



10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents,

We have this week launched our "Gretton Good Deed". We were approached by Linden School in Gloucester who did a Good Deed Diary. The idea came from a young man called Luke Cameron who did a good deed every single day for a year! Luke is actually from Gloucester and most of his good deeds took place in Cheltenham or Gloucester. You can read his story here [www.thegooddeediary.com](http://www.thegooddeediary.com) We too would like to spread a little kindness over the next year. We are hoping that staff, governors, parents and children will commit to a day where they will mindfully and purposefully engage in an act of kindness. This can be done as an individual or as a family unit. It's entirely up to you how you join in. The acts of kindness can be as big as you like or they can be small gestures that make all the difference.

This list is not exhaustive but some ideas could include;

- Make a donation to a food bank.
- Make a meal and invite a neighbour for dinner. The elderly would be particularly grateful for your company.
- Donate your pocket money to a charity of your choice.
- Wash someone's car.
- Take someone else's dog for a walk.
- Buy someone a bunch of flowers to say thank you or cheer them up.
- Write someone you haven't seen for a while a letter.
- Volunteer for a charity for a day.

Please take a photo of your acts of kindness to bring to school so that we can all celebrate them in assembly and hopefully we can create a lovely display of them - Hattie started off our campaign as she had her long hair cut last weekend and donated it to the Little Princess charity, who give real hair wigs to children who have sadly lost their own hair through cancer and other illnesses.

#### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you so much to all the parents that completed the questionnaire - there were lots of positives as well as areas for development, which the Governors and staff will discuss and address over the coming term. Thank you to the Clerk, who collated the questionnaires on behalf of the Governors - we have attached a summary of the results with this newsletter.

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Cross Country Race
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
	Cross Country Fun Run

#### **Football**

The boy's football team suffered defeat for the first time in two seasons on Tuesday, going down 7-4 to Grangefield school. The boy's put in a great effort but unfortunately could not get the result needed to guarantee a place in the small schools final. We are now waiting patiently to see whether other results mean we progress to our fourth final in four years. Fingers crossed !!

#### **Cross Country**

Results - Grace C - 45, Fred - 29, Monty S - 31, Liam BH - 36, Lewis BH - 67. The girls' race had 94 girls and boys' 119 so well done all! Thank you to Mrs Fowler for recording the results.

#### **Internet Safety**

It has been brought to our attention that some children are using Snapchat; this is an app that is designed for children over the age of 13 and even with filters on for 'friends' still has the opportunity for misuse.

#### **Science Day**

A date for your diary - Gretton's 7<sup>th</sup> Science Day is on May 20<sup>th</sup> this year. New this year will be the hire of an ExplorerDome - a sort of blow-up planetarium that gives shows about space and the stars - very exciting! The ExplorerDome people are on Facebook if you want to know more. And "Gretton Science Day Gloucestershire" is our Facebook page so have a look and give us a like! As ever, we need masses of helpers. Could you help? We need people to adopt an area (like "Your Body" or "The 5 Senses"), devise two or three activities and find a few others to help out on the day. Please contact Judith Woodlock [j.woodlock474@btinternet.com](mailto:j.woodlock474@btinternet.com) or Chris Vickery [chrisantrum@icloud.com](mailto:chrisantrum@icloud.com) if you can help. Many thanks.

**News from Classes:**

**Robins** - Robins hopped on a bus to Winchcombe on Tuesday morning. They explored the local shops to find out what goods they sell and bought some stamps for letters they had written. They visited the library for a story time and then the play park before catching the bus back to school. They also enjoyed a campfire and toasted marshmallows at Forest School for their final visit with Year 1.

**Kingfishers**- Kingfishers have been talking about what it takes to be a good leader. Organised, hard-working, looking the part and reliable were some of the ideas they came up with. They finished their Space topic today with a wonderful 'Astronauts & Aliens' dress-up day - thank you to parents for helping to provide such a variety of fabulous costumes! We then talked about some of the leaders in religion - Jesus, Mohamed and Moses and why they made good leaders. Year 1 loved toasting marshmallows on the fire at Forest School this week and Year 2 enjoyed their final fun swim lesson.

**Owls** - Owls tackled some 'Mathematiques en Francais' this week. We learnt the multiples of 10 up to 100 and discovered that knowing this meant that we knew most of the numbers up to 100! In our Science this week we have been exploring magnetism and carried out an investigation to find out which magnets are strongest.

**Eagles** - Eagles have learned about life in the outback in Australia and the necessity for the School of the Air and the Flying Doctor service. We thought about how hard it would be to be unable to just pop to the shops or meet up with your friends when your nearest neighbours are 1000km away.

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs Kelly

**This week's 'Golden Children'**

**Gold Book:**

**Robins** - Ines and Finley for their excellent independent writing about our trip to Winchcombe on the bus.

**Kingfishers** -Leo for his excellent progress in reading.

**Owls** - Annabelle for her superb explanation of fractions in her Maths test.

**Eagles** - Lauren and Marley for their balanced arguments.

**Attitude Tree:** Sophie for her thoughtful attitude towards others this week, Matilda for being so helpful to others at craft club & Fenton for his enthusiasm in making contributions in class.

**100 Nights of Reading-** Kingfishers - Callum ,Liam, Jennifer & Leo. Owls - No new readers have reached 100 nights this week but it has been fantastic to see so many of our children reading regularly and to see reading records being brought in- keep it up!!!



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Seb & Annabelle

MENU AFTER HALF TERM				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatballs in gravy with Spaghetti	Diced Pork Goulash with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cottage Pie	MSC Fishwich with Chips
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Cheese, Tomato & Spinach Quiche with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese with Tomato topping	Sweet & Sour Quorn with Noodles	Sping Vegetable Pie	Veggie Hot Dog with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Jacket Potato with Beans
Carrots, Swede	Sweetcorn & Peas	Cabbage, Carrots	Green Peas & Cauliflower	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Eves Pudding with Custard	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread	Pear & Raisin Upside down Cake with Custard	Iced Sponge

