



Friday 6th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the penultimate full week of term, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and that you're still enjoying the warm weather - frankly I'm looking forward to a bit of rain!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE Owls Trip to the Royal International Air Tattoo - Friday 13th July

Please note that because the coach will be leaving promptly at 8:40 am, we would like all the children attending the trip to be in school by 8:20 am - thank you. Mr Bridges would like to remind parents about providing your child with some ear defenders as the roar of the jets can be quite deafening. We are aiming to be back at school by about 4:40 pm but this will depend on the traffic - we will try to keep you updated.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE Eagles Trip to Tewkesbury MedFest - Friday 13th July

The coach will be leaving at 8:30 am next Friday and so all the children who are going on this trip need to be in school by 8:15 am - thank you. Eagles will not be back at school until 3:30 pm at the earliest - again we will try to keep you informed.

As there will be two coaches waiting at the front of the school next Friday morning, please take this into consideration when parking - many thanks.

Winchcombe Show - Monday 27th August

Once again there is an Art competition - this year children 14 years and under are being asked to make a flag, no larger than 100 cm by 75 cm, on the theme of "The Seaside". There's no entry fee but cash prizes will be available; £5 for 1st place, £3 for 2nd and £2 for 3rd place - group entries are also welcome.

Gretton's Got Talent

The School Council have done an absolutely fantastic job - even giving up three lunchtime plays without moaning! We completed the auditions earlier this week and the standards were high! Sadly, as we had over twenty acts to choose from, not everyone will be appearing in the final on Monday 16th July. The lucky ones have now been informed, so they've got a week to hone their acts before the big day! I will have a meeting with the contestants next Tuesday afternoon to agree the running order and give some final reminders.

Annual Pupil Reports

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned their acknowledgement forms and we're very grateful for all your positive and appreciative comments. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive and so we will endeavour to stick to the same format next year.

Rearranged Date for Eagles Production - A repeat of last week's message

Please note that because so many of the children in Eagles will be representing the school at the National Tag American Football Finals in London on Wednesday 18th July, we have been forced to change the date of one of the performances. The first performance will now be at 6:00 pm on Thursday 19th July and the second show will be at the same time on Friday 20th July.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but I'm sure you can understand the reasons for us making this decision.

Staffing Arrangements for Next Year

As you know Mrs Jones will be leaving us at the end of the academic year but I'm pleased to inform you that Mrs Eliot will be joining us in September, to take on the role of Kingfishers' Class Teacher in the afternoons. We are lucky to have Mrs Eliot. She is a talented, experienced and highly committed teacher, who I'm sure will prove to be a valuable addition to our team.

A reminder that Mrs Jackson will be starting her maternity leave from the beginning of next term and Mrs Holt will be the full time Class Teacher, ably supported by Mr Major.

Pupil Questionnaires - A repeat of last week's message

As part of our ongoing self-evaluation procedures, the children have recently been completing their annual pupil questionnaires. Once we've had a chance to compile and review the responses, we will happily provide you with an overview of the results.

Parentview <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> - A repeat of last week's message

On a similar note, please remember that as a parent you are able to complete the online Parentview survey regarding your views on our school. You can also see the overall results, which I'm pleased to say are overwhelmingly positive. Whilst the online questionnaire can be helpful, we of course would much prefer it if you came to see us with any concerns as we're able to resolve the vast majority of issues very swiftly.

Meeting for Current YR Parents 12.07.18 - REMINDER

There will be a "Welcome to Y1" meeting for the parents of our current YR children from 5.30 to 6:00 pm on Thursday 12th July in Kingfishers' classroom. This is a chance for you to learn more about life in Y1 and to ask any questions you may have.

Residential Meeting for Current Y4 and Y5 Parents 12.07.18 - REMINDER

Thank you to all the parents who responded to Mrs Holt's letter, regarding a meeting about the next residential visit. This will be going ahead at 5:30 pm on Thursday 12th July in Eagles' classroom.

House Points

Well it's going down to the wire! **Stanley** won this week and so they've now got 6 discs on the discometer - the same as **Cleeve**. **Langley** have 5 and so could still draw level as we go into the final week for collecting house dojo points. Good luck everyone!

The School Council have decided that as a reward, children in the winning House at the end of term will be able to go down to the field and play games for an hour.

Gretton Science Day (Saturday 7th July, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm) - Tomorrow!

I'm pleased to inform you that this popular annual event will be going ahead again this year but with a different team behind the scenes organising the day. As in previous years, thanks to the generosity of certain members of staff, we will be supporting the event by providing a stand at the show.

A plea for home-made cakes the organisers of the event would be very grateful if any of our parents could donate a cake or a number of small cakes to be sold on the day to help raise much needed funds for the hall and field. If parents could take them to the village hall on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 11am - thank you.

