



Friday 5th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all - I hope 2018 turns out to be a healthy and happy year for everyone. Hopefully you will have all received a letter from your child's class teacher, providing you with some helpful reminders and information about the term ahead - it promises to be a busy and exciting few months.

Lining Up and Coming Into School

You will have noticed from the class letters that we are encouraging all the children to line up on the playground in a calm and orderly manner, first thing in the morning and at the end of playtimes. We're convinced that this approach helps to ensure that the children are ready to listen and learn as they come into school. Therefore, it would be very helpful if parents could say their goodbyes before the bell's rung at 8:40 am and then depart as the children line up - thank you for your support with this.

Lost Property

At the end of last term we returned as much lost property as possible to its rightful owners but already the pile is growing again! Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name - many thanks.

Christingle Collection

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Christingle collection - I've received a letter of thanks from the Children's Society as we managed to raise £134.14.

Playground footballs

We've invested the money raised from last term's Pyjama Day in some new playground equipment, including a number of suitable balls. The children have now been asked not to bring in heavy leather balls from home.

Clubs

A letter has been sent home with details of the clubs on offer this term. As always, I'm very grateful to all the staff who give their time and energy so generously for the benefit of the children.

Ofsted Parentview Website

Many of you will be aware that Ofsted run a website called Parentview, which gives parents and carers an opportunity to express their views on their child's school by answering a short series of questions. Probably the best way of accessing the site is to "Google" Parentview and then to follow the simple instructions on screen. Currently we have no responses for this academic year and so I would be very grateful if as many people as possible could complete the short survey - many thanks.

Diary Dates

Wed 17 th January	x6 children from China visiting school
Thu 18 th January	School Census Day (special lunch menu)
Thu 18 th January, 6:20 pm	FOGs "Open" meeting
Thu 25 th January, from 2:30 pm	Parents - "Have a Look Afternoon"
Fri 26 th January	Big Friend Bake-Off Day!
Tue 30 th January	Robins bus ride to Winchcombe
Thu 8 th February	SEN Reviews
Fri 9 th February	Friendship Friday!
Fri 9 th February	End of Term 3
Mon 19 th February	Start of Term 4
Thu 22 nd February, 4:30 to 7:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Tue 27 th February, 3:30 to 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 1 st March	World Book Day - dress as a favourite book character!
Thu 29 th March	End of Term 4

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

We received an enquiry about the date for Sports Day and I can confirm that this will be on Wednesday 20th June.

Class Assemblies

Wed 31 st January, 8:55 am	Robins
Wed 7 th February, 8:55 am	Kingfishers
Wed 21 st February, 8:55 am	Owls
Wed 28 th February, 8:55 am	Eagles

Road Closure Information

I just wanted to remind parents that because of repair works being undertaken to Railway Bridge No. 34 on Gretton Road, Gotherington according to the signs the road will be closed from the 8th January for 6 to 8 weeks and diversions will be in place. If you require further information please phone 01242 621905, thanks.

Staffing Arrangements

Welcome to Mrs Marlow, our new Teaching Assistant in Kingfishers. I'm sure you will all help Mrs Marlow to settle in to her new role and feel welcome.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins have been very excited about the train station that has appeared in the classroom and have been imagining all the exciting places they would like to visit. As well as telling each other about the toys Father Christmas brought, the children have also been sharing journeys they went on in the holidays as part of our 'Off we go!' topic. While most of us were enjoying the snow, Roman was enjoying the sunshine in Africa and told us all about his exciting adventure.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have returned from a fun-filled Christmas holidays full of enthusiasm and eager to share their holiday news, particularly Bonny, who spent three weeks in the Philippines and Australia. We are beginning to create a display using favourite toys the children have brought in from home and are excited to get stuck into our new topic, 'Toys'.

Owls

Owls have started their 'exploration of Europe' this week and begun using atlases to identify some of the different European countries. We discussed the difference between a continent and a country and were amazed to learn that Europe is home to 729 million people! Elsewhere we watched a video of a drone flight across Norway in Winter and are starting to plan and write some winter flight poems based on The Snowman.

Eagles

Eagles kicked off their India project with a session on... Andy Warhol! Though the link may not be obvious, we found out that Warhol used images of famous people such as John Lennon, Marilyn Monroe and Chairman Mao to create his iconic pop art. We then used images of Mahatma Gandhi to produce our 'Gandhi Warhol' pictures.

FOGS

Happy New Year!

After a fantastic end to 2017 - we are looking forward to organising more fun events in 2018!

To get us started, we would like to invite all parents, carers and staff to attend an Open PTA meeting on Thursday 18th January, 6.20pm at School. This is the perfect opportunity to come and say hello to the new committee team, find out more about how the PTA operates, how the funds raised are spent, and ask us any questions!

To help us organise the meeting, please could you register your interest in attending, either by signing the sheet at the office or by commenting on the School Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you



Birthdays coming up.....
Ava Buttle, Oscar Davis and Hugo Millar

Congratulations!

School Meals

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice	Chicken & Red Pepper Pizza with baby Baked Potato	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Organic Beef Mince Pasta Bolognese	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
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Vegetable Pasta Bake	Lentil & Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Quorn Mince Pasta Bolognese	Quorn Hotdog with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Soup with Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Red Onion Slaw & Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetables	Broccoli & Sliced Carrots	Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Baked Bean & Garden Peas
Pear Crumble & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Platter	Lemon Drizzle Cake/ Yogurt/Fruit Chunks	Chocolate Cookie/Yoghurt/Fruit Pieces	Apple & Berry Strudel with Custard/Yogurt /Fruit Platter	Chocolate & Orange Brownie Yogurt/Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (03.01.18)

Robins

Dougie Steward for showing good manners and Josiah Richardson for working hard on his writing.

Kingfishers

Oscar Tustin for tackling all tasks very sensibly and maturely this week and also Talia Stratford for excellent recognition of coins in Maths.

Owls

Will Parker for his enthusiasm in identifying European countries. Jake Davis for showing politeness and manners.

Eagles

Lottie Wright for her Andy Warhol work and Ava Bawdon for stepping up to the Register Monitor Substitute role so well.

Best wishes to all members of the school community

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher