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Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely start to the new academic year. All the children have settled into their new routines very quickly and they have all been working exceptionally hard.

This year our school newsletter will be sent home on the first Friday of every month (except when there is a holiday). All of our newsletters can also be found on our website.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead and we have lots of exciting topics and activities planned for the children.

The Aliens Have Landed!

Our first week back at school got off to a fun start, with a visitor from another PLANET! The children arrived to discover that a UFO had crashed landed onto our field!

The children spent the week looking at a variety of activities linked to aliens and space. Some of the children held discussions on whether UFOs and aliens really do exist and others created their own aliens. Some of the children were interviewed by our "local reporter," others wrote their own reports and designed some amazing space buggies.



Staffing Arrangements

Over the summer we have had a few staff changes. Miss Edney, one of our LSA's, has left Glenmere and is now working in a fulltime post in a special school. Mrs Ellis, our Office Manager has a new job as Office Manager at a large secondary school and Mr Chapman, our ICT Technician has left to work in the business sector.

We would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment to Glenmere over the years and wish them well in their new roles.

We would like to welcome our new members of staff; Mrs Tansey who will be working as a Cover Supervisor in the school and Mrs Fitzgibbon, our new Office Manager.

Our Curriculum

This year we are starting each full term with a whole class theme. We have also introduced a Life Skills Curriculum across the school. The first topic the children will look at is 'Garden to Plate' and as part of this topic the children will be looking at sustainability. The life skills this topic will cover are resilience, well-being and health.

The second half term topic we will be studying is 'Peace and Conflict'. As part of this the children will look at social responsibility. The life skills they will cover will be empathy, respect, responsibility and understanding right and wrong.

Below is an overview of our whole school Life Skills Curriculum, also available on the website.

We have also redesigned our curriculum and all the knowledge organisers. These outline all the skills and knowledge that will be taught and can be found on the curriculum tab on the Glenmere website. All the staff are looking forward to their new topics and have planned some amazing activities.

Term	Theme	Over-arching theme	Life skills covered	Activities	School outcome
Aut 1	Garden to Plate	Sustainability	Persistence Well-being Health Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to restaurants and hotel kitchens • Booking • Botanical gardens • Growing vegetables ready for harvest • Contact local garden centres for visits/visitors 	Cookathon
Aut 2	Peace and Conflict	Social responsibility	Empathy Respect Responsibility Right and wrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archives of war heroes both past and present • Poppy making for the remembrance wall • British legion – invite war veterans in • Study the Christmas Truce • Class assembly linked 	Remembrance wall
Spr 1	Investors	Money management	Budgeting Risk Taking Enterprise Negotiating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly shops and budgeting activities • Visit local shops • Classroom budgets – budget trackers. Children choose to save the money, invest the money or spend the money. Costings for lost equipment • Banks offer sessions regarding money 	Assembly revealing the class which was the best investors
Spr 2	Planet Heroes	Environmental responsibility	Moral responsibility Value Reflection Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the environment • Environmental art • Plastic pollution • Planting trees for sustainable development • Contact universities for art student to run sessions in school 	Art sculpture representing waste in our oceans
Sum 1	Escape Rooms	Resilience	Resilience Team work Cooperation Negotiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving activities within classes • Den building activities • Commando Joe style activities 	Family day linked to the theme
Sum 2	Failing Greats	Dreams and aspirations	Adaptation Growth Determination Perseverance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure video by Will Smith at the start of the term • Book – famous people who failed (fantastic people who failed) • Classes to focus on different people and how they over-came problems • Challenge children to achieve something new in the term. Photograph and display them 	Achievements board

P.E Kit

Thank you to all parents who have bought the Glenmere Sports T-Shirt, which now forms part of the Glenmere P.E uniform. If your child does not have this yet, could we ask that you order this from the Glenmere website as soon as possible. We would also like as many children as possible to have the Glenmere Sports hoodie, but we do understand that not everyone will be able to afford this, so the hoodie is therefore not compulsory. Thank you!



Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children, who have been put into the Golden Book for good work, effort or behaviour:

Connor H.

Gold Mark Sports Award

We are pleased to announce that Glenmere achieved the School Games Mark Gold Award for the third year in a row.

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme that was launched in 2012. The aim is to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school.

School Games Mark applications are divided into areas:

Participation – How many young people at your school are engaged in sporting activity?

