



Friday 8th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure it's a fading memory now but I hope you all enjoyed the half term break.

Gretton's Got Talent

The children have been informed that the last day for entries is next Tuesday. Depending on how many children enter, we will then organise auditions and rehearsals. The final will take place on Monday 16th July - I can't wait!

Christ Church

Steve Carter, the Lay Minister from our local Church, visited during assembly today and he reminded us that the Church is running another "Café Church" event on Fathers' day - Sunday 17th June from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Gretton Village Hall. The children are bringing home some additional information about it today.

Playground Project

Phase one of the project will be going ahead during the school summer holidays. This will involve the installation of a multi-use games area (MUGA) with an astro-turf surface and the removal of the ramp from beside Kingfishers in order to develop additional outside learning space. A flier will be coming home soon and we're in the process of setting up an information display in reception.

Term 6 Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs for this half term are up and running, thanks to the generosity of numerous members of staff. Please make sure your child knows which clubs they're booked in for and if they're unable to attend for any reason, he/she lets the teacher concerned know.

Staffing News

Sadly Mrs Jones will be leaving us at the end of the academic year as she has recently secured a post at Cheltenham College Prep School. We will say goodbye and thank her properly in July but Mrs Jones will be sorely missed and we wish her the best of luck in her new job. We have already begun the process of finding her replacement.

House Points

This week **Langley** were awarded the most points, so congratulations to everyone in **Langley**. Overall, this year **Stanley** and **Langley** are in joint first place with five discs each. The School Council are going to help decide on a suitable reward for the winning House at the end of the year.

Cheltenham Science Festival (Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June)

This fantastic event is coming up soon with numerous activities for families and young children, some of which are free but for others you will require a ticket. For further information go to www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Gretton Science Day (Saturday 7th July)

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.

Diary Dates

Mon 11 th June	Start of Phonics Screening Check week
Tue 12 th June	Final swimming session for Y2, 3 and 4
Wed 13 th June	Life Education Bus in Gretton
Wed 20 th June (from 1:00 pm)	Sports Day with Mini Summer Fete afterwards
Thu 28 th June	Owls and Eagles to Bell Boating Regatta
Thu 28 th June	Robins to Sandfield Farm
Fri 29 th June	Annual Pupil Reports out to parents
Thu 5 th July (pm)	SEN Reviews and Open Classrooms
Sat 7 th July	Gretton Science day
Thu 12 th July	NSPCC Assemblies and workshop for Eagles
Fri 13 th July	Owls to Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT)
Fri 13 th July	Eagles to Tewkesbury Medieval Festival
Wed 18 th July (early evening)	Eagles end of year production
Thu 19 th July	Whole school trip to Nature in Art
Thu 19 th July (early evening)	Eagles end of year production
Fri 20 th July	Thank You Tea for volunteer helpers (by invitation)
Mon 23 rd July	Whole- school Winchcombe Walk
Tue 24 th July	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)

As you can see it promises to be a very busy but enjoyable few weeks and I'm sure further activities will be added to this list as the term progresses. If necessary details about all forthcoming events will be sent out nearer the time.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will start at about 8:55 am - please come along if you can.

Wednesday 9 th May	Well done Robins!
Wednesday 23 rd May	Well done Owls!
Wednesday 20 th June	Eagles
Wednesday 27 th June	Kingfishers

Night Owls and Early Birds

Karyn Ballinger is running Early Birds and Night Owls now and she's been putting a great deal of time and effort into providing some interesting activities for the children. Our before and after school clubs are providing a valuable service for a growing number of families.

For the time being we're happy to retain a reasonably relaxed approach to catering for children who aren't collected at home time but who haven't been booked in to Night Owls; however to avoid us having to waste time and money trying to contact parents, please make sure we know in advance if your child is attending - many thanks.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins have enjoyed visiting the Seaside Café and Ice-cream Parlour in the role-play area. In English they practised writing lists when taking orders and in Maths they have been counting with money to pay for their food and drinks. We began our 'Splash' topic thinking about all the places we find water and learning about the water cycle.

Kingfishers

The children have returned from their half term break excited to start their new topic Out and About! We have already been out and about in the school grounds enjoying the lovely weather. They all drew super maps of our school playground, thinking about scale and spatial awareness. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first PE lesson with Mrs Holt and were reported to be exceptionally good listeners-well done Kingfishers!

Owls

Owls have been learning all about the famous floods of 2007 which hit Tewkesbury. We watched news footage from the event and discussed the impact it has had on people's lives. In English, we have been looking at instructional texts and wrote our own instructions of how to make James' peach lift out of the sea to escape from sharks!

Eagles

Eagles continue to study Brazil, kicking off the week with a group cooking a vegan Brazilian bowl. This was even more exciting than we anticipated, setting off the fire alarm! The impromptu fire drill was a success and the children behaved very well. We also looked at different biomes across the world and mapped their locations. We noticed that there were links between biomes and temperatures, for example, taiga forests are found in the north in cooler climes.

Sports Day

Sports day is a week on Wednesday - the 20th June. Arrangements will, I believe, be very similar to previous years and we're aiming to start at 1:00 pm. To make it easier to identify the teams and to introduce a bit of healthy competition, we'd like all the children to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house; that's **green for Cleeve**, **red for Langley**, **blue for Stanley** and **yellow for Sudeley**.

FOGS Update

Ice cream Fridays

Fingers crossed the sun stays out! If so, we will be in the middle of the playground, ice creams are £1 each.

Mini Summer Fete - After sports day, Weds 20th June, 3-5pm

We're looking forward to organising a fun afternoon! To help make the fete a success, please can we ask for the following support:

Cakes - homemade or bought! Donations to be left in the hall on Sports Day morning please or brought to the field with you for the afternoon

Bottle Hoopla donations - anything tall such as soft drinks/wine/fizz, to be brought to the office by Friday 15th June please

Gazeebo's or large umbrellas - please speak to us in the playground or email friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com if you have something we can borrow

5 x volunteers to run a stall - we are running simple, traditional stalls so nothing too taxing I promise! A poster with more details will follow.

Second Hand Uniform - we would like to sell pre-loved uniform at the fete, so if you have any donations please speak to Marta in the playground or leave donations at the office

Thank you to all who have posted on the Gretton Parents Facebook page offers of donations already!



Birthdays coming up.....

*Jemimah Richardson, Sarah Webb, Alissa Bowden and Ava
Bawdon
Congratulations!*

School Meals

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Chicken Enchilada with Jacket Wedges	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger with Baby Baked Potatoes	Battered Fish with Chips
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Quorn & Vegetable Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Vegetable Enchilada with 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
Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn	Peas, Coleslaw	Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Berry & Apple Strudel & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Salad	Peach Upside Down Cake/ Yogurt/Fruit Platter	Oaty Cookie, Cheese & Biscuits/ Fruit Salad	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Choc Sauce/Yogurt/Fruit Platter	Flapjack Fruit Yogurt/Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (08.06.18)

Robins

Beatrice Panthin for explaining the water cycle so clearly and Alfie Amos for his 'have-a-go' attitude this week.

Kingfishers

McKenzie Ginns and George Hitch-Wood for showing great enthusiasm and concentration in their writing this week. Zeyla Hart for showing determination and growing independence in her number work.

Owls

Talullah Hollingsworth for her frequent and excellent contributions to class discussions. Belle Herbert for settling in so well and taking a difficult step in her stride.

Eagles

Lewis Burnett-Hockey and Kit Jameson for their biomes maps.

Best wishes to all members of the school community.

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher