



Glenhurst School & Nursery News

May 2008

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Healthy Schools Initiative

Glenhurst is taking part in the Healthy Schools Initiative and is encouraging all parents to help as follows:

Healthy Snacks

Please do not send in any chocolate or sweets for snack time. We suggest fruit, plain biscuits, breadsticks, raisins, and other similar healthy snacks.

Bedtimes

It is important that children get a good night's sleep and go to bed at a sensible time for their age before a school day so that they arrive fresh and alert, ready to start learning.

Sunhats and sunlotion

Every child will require a named sunhat and named bottle of sunlotion or suncream to be left in school for the duration of the summer term. We recommend that you apply sunlotion to your child before arriving in the morning, then more can be applied at lunchtime either by the child themselves, by the class teacher, or by the Nursery and Pre-School staff. It is important that you name your child's sunlotion so that it is not applied to another child in error (avoiding potential allergic reactions). School baseball caps and legionnaire-style sunhats are available now from the School office at a cost of £3.00 each.

Summer Uniform

The summer uniform is as follows:

Nursery any play clothes, or you may wish your child to wear the Glenhurst polo shirts and sweatshirts (available from the Office)

Pre-School Glenhurst polo shirts and sweatshirts plus choice of bottom half OR
Girls - blue and white check summer dresses, royal blue cardigans
Boys - grey shorts, pale blue short sleeved shirts, grey jumpers

School Girls - blue and white check summer dresses, royal blue cardigans
Blazer and straw panama hat
Boys - grey shorts, pale blue short sleeved shirts, grey jumpers
Blazer and cap



School Parents - please would you ensure that your child has a named pair of plimsolls and an overall in school.

A table of second hand clothes is in the shelter at the front of the main school building – if you would like to take clothes home to try on your child please feel free. We charge £1 per item if you decide to buy anything.

Piano Lessons

Would any children in Reception Class upwards like to start piano lessons in September? Mrs Carol Frogley comes to Glenhurst on Tuesdays to teach piano, and is an excellent and patient teacher. Please contact the Office if you would like your child to have a trial lesson.



Earth Day – Tuesday, 22nd April

Well done to all those children who entered the Earth Day poster competition. The competition was judged by Mrs Beth Hawdon on Thursday, 24th April and the winners are:

Older Age Group

1st – Ryan Smith

2nd – Ronin Gillespie-Griffiths

3rd – Yic-Hin Jim

Younger Age Group

1st – Tamzin Duncan

2nd – Annie Beaton

3rd – Daniel Hazell

All children who entered received a special certificate. Mrs Hawdon also organised the Beach Clean-Up Day on Saturday, 26th April on Hayling Island's Esso Station Beach. We were delighted to see so many families participating in the event, and photos will shortly appear on our website. We have also sent photos and some editorial to the local press.

Pre-School Vegetable Patch and Learning Garden

We are delighted to be able to go ahead with our plans for a vegetable patch and a learning garden, thanks to Helen Greed (Daniel's Mum) who has persuaded Wyevale Garden Centre in Havant to donate lots of equipment, plants and seeds to us. We will be documenting the creation of the children's garden from the moment the items arrive.



Pottery Day – Wednesday, 7th May

YR, 1 and 2 children will be taking part in a Pottery Day with Christine McCarey, a well-known local potter. Christine will be helping the children to create their own decorated clay tile, to be linked together into a mural to commemorate Glenhurst's 50th Anniversary this summer. The mural will be ready for unveiling at the Summer Fair on Saturday, 21st June.

Summer Term Events

Here are some details of the events coming up this term:

Bank Holiday – Monday, 5th May

We are closed!

Grandparents Day – Friday, 23rd May

All Grandparents are invited to an Assembly at 9.00am, followed by a tour and refreshments made by the children. We love to see grandparents at Glenhurst at any time, not just on this day, so if you are unable to attend but would love to visit on another day then please just let us know.

Half Term Holiday Club – Tuesday, 27th to Friday 30th May

Please note that the Holiday Club will run for 4 days only, as Monday 26th May is a Bank Holiday and we are closed. Booking forms are available now from the Office, and the last day for booking requests will be Friday, 16th May.

Blue and Orange Class Trip to Manor Farm – Wednesday, 4th June

Please see the separate letter sent with this newsletter.

Pre-School and School Sports Day – Friday, 6th June

The annual Sports Day will be held (weather permitting) on Warblington School fields from 10.30am to 2pm, and all parents and grandparents are invited to watch (and participate!).

