



Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parents' Evenings

Please remember to book an appointment via the school website [www.gretton.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.gretton.gloucs.sch.uk) to see your child's class teacher on either Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February or Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We are aiming for 100% attendance but if you're unable to attend on either of those dates, please contact us to make alternative arrangements - many thanks.

## Playtimes

Next week, in an effort to make it a safer and generally happier time for everyone, we are going to trial a different approach to morning playtimes. Kingfishers and Owls will go out at 10:25 am until 10:40 am and then Robins will have their playtime with their "big" friends in Eagles from 10:40 am until 10:55 am.

## Diary Dates

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> February

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> February

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SEN Reviews

Friendship Friday!

End of Term 3

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> February, 3:30 to 6:00 pm

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> March

Start of Term 4

Parents' Evening

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World Book Day - dress as a favourite character!

End of Term 4

*If required further information about certain events will be sent out closer to the time.*

## Class Assemblies

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January, 8:55 am

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> February, 8:55 am

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February, 8:55 am

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February, 8:55 am

Well done Robins!

Kingfishers

Owls

Eagles

## Night Owls

Next week Night Owls will continue to be run by different members of staff who have kindly agreed to help on a rota basis. I hope to be able to provide further information next week about the arrangements for after half term. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## News from around the classes

### *Robins*

Robins had a great adventure to Winchcombe on a bus this week. We bought stamps, posted thank you cards to our Big Friends, visited the library to browse the books and played in the park and enjoyed our picnic lunch. Robins then told their parents and the rest of the school about their trip in our class assembly as well as singing songs about travelling accompanied on the guitar by Miss Badham.

### *Kingfishers*

Kingfishers have been looking at different materials and their properties. We have been wondering why spoons are made of different materials and working out what spoon would be most suitable for which job! The children have also been identifying how materials can be used in different ways and finding different ways to sort different objects according to their materials or their properties.

### *Owls*

Owls have enjoyed being taught by Mr Cleevely this week and we have been making plans for writing an exciting story as part of the Radio 2 500 Words competition. In our art work, we have been looking at a famous artist from Europe, Picasso. We started by practising drawing both portrait and profile pictures of our own faces using the ipads. Once we had successfully completed that we combined the two drawings to make a Picasso style painting.

### *Eagles*

Eagles became the next generation of engineers, mathematicians and entrepreneurs during our STEM workshop on Thursday. The children worked in groups of three to design and create their own working fairground rides using K'NEX. Computer programming skills were used to control lights, movement and music. Mr Woolston, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Holt were extremely impressed with their efforts and would like to say a big thank you to FOGs for agreeing to fund the workshop.

## **FOGS**

### **FOGS Notice Board**

The school have kindly given FOGS sole use of the notice board by the front gate. This will be the first place to check for information on up- coming events, who the Committee Members are and if any donations/volunteers are needed! We hope to have this up and running by the beginning of next week.

### **Valentines Disco**

The first FOGS event of 2018 is the Valentines Disco - this will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6-7.30pm in the school hall, £3 entry with snacks and treats available to purchase. If any adult would like to volunteer and join in the fun, please speak to Beth, Zoe or Abigail in the playground, post on the school Facebook page or email us at: [friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com).

### **Open PTA Meeting Summary**

For those of you who were unable to make the Open PTA Meeting but would like to know what we discussed, please have a look at the attached Meeting Summary. I hope you will find it interesting and informative, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Playground Project**

This year the PTA is going to focus on funding new playground facilities! There are lots of opportunities for improvements but equipment is costly and the school need our support, so the PTA will be working alongside our fantastic teachers to provide more varied and exciting places to play. The staff have already had a meeting to discuss their ideas and get the ball rolling, we will then work with them to draw up a master plan for the refresh, and will implement ideas in stages as funding allows. Please keep a look out on the notice board for more details - we are all really looking forward to seeing some exciting changes to outdoor play at Gretton!

Thank you!

