



Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Pyjama Day

Thank you to everyone for making such an effort on Wednesday- we must have picked one of the coldest days of the year to come dressed in our pyjamas, but it was great fun! Your contributions raised £82 which FOGs have kindly promised to match. School council representatives have asked their classes what equipment they would like to purchase with the money. Balls were high on the list but there were many other interesting ideas, so we will let you know the final choices.

We would like to introduce some structured games during playtimes for those children looking for something new to play and to encourage and support the children in building positive relationships and friendships. Staff are keen to join in the fun too!

Top Trumps has been popular this week as well as skittles and tennis. We would greatly appreciate any donations of card games such as Top Trumps, board games, outdoor toys and felt tipped pens to help us offer a wide range of playtime activities.

Gretton Playgroup Please go along and support our local playgroup's Christmas Fair at 5.30pm today and 10.00am on Saturday.

## Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th December Kingfishers

## Dates for your diary, including forthcoming Christmas events

Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins to Pantomime at Roses Theatre
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins dress-up day as a character from a traditional story
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Eagles visit to The Black Country Museum
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Services in Church
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

*(If required, further details about all events will be sent out in due course)*

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Term 3

## Friends of Gretton School (FOGS)

### Hampers

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful hamper donations.

The finished hampers will be on display in the hall from Monday so come and check out what you could win!!

### Hamper raffle tickets

These will be sent home in book bags today so please keep an eye out for them! If you need more booklets, please ask at reception and please return all unused tickets and/or money by Friday 8th December.

### Win a turkey!

This year we are very lucky to have been donated a free-range turkey voucher worth £60 from Ireley Farm which we will be adding to the raffle alongside the hampers.

### Christmas craft afternoon

If you have volunteered to help at the craft afternoon, then please meet in reception at 1.30 on 13th December.

### Christmas performance volunteers

We are looking for helpers to serve tea/coffee and cakes before the evening school performance on 13th December. If you can offer your time or bake something lovely for us to sell, then please let Abigail Holland or Beth Wycherley know.

### School council 'pyjama day'

We are pleased to say that we were able to match fund the school councils 'wear your pyjamas to school day' to raise money for new playground equipment.

Great work school council!

## News from around the classes

**Robins** Well done Robins for performing so confidently and with such enthusiasm in your first class assembly. You made such scary Big, Bad Wolves!

**Kingfishers** Kingfishers have been learning about our world this week. The children have been exploring the seven continents of the world and five oceans by sharing their family holiday snaps. We have been talking about the clothes the children wore on their holidays and why the weather differs in different parts of the world. We are very excited to begin rehearsing for our Christmas production which is just in a couple of weeks' time!

**Owls** Fractions are our friends!! This week Owls have been tackling some fractions and have discussed how they appear in our everyday lives. In our computing week we have been getting to grips with programming and learnt that a computer will always follow instructions exactly, so it is important to carefully check the instructions we are inputting.

### **Eagles**

Hearts were certainly pounding this week as Eagles undertook various exercises and found their pulses afterwards. They used the information to produce a graph. Eagles have also been writing biographies about one of two famous Victorians: Florence Nightingale and Dr Barnardo.



Birthdays this week...  
**Lola Shakespeare**  
**Congratulations!**

**School Lunches**

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages with Mash & Gravy	Chicken Tikka & Rice	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Organic Beef Mince Cottage Pie	MSC Salmon Fish Cake with Chips
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Vegetable Cottage Pie with Mash topping	Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice	Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Quorn Sausage with Mash & Gravy	Roasted Vegetable Fajita wrap
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Jacket Potato with Beans	Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Cauliflower & Peas	Carrots & Green Beans	Savoy Cabbage & Swede	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Plum & Vanilla Oaty Crumble with Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Banana Cake & Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Sponge with chocolate icing/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Apple Pie & Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Flapjack/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Platter

*This week's 'Golden Children'*

**Robins**

All the Robins for working so hard and with such enthusiasm on their class assembly.

**Kingfishers**

Sophie Shakespeare and Monty Bayes for writing lovely descriptions of their favourite bedtime teddies on Pyjama Day.

**Owls**

Jake Davis and Lawrence Osbourne for their creative designs in computing. Seb Jouni for showing an excellent attitude and being helpful to lunchtime supervisors.

**Eagles**

Felix Bray for super handwriting and Marley Holmes for fellowship towards and supporting others in lessons.

**Netball club**

For working together so well to organise kit, warm up independently and develop their skills every week.

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the weekend.

*Mrs R Netting*

**Senior Teacher**