



Gretton Primary School

Learning and working Together

Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a good week and thank you for reading the latest version of our school newsletter.

Parking

I just wanted to let you know that I have been in contact with two sets of families in Barn Close recently and they have both confirmed that the situation with parking has improved lately, so many thanks for your support with this issue and long may it continue.

Lining Up and Coming Into School

We've noticed a marked improvement this week, so again - thank you for your support.

OFSTEd Parentview Website

This is a repeat of last week's message but many thanks to the two people who have responded.

Many of you will be aware that OFSTEd run a website called Parentview, which gives parents and carers an opportunity to express their views on their child's school by answering a short series of questions. Probably the best way of accessing the site is to "Google" Parentview and then to follow the simple instructions on screen. Currently we have no responses for this academic year and so I would be very grateful if as many people as possible could complete the short survey - many thanks.

Diary Dates

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| Wed 17 th January | x6 children from China visiting school |
| Thu 18 th January | School Census Day (special lunch menu) |
| Thu 18 th January, 6:20 pm | FOGs "Open" meeting |
| Thu 25 th January, from 2:30 pm | Parents - "Have a Look Afternoon" |
| Fri 26 th January | Big Friend Bake-Off Day! |
| Tue 30 th January | Robins bus ride to Winchcombe |
| Thu 8 th February | SEN Reviews |
| Fri 9 th February | Friendship Friday! |
| Fri 9 th February | End of Term 3 |
| 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 book character! |
| Thu 29 th March | End of Term 4 |

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

We received an enquiry about the date for Sports Day and I can confirm that this will be on Wednesday 20th June.

Class Assemblies

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

Night Owls

For personal reasons Karyn Ballinger is currently away from school but we hope she will be able to return later this term. Alicia Amos has kindly agreed to continue supervising Night Owls next week however, she is then going on maternity leave and so the club will then be run by different members of staff on a rota basis. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins had a very muddy Wednesday at Forest School looking for signs of Winter- we heard a woodpecker and spotted the first daffodil shoots appearing. This week we have been reading 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy and imagined what we would pack for a trip to the moon like Baby Bear in the story. We recently received some rhythmic gymnastics dance ribbons through the Sainsbury's vouchers and the children have loved drawing shapes with them

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have had a very busy week! We have been looking at our toys brought in from home and painting them, learning to mix our own colours. We have been using toy cars and rolling them along different surfaces and discussing why they go slower on certain surfaces. We had a lovely first session at Forest School! Zeyla Hart has joined Kingfishers and found a record-breaking 4 frogs! One of them was so large, we couldn't decide if it was a frog or a toad!

Owls

Owls have been using their research skills this week using the iPads to create a fact file all about Europe. We were fascinated to use Google Earth to explore two of the smallest European countries; Monaco and Vatican City.

Elsewhere we have begun looking at information texts and discovering the different features of these texts.

Eagles

The classroom has had an air of garlic about it this week after making raita on Monday. The children each had a job within their group: chopping garlic, cutting cucumber or shredding mint. Every child had a try with some naan bread to accompany at the end - even if they weren't keen. We were very impressed at their open mindedness!

FOGs

Happy New Year!

After a fantastic end to 2017, we are looking forward to organising more fun events in 2018. To get us started, we would like to invite all parents, carers and staff to attend an open PTA meeting on Thursday 18th January at 6.20pm at school. This is the perfect opportunity to come and say hello to the new committee team, to find out more about how the PTA operates, how the funds raised are spent and to ask any questions. To help us organise the meeting, please could you register your interest in attending either by signing the sheet in the office or by commenting on the school Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.



School Meals

To help your child choose their meals, here's the menu for next week - please note the change of menu on Thursday. The "Winter Warner" menu is designed to persuade more children, especially in Robins and Kingfishers, into selecting a school dinner as it is Census Day and the more children who order a school dinner, the more money the school receives by way of our School Meals' Grant.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Beefburger in a bun with Jacket Wedges | Chicken Tikka & Rice | Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Bangers, Mash and Beans | MSCFish fingers or Salmon fishfingers & chips |
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| Mixed Bean Cassoulet with Jacket Wedges | Cheese & Tomato Pizza with new potatoes | Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes | Soup and Warm Cheesy Baguette | Vegetable pasty with chips |
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| Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo | Soup & Filled Baguette | Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo | - | Jacket Potato with Cheese |
| Broccoli & Sweetcorn | Green Beans & Carrots | Shredded Cabbage & Swede | - | Garden Peas & Baked Beans |
| Carrot & Sultant Cake with Custard/ Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter | Chocolate Crunch/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad | Jelly with a side of Mandarins/ Yoghurt/ Fruit Chunks | Baked Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce | Lemon & Cucumber Cake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter |

This week's 'Golden Children' (12.01.18)

Robins

Roman Barder for always being polite and having good manners. Alfie Amos for being so independent changing for PE and Forest School.

Kingfishers

Liam Harris and Oscar Hollingsworth in the Gold Book for focusing well on their money maths this week, also Erin Riley for being so helpful tidying around the classroom.

Owls

Joseph Pringle for his fantastic improvement made in his multiplication tables. Seb Jouni for some outstanding maths work and for thoroughly checking his work for mistakes.

Eagles

Will Tingle - great attitude to Maths. Izzy Shakespeare: keeping up with her work despite Music lessons and Fred Fowler: unwaveringly reliable in his Assembly role!

Best wishes to all members of the school community

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher