



Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that the last few weeks have been an incredibly sad and difficult time for the Turner family and I'm sure you'd want to join me in sending our very best wishes to everyone connected to the family - we are thinking of you.

As we head towards the end of another busy half term - whatever your plans are, I hope you enjoy the half term break.

Forest School - Ground Force Day - POSTPONED

As we've had so much rain recently the ground conditions are terrible and so we have reluctantly made the decision to postpone the Ground Force day planned for next Monday - the 12th February until Tuesday 3rd April, which is during the first week of the Easter holiday. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parents' Evenings

Please remember to book an appointment via the school website www.gretton.gloucs.sch.uk to see your child's class teacher on either Thursday 22nd February or Tuesday 27th 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

Following this week's successful trial we are going to continue with the change of arrangements. 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

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 character!
Thu 29 th March	End of Term 4

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

Class Assemblies

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our current programme of clubs will continue after half term with the addition of Chess Club with Mr Woolston on a Wednesday lunchtime. This has proved to be a popular activity and so the club will accommodate children from Eagles until Easter and then our keen chess players in Owls will get their chance in Term 5.

Mrs Netting has decided to make Singing Club an after school activity on Mondays so she has more time to prepare the children for a forthcoming event. Apologies for the short notice but letters with permission slips will be sent home today.

Night Owls

Mrs Ballinger is returning to school after half term and she will resume her duties as a Lunchtime Supervisor and our Night Owls leader.

News from around the classes

Robins

Bear paw prints were spotted in the playground so Robins went to investigate. Having searched through wavy grass, oozy mud and even a swirling snowstorm they finally found a bear hiding in his dark gloomy cave behind Kingfishers! The story inspired lots of 'wow' describing words. As if it hasn't been cold enough, the outdoor area became more like the artic as the children used ice cubes to practise their addition. We finished the term with a celebratory toasted marshmallow at Forest School.

Kingfishers

Well I thought Kingfishers did brilliantly in their class assembly this week. As you could see, they have really embraced our topic this term and have enjoyed showing all their toys, old and new from home. Thank you all for sending items in. We are finishing off our science unit of Materials this week. We have been looking at how we can manipulate materials to change their shape as well as the importance of recycling. We concluded our Forest school sessions with a fire so we could all toast our marshmallows!

Owls

This week in our topic work we discovered that the climate across Europe varies considerably. We used information about average temperatures of different countries to create a map showing the different climatic zones. We discovered that as a general rule the further South in Europe you travel, the warmer it gets. In our 5000 words writing in English we focussed on creating our own fantasy worlds and tried to describe them and 'paint a picture' for the reader.

Eagles

Online interactions were a hot topic of discussion this week as it was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. The children came up with a host of examples of how other people can make you feel happy online - and how they can make you feel unhappy. They then organised themselves into groups and wrote a script about something going wrong online. They performed their mini plays to the rest of the class - there were lots of great ideas!

FOGS

Valentine's Disco

A big thank you to all the volunteers at the Disco last night, and to the parents and children who supported it. A great evening was had by all!

Up- coming events

Details to follow but for now please add these dates to your diary!

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 23rd March, 2.45pm in the playground .

Egg Decorating Competition

Monday 26th March submission day.

Kids Quiz Night

Tuesday 27th March, straight after school in the hall.

Swimarathon

Saturday 14th April.

Thank you & have a great holiday!



Birthdays coming up.....
Stanley Holland, Lily Rogers, Liam Harris, Jamie Bright and Kit Jameson,
Congratulations!

School Meals

To help your child choose their meals, here's the menu for week by 19/02/18

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hotdogs with tomato sauce & jacket wedges	Macaroni Pastichio (made with organic mince)	Roast Chicken with stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Organic Beef Cottage Pie	MSC Breaded Fish with chips
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Potato & Courgette Layer Bake	Spinach & Tomato Quiche with New Potatoes	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese with Tomato topping	Vegetable fajita
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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	Peas & Cauliflower	Carrot & Swede Mash	Sweetcorn & Roasted Courgette	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Shortbread Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble & Custard/ Yoghurt/Fruit Chunks	Flapjack Yoghurt/Fruit Pieces	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard/Yoghurt/Fruit Platter	Pear & Ginger Muffin / Yoghurt, Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (09.02.18)

Robins

Morgan White and Jake Bright for being such superstars at tidy up times.

Kingfishers

Beauford Weatherley-Kaye for sitting, listening and taking turns well during discussions. Jack Webb for his enthusiastic approach in maths, especially with multiplication.

Owls

Alissa Bowden for the hard work she has put into learning her tables and improving her arithmetic. William Amos for an excellent creepy description of his world.

Eagles

Santino Lucar for working hard in Maths; Sarah Webb, Grace Clargo and Lauren Graham for fellowship.

Best wishes to all members of the school community

Mr R Woolston

Headteacher