## FOGS Open PTA Meeting Summary: 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

9 x Committee Members were present plus 3 x non-committee members.

The following is a summary of our first Open PTA meeting of 2018.

### The Committee

After welcome and introductions, I gave a summary of the FOGS Constitution, explained our charitable aims, how the committee is formed and how and why Committee meetings happen. This explanation can be found on the FOGS page of the Gretton School website, and I will also upload our Constitution Summary document, which explains this in a bit more detail.

The most important point the Committee wanted to communicate is that you do not have to be a Committee Member to have an active role in our school's PTA!

As all parents, carers and guardians of current pupils are automatically PTA members, you are actively encouraged to support, volunteer, or help organise any FOGS event! The PTA simply cannot operate without your valuable time and support, so please do not hesitate to email us at [friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com) or approach Zoe, Beth or myself in the playground with any ideas, suggestions or indeed questions.

The only extra responsibility an elected Committee Member takes on is the following:

- Committing to attending Committee meetings, currently 1 meeting per half term
- Deciding how the funds raised are spent, by voting at Committee meetings

### Funding Plan

FOGS aims to have raised approximately £3,000 by the start of each academic year, which for a small school is an amazing amount! This means we can plan to spend £500 per class per year on Teacher Requests, leaving £1,000 per to cover whole school experiences/resources, as well as FOGS insurance, PTA membership and any other incurred cost not recuperated by event fundraising.

### Teacher Requests

At this meeting, the following Teacher Requests were approved:

#### Whole school experiences / resources:

Numicon extension resources: £109

Forest School resources: £161.71

Coaches for a whole school trip to Nature in Art: £360

Chess sets to start a chess club: £60

Additional home reading books to encourage reluctant readers and engage boys in particular: £134.93 (for 179 books!)

#### Eagles class:

Additional coin belts for dance: £60

Just by looking at the above you can see how invaluable PTA support is to our school, every donation you make really does make a huge difference - so thank you!

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Beth spoke about the feedback gained from the Parent Questionnaire - the good news is that both adults and children enjoy the events the PTA have put on, and we have a couple of new ideas to add to our list - so watch this space!

Interestingly, when asked what would you like to see PTA funds spent on, the majority of responses were 'on the Playground'. In light of this Mr Woolston has organised a staff meeting to discuss the playground update, with FOGS offering to support this project along with organising specific fundraising events. Exciting times ahead, so again, look out for more information coming soon!

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FOGS will also continue to communicate through the School Newsletter, as well as posting on the unofficial School Facebook page.

Abigail Holland  
Co-Vice Chair FOGS PTA



Birthdays coming up.....

*Monty Silver, Seb Jouni and Annabelle Leather*

*Congratulations!*

### School Meals

To help your child choose their meals, here's the menu for next week:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beefburger in a bun with Jacket Wedges	Chicken Tikka & Rice	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Tortilla Stack with Garlic Slice(made with organice beef mince)	MSCFish fingers or Salmon fishfingers & chips
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Mixed Bean Cassoulet with Jacket Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with new potatoes	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice	Vegetable Pasty with chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Carrots	Shredded Cabbage & Swede	Roasted Vegetable Medley	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Carrot & Sultana Cake with Custard/ Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Chocolate Crunch/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Jelly with a side of Mandarins/ Yoghurt/ Fruit Chunks	Banana Cake & Custard/Yoghurt / Fruit Salad	Lemon & Cucumber Cake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter

*This week's 'Golden Children' (02.02.18)*

**Robins**

Jack Wright for making great progress in his reading.

**Kingfishers**

Bonny for her excellent story writing this week and Liam for some super counting in 2s

**Owls**

Jake Davis for his excellent map reading skills in *Get Outdoors* club and Tallulah Hollingsworth for her super interpretation of an abstract picture.

**Eagles**

Lewis, Lottie and Caleb for their fantastic team-working skills during our K'NEX workshop.

Best wishes to all members of the school community

*Mr R Woolston*

Headteacher