End of Year Assembly

Our final assembly of the year is on the last day of term -Tuesday 24th at 1:45 pm and the parents of our Year 6 children are invited to attend.

Diary Dates

Sat 7 th July (11:30 am to 4:00 pm)	Gretton Science day
Thu 12 th July	NSPCC Assemblies and workshop for Eagles
Thu 12 th July (5:30 pm)	Meeting for current YR parents about Y1
Thu 12 th July (5:30 pm)	Meeting regarding Eagles September Residential
Fri 13 th July	Owls to Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT)
Fri 13 th July	Eagles to Tewkesbury Medieval Festival
Mon 16 th July	Gretton's Got Talent - the Final!
Thu 19 th July	Whole school trip to Nature in Art
Thu 19 th July (6:00 pm)	Eagles end of year production
Fri 20 th July	Big Friends accompanying Little Friends to Forest School
Fri 20th July (6:00 pm)	Eagles end of year production (Rescheduled date)
Mon 23 rd July	Whole- school Winchcombe Walk
Tue 24 th July	Final assembly (1:45 pm) parents of our Y6 children are welcome to attend
	Last day of the academic year
Mon 3 rd September	INSET DAY (school closed to children)
Tue 4 th September	Start of Term 1 (2018 to 2019)

If necessary details about all forthcoming events will be sent out nearer the time.

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 9th May

Well done Robins!

Wednesday 23rd May

Well done Owls!

Wednesday 20th June

Well done Eagles!

Wednesday 27th June

Well done Kingfishers!

Additional class assemblies will be scheduled for the Autumn Term.

Night Owls and Early Birds

Karyn has asked me to remind parents of the children who attend Night Owls on a Friday about Ice Creams - if you'd like your child to have an ice cream please send them in with a pound or let her know and she will buy them one, so long as you pay her back!

Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be working together to produce some art work to display at the forthcoming Winchcombe Show.

News from around the classes

Robins

During our topic work this week Robins discovered what dissolves in water. They experimented with flour, salt, sugar and washing powder and were amazed when the sugar and salt disappeared like magic! We also used a 'Kelly Kettle' at Forest School to find out what happens to water when it is heated. The children gathered kindling to make a fire inside the kettle, boiled water and used it to make their hot chocolate.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have had a lovely varied week getting out and about. We had a lovely afternoon down at the school field learning all about trees. The children were able to spot evergreen and deciduous trees as well as learning how to measure their age and height (without getting on each other's shoulders!) We did some great leaf and bark rubbings and created super pictures of trees using only natural resources, remembering to include all the key features-roots, trunk, bark, branches and leaves. The children had a sporty afternoon at Cheltenham College. Mrs Holt reported that all the children got involved and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Owls

Owls have been honing their artistic skills this week and applying their mathematical skills in using symmetry to create some fabulous Tudor roses. We also learnt about different types of weather in French. We have also started to learn a new song in music with a disco theme which has got all the children shaking their hips!

Eagles

The dulcet tones of singing Eagles have been ringing out this week as the children get to grips with harmonies in their school play songs. A last minute wild card addition has thrown the ferocious tiger amongst the pigeons but Eagles are gamely undertaking this challenge. Moving Up Morning was a success - the children proved themselves to be hard-working and respectful which bodes well for the new year.

Pre-Loved Garden Toys

The Milner Family are keen to find a new home for some pre-loved garden toys and they've kindly agreed to donate all proceeds to our Playground fund.

Contact: Victoria Milner (07969 153895) - for details - many thanks!

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Monty Bayes, Issy Rayfield, Rowan Wycherley and Lauren Graham

Congratulations!

School Meals

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (09.07.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs with Rice	Fish fingers & Chips
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Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with New Potatoes	Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Spicy Bean Burger & Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Filled Baguette with Ham/Cheese/Tuna or Egg	Jacket Potato with Beans	Filled Baguette with Ham/Cheese/Tuna or Egg	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Sweetcorn, Green Beans	Peas, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Cauliflower	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Chocolate Crunch with Chocolate Sauce/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Banana Cake/Fruit Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Ice cream & Mandarins/Cheese & Biscuits/ Fruit Salad	Pineapple Upside Down Cake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Shortcake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (06.07.18)

Robins

Thomas Brown for giving us such an interesting recount of his trip to Wales.

Kingfishers

Isaac Harris for some very thoughtful contributions in PSHCE lessons.

Owls

Joseph Pringle for some super work on perimeter. Josie Clargo and Lawrence Osborne for their hard work on their excellent Tudor roses.

Eagles

Maisie, Tom and Sarah for being such good 'Moving Up Mentors'.

Best wishes to all members of the school community.

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher

