



Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last week of this very busy and eventful term, I would like to wish everyone a very happy festive season. Many thanks to everyone who has given me their best wishes following my recent absence. I am well on the mend now and glad to back in school on a "phased" return - hopefully I'll be back to normal in January.

There's so much happening next week in the run-up to Christmas and this latest edition of the newsletter contains some important information about forthcoming events.

### **Dates for your diary, including forthcoming Christmas events**

Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00 pm)	Christmas Concert in Village Hall
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner followed by FOGs Christmas crafts afternoon
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December (5:00 pm)	Christmas Concert in Village Hall
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December (9:00 am)	Christmas Carol Service in Church
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	Christmas class parties
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Term 3

### **Reminders Regarding Christmas Events**

#### **Christmas Concert 2:00 pm Tuesday 12.12.17**

The pupils and staff will walk back to school after the performance and then the children can be collected at 3:05 pm in the usual manner. Because Gretton Playgroup will still be using some of the facility, access to the toilets will be limited to emergencies only - sorry!

#### **Christmas Concert 5:00 pm Wednesday 13.12.17**

Children should arrive at the Village Hall at 4:45 pm in their costumes and they should be collected at the end of the performance. Once we have completed the dress rehearsal, we will be able to give you a better idea as to when this will be. It would be very helpful if parents could look after coats!

*Thank you to the parents who have already returned their slips, requesting tickets for the Christmas concerts. Please make sure you have your tickets with you as you will be asked for them on the door. The village hall does have a maximum capacity and so we cannot guarantee entry without a ticket - sorry.*

#### **Christmas Carol Service 9:00 am Friday 15.12.17**

Parents are welcome to join us in Church for this service. Children should come to school at the usual time and then we will all walk down to the Church together after registration.

## Friends of Gretton School (FOGS)

### Christmas Craft Afternoon

As the PTA were not able to organise a Christmas Fair this year we have planned the children's Christmas craft afternoon to take place after their school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th December. The afternoon will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to have some well-deserved creative time outside of the classroom and to partake in some fun Christmas themed crafts which they will bring home with them.

As an extra treat we have also arranged for a very jolly VIP to attend the school and present each child with a gift.

It's all go, go, go next week so let's do it with a ho, ho, ho!!

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child to help cover the costs of the materials, so if you could please put this in an envelope with your child's name and class marked on the front and hand in to school by 13th December we would be most grateful.

### News from around the classes

#### *Robins*

Robins learned to use a bow saw at Forest School this week like the woodcutter in Little Red Riding Hood. They also had a brilliant time watching Sleeping Beauty at the Roses Theatre. The children boomed and cheered in all the right places and were dancing in the aisles by the end!

#### *Kingfishers*

Kingfishers have been very busy this week getting ready for our Christmas production as well as practising for their class assembly- didn't they do well?!

#### *Owls*

Owls have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas performance and can't wait to share our song with you all. The excitement level behind it was so great that we had an impromptu performance by some of the girls on the playground. Elsewhere we have been tackling equivalent fractions and editing our latest stories.

#### *Eagles*

Eagles had a great time at the Black Country Museum on Thursday. We particularly enjoyed the moment Mr Major was called up by the strict Victorian School Ma'am to receive the cane! It was great to be immersed in the Victorian era for the day and the knowledgeable guides really brought history alive for us. Learning about the use of poison in traditional Victorian cleaning methods was frightening, but also extremely fascinating.



Birthdays this week.....  
**Lola Shakespeare, Tallulah Hollingsworth, Jack Williams and  
 Dougie Steward  
 Congratulations!**

**School Lunches**

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (11.12.17)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges	Chicken Neapolitan Pasta	Roast Turkey Christmas Dinner	Organic Beef Mince Tortilla Stack	MSC Fishfingers with Chips
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Bean & Vegetable Hot Pot	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice	Cranberry and rice filled butternut squash	Vegetable Pasta Bolognese	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Beans	Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette	-	Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Carrots	Roast Potatoes and Christmas trimmings	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard/ Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Lemon Mixed Berry Cake & Custard/ Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Chunks	Gingerbread	Eve's Pudding & Custard/Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate Brownie Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Chunks

*This week's 'Golden Children' (17.11.17)*

**Robins**

Jake Bright for trying so hard in singing practises this week and Katherine Schumacher for good concentration in her work.

**Kingfishers**

Oscar Tustin for quick and accurate Christmas code-breaking in Maths and Jasper Warmington for joining in really well with singing this week.

**Owls**

Issy Rayfield for the superb effort she has put into writing her own comments in her reading record and Will Parker for some excellent, clear diagrams showing equivalent fractions. Lola Shakespeare for her equivalent fraction diagrams.

**Eagles**

Ava Houghton-Brown for always being so polite to the office staff when collecting the registers. Tom Steward for asking some thoughtful questions about mining on our trip. Ollie Isherwood for showing great resilience on our trip down the coal mine at the Black Country Museum.

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the week-end.

*Mr R Woolston*  
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