Nursery Sports Afternoon – Thursday, 12th June

The Nursery will be holding their own "Sports Day" in the garden, and all parents and grandparents are invited to watch / participate.

Summer Fair – Saturday, 21st June

The Summer Fair will take place at School from 12 noon to 3pm, and will include a bouncy castle, face painting, games, stalls, a raffle with some great prizes from local businesses, a tombola, and an ice cream and hot food van. The children in Years R, 1 and 2 are already practising for a country dancing display at the Fair, and we will be unveiling the 50th Anniversary children's mural. We hope to see as many families as possible on the day, and if you can't make it then please support us by purchasing some raffle tickets which will be sent out in the next newsletter. We are now collecting books, CD's, DVD's, good condition children's clothes, bric-a-brac and any brand-new raffle or tombola items that you may have.

Bronze Class Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium – Wednesday, 25th June

Further details will be sent out shortly.

Dress-Up-Day and Disco – Friday, 27th June

The Dress-Up-Day is for all children from Nursery up, and we request £1 per child on the day. The Disco is suitable for children from around age 3+ (3 and 4 year olds must be accompanied by a parent). If your child is pre-booked at After School Club on Fridays then they will be accompanied to the disco by our staff, with the exception of children under the age of 3, who will be cared for as usual by our Nursery staff. We are planning to start the disco at the earlier time of 4pm, ending at 5.30pm, including a party tea and magic show. Tickets cost £5 per child and will be available from the end of May, when we will confirm the timing.

Current & New Parents Open Evening – Wednesday, 2nd July

This is an opportunity for current parents to speak to their child's teacher or carer, and for new parents to view the School and Nursery.

Summer Concert – Friday, 4th July

All parents and grandparents are invited to the concert from 2-3pm, and further details will be available nearer the time.

Bronze Class Leavers' Assembly and Awards Ceremony – Friday, 11th July

An Assembly and Awards Ceremony will be held at 9am to which the parents of those children who are leaving Bronze Class will be invited. The Assembly will be followed by refreshments.

Last Day of the Summer Term – Friday, 11th July

We will be closing at 6.00pm as normal.

Summer Holiday Club Monday, 14th July to Friday, 22nd August
CLOSURE WEEK Monday, 25th – Friday, 29th August inclusive
Monday, 1st September to Wednesday, 3rd September

Booking forms will be available from the second half of the summer term onwards. Please be assured that customers whose Pre-School children are moving onto other schools in September are very welcome to use the Summer Holiday Club (and subsequent Holiday Clubs) if they wish.

First Day Back – Thursday, 4th September

We will be open at 8.00am as normal.

Finally, could we please remind you that the Nursery and School does not open until 8.00am, and we close at 6.00pm! We are unable to take children before 8.00am as our staff require this time to prepare and plan for the day's activities. If you arrive before 8.00am then please feel free to wait in the shelter if it is raining. If children are collected after 6.00pm, we will be obliged to charge a late collection fee to cover staff overtime. This also applies during Holiday Club.

Mrs Ethna Haines, Head Teacher

Mrs Jo Hollingshead, Office Manager



Dates for Your Diaries – Summer Term 2008

Bank Holiday	Mon, 5th May (Closed)
Grandparents Day	Fri, 23rd May
Bank Holiday Half Term and Holiday Club	Mon, 26th May (Closed) 27th – 30th May inclusive
Blue and Orange Class Trip to Manor Farm	Weds, 4th June
Pre-School and School Sports Day	Fri, 6th June
Nursery Sports Afternoon	Thurs, 12th June
Blue Class Parents' Assembly	Fri, 20th June
Summer Fair	Sat, 21st June
Bronze Class Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium	Weds, 25th June
Orange Class Parents' Assembly	Fri, 27th June
Dress-Up-Day and Disco	Fri, 27th June
Current & New Parents Open Evening	Weds, 2nd July
Summer Concert	Fri, 4th July
Bronze Class Leavers' Assembly & Awards Ceremony	Fri, 11th July
Last Day of Term (normal closure time)	Fri, 11th July
Summer Holiday Club CLOSURE WEEK Summer Holiday Club	14th July to 22nd August 25th – 29th August inclusive 1st – 3rd September
Start of the Autumn educational term	Thurs, 4th September

A note about Parents Assemblies....

Parents' Assemblies start at 9am and are held in the Pre-School classroom in the main School building. All parents are invited to attend their child's assembly each term.