

# Glenfall News

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



Friday 19th January 2024

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

Happy New Year !!!! (a little late I know ;-)

I hope that you all had a great Christmas Break and that 2024 has started positively for you all.

The children all appear to be well rested and have settled quickly back into the routines for school for what is going to be a short half term. Only 3 weeks until February half term when hopefully we will be having the new play equipment installed in the KS1 Playground.

You should have now received a topic overview and letter from your child's teacher sharing with you the topic for the term and asking for your support with homework, reading, spelling and times-tables. Your support in helping your child with these tasks is greatly appreciated and does make a difference to the amount of progress that the children make. Prior to the Easter holidays we will be holding Parent/Teacher meetings where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. As always, if you have particular concerns relating to your child's learning that need addressing before the parents evening please arrange to meet your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience.

I have spent some time this week showing prospective parents around the school for the reception intake in September 2024. As always, I felt very proud of our school as I showed the parents around. The good manners and impeccable behaviour really shone out and the children were obviously enjoying their learning and the school had an amazing 'buzz' of excitement about it. I know that there are lots of exciting things to come this term and hope the children continue to remain as engaged as they currently are.

I am looking forward to another great year at Glenfall and in seeing the school continue to go from strength to strength.

**Have a great weekend !  
Anthony Mitchell**



## 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 focussing on school attendance at the moment and they are asking school to pursue parental fines for poor attendance that is unauthorised.



## 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](http://www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk)

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.



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](http://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.

Gloucestershire County Council

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, Sher Hall,  
Vestryle Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Gloucestershire County Council



## January

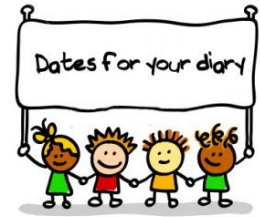
23rd January - Height, Weight checks Reception and Y6

## February

1st February - Full Governors Meeting  
9th February - Term ends for Half Term

## March

1st March - FrOGS Disco  
14th March - Full Governors Meeting  
15th March - Red Nose Day  
19<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6pm (Face2Face)  
20th March - KS1 Easter Celebration at 2.30pm followed by Open Classrooms  
21<sup>st</sup> March - KS2 Easter Celebration at 2.30pm followed by Open Classrooms  
- FrOGS Easter Cake Sale  
- Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6pm (Online)  
22nd March - School closes for Easter at 2pm



### Advanced notice of a few dates:

28th June - Sports Day at 9.15am  
5th July - Annual Reports  
- FrOGS Lido Family Evening  
19th July - Y6 Leaver's Assembly at 1pm

## 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.**



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

**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](mailto:glenfallpreschool@gmail.com)

## 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.