Competition – How many sports are being played and how many competitions are being entered?

Workforce – How many pupils are involved in leadership activities alongside taking part in competitions?

Clubs – How many local links does your school have with clubs or establishments from the area?



Workshops

This year we will be offering some workshops to support parents, to enable us to work together in supporting your children. The dates of the meetings are as follows and more information will come out nearer the workshop.

11th September, 2-3pm - Year 5/6 parent workshop, the aim of the workshop will be to develop your knowledge of SAT's and then provide ideas for you to be able to support your child during those important years.

9th Oct-2-3pm - whole school SEN parent workshop, the aim of the workshop will be to discuss and look at ways and activities you may use at home to support children with spelling, dyslexia and reading problems.

23rd Oct-2-3pm - Year R, 1 and 2 parent Phonics workshop, the aim of the workshop will be to explain how phonics is taught in school and look at the different phases and then show you activities you can use to support your child.

30th Oct-2-3pm - whole school Reading workshop for parents, the aim of the workshop will be to look at different ways you can support your child with reading at home using games and activities that can make it enjoyable.

27th Nov-2-3pm - whole school Healthy Minds and Lifestyles workshop, the aim of the workshop will be to give you ideas to help support your child to become confident and resilient, plus how to develop a healthy approach in a fun way.

We will also be having a reading workshop for EYFS parents, the date is yet to be set for this. If for the autumn term there are any other workshops you think would help support you as a parent, then please email the office with your suggestions or speak to myself.

Friends of Glenmere Parent Staff Association (FOGPSA)

On Monday 21st October 2019 FOGPSA will be holding their Annual General Meeting. This will take place at 6.00pm in the school library. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the PSA Committee, or you are considering joining their team, then they would love to see you on 21st.

Children's Achievements

Congratulations to Freddie P, Year 6 who has recently won his first football tournament of the season with his team, Aylestone Park FC U11's. Well done Freddie!



Please email the office with a brief description and photo of any activities or achievements your child may have done out of school.

General Procedures Reminder

As usual, I would like to remind you about general procedures that will make life easier for everyone.

- Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped.
- PE kits should be kept in draw string bags to help keep cloakrooms tidy. Please bring them on a Monday and leave them at school for the week. If it is possible to avoid other bags, particularly large rucksacks, we would be grateful. Our PE kit is a Glenmere t-shirt and black shorts.
- Please ring the school if your child is to be absent so that we know that he/she is safe. Also let the teacher or office know reasons for any absences so that unauthorised absences can be avoided.
- Dinner money is now priced at £2.25 per day and £11.25 per week. Please pay lunch money via schoolcomms.
- If you have any concerns or complaints you must speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved then please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Conlon, Head of School.
- If you have any concerns relating to your child's Special Educational Needs, speak to your child's class teacher. The issue may then be passed onto Mrs Dorrington, our school SENCo.
- If you have concerns relating to any incidents which may have occurred over the lunch time period, once again, speak to your child's class teacher who may then refer the matter to Miss Hartley, who oversees Lunch times.
- Help us to keep your children safe by avoiding driving up the drive at the start or end of school. Please do not use the gateway as a turning point.
- The wearing of jewellery is not permitted in school except for stud earrings which must be removed by the child before PE and swimming.
- Please ensure that if your child needs an inhaler or epipen that one is sent into school clearly marked with your child's name and instructions for use.
- Please ensure that you inform the office if you have a change in contact details.
- Children in years 1-6 are able to bring a small snack to eat at break time. This should be a healthy option, eg a cereal bar, rice cake, breadsticks or a small piece of fruit. Please ensure that you do not send anything containing chocolate or nuts and no crisps or sweets.
- Your child may bring in a drink of water for the day, please do not send them in with squash.
- Please do not book holidays in school time, holidays can only be authorised if they are needed due to religious or exceptional circumstances.
- If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a letter at the end of each half term. If the attendance continues to be low a referral will be made to the school's attendance officer.

Provisional Diary Dates 2019/2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY NEW DATES OR AMENDMENTS WILL BE SHOWN IN RED.

