nuts or nut based products for their lunch or snacks.

FrOGS

The 100 CLUB is back!! Got to be in it to win it!

This is the 10th year we have run the Club and we hope you will join in the fun! As some of you may be aware, many small charities run a "100 Club" to boost funds for their organisation. Becoming a member not only raises much needed funds for our school, but also allows all members the chance to win a cash prize through the club's monthly draws. FROGS are planning to hold the first draw in November. If you would like to purchase one or more tickets, please fill in the form that has been emailed to you with this newsletter and return it to the school office or hand it directly to Mrs Whyte in the Reception class by October 15th in an envelope labelled "100 Club".



Apply online for

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.



If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.

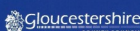
So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Access to Learning
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP





Glenfall Preschool

Places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds

"Staff are kind and welcoming"

"Children are happy... and are keen to go in and play at preschool"

"Staff provide good support for children with special educational needs"



email: glenfallpreschool@gmail.com

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.





Message from FrOGS (Friends of Glenfall School charity- formally known as PTA)

It's a new academic year and I am the new chair of the FrOGS. My name is Rebecca Mustow and I have 3 children at the school.

We recently had a busy AGM and have secured dates for all our big events that the children love to attend, including Christmas and summer fairs, also the discos and hopefully some new events.

All of these events raise a substantial amount of money for the charity and it all goes straight back to the children's activities. Some of our big spends are ensuring that school trips are accessible as the price of coaches are very high at present. These school trips are invaluable to the children's learning experience.

"In addition to the academic curriculum, pupils experience many trips and activities that help them to learn about wider society. These support pupils to become culturally aware, reflective, respectful and compassionate"; Ofsted report July 23.

Without our fantastic FrOGs team, the volunteers who help out at events and your support in attending, we could not raise this money. See below poster on what the school community helped to fund last year. Thank you to all who supported these fundraising activities!

A big thank you goes out to all the children who took part in our 50th anniversary challenge. We raised a spectacular amount. Thank you to all the friends and families for sponsoring them. We are currently researching all our options and talking to adventure playzone suppliers. We will keep you updated.

Although we have our main roles currently filled, we would like to introduce a buddy system where you can help a current team member and then consider taking on a future role. We need to plan for the future to ensure we keep raising money and getting the school community together. We especially need some KS1 volunteers on the team. Please contact your class rep if you feel you can help or just want to find out a bit more.

Our next event is on Friday 13 October, where we will be selling hot drinks and pastries while we wait for the harvest festival assembly to start. **So please join us after school drop off.** Drink and a pastry will be £2. **Come along and meet FrOGS with a pastry and a cuppa!** We would also like to use this opportunity as a meet and greet so you can say hello, ask questions about volunteering, or find out what happens behind the scenes within FrOGS. We are a small friendly team and would appreciate any offers of help, whether it be for a specific event like the Christmas Fair or supporting us throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be on the 18th October at the London Inn. We will be planning the Christmas fair and would welcome your ideas and offers of support to make this a great event for the children. If you can't make the meeting, either drop us a message via the [FrOGs facebook page](#) or contact your class rep if you have any ideas! We will be sending out a link nearer the time so that you can offer your support with the running of the actual fair.

See you on 13th October for a cuppa (weather dependent).

FrOGS team 🍷

Chair: Rebecca Mustow
Treasurer: Julia Caskey
Volunteer coordinator: Bella Chambers

Class Reps

Reception: Rebecca Mustow

Year 1: Bella Chambers

Year 2: Holly

Year 3: Rebecca Mustow

Year 4: Sarah Fletcher

Year 5: Harriet

Year 6: Jo Allen



FrOGS 2022/2023

Fundraising

TOGETHER, WE
RAISED: £18,557!!



HOW DID WE RAISE IT?

WHAT DID WE SPEND IT ON?

100 Club
£1,240

Subsidised school trips
£1,422



Rags2Riches
£271

New Teaching TV for
computer room
£946



Cake Sales
£507

Ice-creams for all at
Christmas panto
£444

School Discos
£529



Class Christmas
presents
£448



Pre-loved Uniform Sales
£107

New football kit for
school team
£502



Christmas Cards
£672



Christmas Fair
£2,732

Defibrillator cabinet -
making school defib
accessible to whole
community 24/7/365
£520

Quiz and Chips
£248



Keep scrolling!
There's more....



Harvest Celebration

On Friday 13th October at 09:30am we will be holding our Harvest Celebration.

Parents are welcome to join us for this Harvest Assembly and join in with some Harvest Songs. Children from each of the classes will be presenting a short harvest song, poem, reading.

We would be grateful for any donations of **Food & Toiletries** which will be taken to the **Cheltenham Open Door Project**

Food donations can be brought to the school **on the morning of Friday 13th October 2023**. All items to be in a bag or box please.

The following items are in particular demand:

- Tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit and puddings, tinned "ready meals" (chilli, curry, pies etc) tinned potatoes and instant mash, tinned carrots and peas, instant and pot noodles, dry sachets of "pasta 'n' sauce", jars of sauces (pasta, Chinese, curry), biscuits, chocolate and chewy bars, jam, marmalade, peanut butter, choc spread, marmite.
- Shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, deodorants, baby wipes, tooth paste, tooth brushes

Cash Donations

Cash donations can be made via the **Just Giving** page at this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/cheltenhamopendoor>

Thank you for supporting this charity