<p>Wednesday 11th September Wednesday 11th September Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th September Monday 23rd September</p>	<p>Year 3 Chocolate Workshop Years 5 & 6 Parent Workshop 2.00pm-3.00pm Balanceability - Year 1 children (mornings) Year 5 class assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 minutes)</p>
<p>Wednesday 2nd October Monday 7th October Tuesday 8th October Wednesday 9th October Friday 11th October Friday 11th October Monday 21st October Monday 21st October Wednesday 23rd October Wednesday 30th October</p>	<p>Reading Afternoon - 1.30pm – 2.45pm Parents' Evening - 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents' Evening - 3.30pm – 6.30pm Whole School SEN Parent Workshop 2.00pm-3.00pm Whole School Cross Country 9.00am - 10.30am School closes for Half term School opens for Autumn Term 2. PSA Annual General Meeting, 6pm, Library Reception, Year 1 & 2 Parent Phonics Workshop 2.00pm-3.00pm Whole School Reading Workshop for Parents 2.00pm-3.00pm</p>
<p>Monday 4th November Wednesday 20th November - pm Thursday 21st November – am Wednesday 27th November</p>	<p>Year 6 Class Assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 mins) Reception Christmas Play - 2pm (approx. 50 mins) Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am (approx. 50 mins) Whole School Healthy Minds & Lifestyle Workshop for parents 2.00-3.00pm</p>
<p>Monday 9th December Tuesday 10th December Wednesday 11th December Thursday 12th December Friday 13th December Monday 16th December Tuesday 17th December Wednesday 18th December Thursday 19th December Friday 20th December 2019</p>	<p>KS2 trip to see Pantomime at Loughborough Town Hall (afternoon) Flu Vaccinations for children in Reception – Year 6 School Christmas dinner Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party pm Year 3/4 Christmas Party pm KS1 Christmas Play - 1.30 pm (approx. 1 hour) KS1 Christmas Play - 1.30pm (approx. 1 hour) Year 5/6 Christmas Party pm Talent Show - 9.00am School Closes</p>
<p>Monday 6th January 2020 Tuesday 7th January Wednesday 22nd January Monday 27th January Friday 31st January</p>	<p>INSET day - Children are not required to attend School opens for Spring Term Maths Afternoon Year 4 Assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 mins) Year 6 Warning Zone Trip</p>
<p>Monday 10th – Friday 14th February Friday 14th February Monday 24th February</p>	<p>Year 5 Bikeability School Closes for half term School opens for Spring Term 2</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th March Wednesday 11th March Monday 16th March</p>	<p>Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 5.30pm Year 3 Class Assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 min)</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April Friday 3rd April Monday 20th April</p>	<p>Family Day 9.10am – 2.30pm (Break 10.10am – 10.30am; Lunch 11.30am - 1.15pm – parents to go home for lunch). School Closes for Easter Holidays School Opens for Summer Term</p>
<p>Friday 1st May Friday 8th May Monday 11th May Friday 22nd May</p>	<p>Reception Class Assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 mins) School Closed – Bank Holiday Year 1 Class Assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 mins) School Closes for Half term</p>
<p>Monday 1st June Tuesday 2nd June Friday 5th June Monday 8th June Wednesday 10th June Friday 19th June Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th June</p>	<p>INSET day - Children are not required to attend School opens for Summer Term 2 KS2 Sports Day – 9.05am (approx. 1 – 1.5 hours) KS1 Sports Day – 9.05am (approx. 1 – 1.5 hours) Science Afternoon Year 2 Class Assembly starting at 9.10am (approx. 20 mins) Year 6 Residential – Beaumanor Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st July Thursday 2nd July Monday 6th July pm Tuesday 7th July pm Thursday 9th July Friday 10th July</p>	<p>Wigston Academy Transition Day Wigston Academy Transition Day Year 5 Production - 1.30pm (approx. 1.5 hours) Year 5 Production - 5.00pm (approx. 1.5 hours) School closes for Summer Holidays INSET day - Children are not required to attend</p>

School Admissions Deadline

Please note that the deadline date for submission of applications to Leicestershire County Council, for children who will be moving to secondary school at the beginning of the next academic year is **31st October 2019**. Applications for children who will be starting primary school in the next academic year must be made by mid-**January 2020**. Applications can be made via the website www.leicestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions

Mrs S. Conlon
Headteacher

School website: www.glenmere.net

BBC1's hit show '*Eat Well For Less?*' is BACK and looking for households to take part!

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control?**

Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration?**

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation?**

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: eatwell@rdftelevision.com or Call: 0117 970 7682

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