



13th January 2017

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy but exciting week - we welcomed Laura, a Geography Degree Student, who enjoyed working with the Eagles, took part in the TDP Indoor (thank goodness!) Athletics and welcomed parents in to help us either transporting children to events, hearing reading and helping build a magnificent set of planets in Kingfishers!

TDP Indoor Athletics

Our children did amazingly, coming 2nd out of 8 schools that took part. There were some outstanding performances from all the children but special mention needs to go to the boys who did the javelin - Jimmy and Daniel; they both threw significantly further than the other children and Daniel achieved over 20m on each of his three throws! Josie C got a special sports award for her determination and Jimmy for his teamwork. Thank you so much to parents Claire Storey and Jo Hammond who organised the children superbly!

Census

Part of our budget is reliant on the number of school lunches eaten by the Robins and Kingfishers on Census day next Thursday the 19th. The menu for the day is attached. Please help us by signing your child up for lunch that day - thank you.

Clubs

Clubs started this week and we have found it difficult as we have not been notified by some parents if their child is not coming to the club. Teachers have spent time searching for the children after school and have discovered they have been taken home as they don't want to do it without notifying them. Staff give up their own time to run after school clubs so please ensure that your child is aware of the commitment they are making when they decide they wish to join one. If they are unable to attend then please notify the member of staff running the club or the school office.

Night Owls

Please remember that if you want to book your child into Night Owls that you need to let the office know - either by signing in at the office in the morning or contacting them during the day by e-mail or phone.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 16 th January	Robin's Height and Weight Check
Tuesday 24 th January	2.30pm Have a Look afternoon
Thursday 26 th January	Australia Day - Eagles
Wednesday 8 th February	Last swimming session
Thursday 9 th February	SEN Reviews
	School Disco
Friday 10 th February	Friendship Friday
	End of Term

Assemblies

Friday 13 th January	Robins
Friday 20 th January	Kingfishers
Friday 27 th January	Owls
Friday 3 rd February	Eagles

News from Classes:

Robins - Robins have been learning about repeating patterns and tessellation in Maths. In Literacy we have been imagining we are packing our bags to journey into space and what we might take. We have also been learning a song about good behaviour with our Big Friends, which we performed in our class assembly.

Kingfishers - Kingfishers have really got stuck into our Space topic this week! We had a hectic afternoon getting mucky with Papier Mâché (HUGE thanks to those mums that volunteered) and they are all beginning to look like planets! This time next week we will have created our solar system in Kingfishers. We have experimented with oil pastels to make some really effective solar system pictures as well as learning about how our planet rotates to give us night and day. We are all really enjoying this fascinating topic!

Owls - This week Owls have been using the iPads to practise our emailing skills. We started this with a quick email to Mr Bridges but have now written an email of support (along with lots of questions!) to the British sailor, Alex Thomson, who we are following on his round the world yacht race. In our Maths work we have been getting to grips with different types of measurement and learning how to convert between different units. We are also enjoying our gym work and have been exploring different balances and have been practising putting together a sequence.

Eagles - It was a quiet afternoon in Eagles class on Wednesday - lots of children were out representing Gretton at Athletics. The children who remained gathered water from lots of sources all over the school, including Robins' outdoor area. We tested all the water for hardness and discovered that all the 'official' water sources in the school gave hard water and the rainwater from Robins' outdoor area was soft. We learned that water hardness is defined by how much calcium carbonate water contains. Gloucestershire is a 'hard' to 'very hard' water area.

FOGS NEWS

We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of fun for both students and parents!

25/01/17 - Movie Night - will take place after school and finish at 5pm. £5 per child which will include snacks. Please put payment in a named envelope and leave at the office. Payment for this event by Friday 20 January please.

11/03/17 - Take That tribute night at Prescott Lodge. 7pm until 12.30, £25 a ticket to include a great night out singing and dancing, Curry supper, Dessert, Disco and Auction/Raffle. Tickets will be on sale by the end of this week. Please let FOGs know how many tickets you would like. It's first come, first served with 150 tickets available. All proceeds will be going to Gretton Primary School and Gretton Playgroup.

09/02/17 - End of term Valentines disco, after school. Further details nearer the time.

The next committee meeting is to be held on 25 January 2017 - if you have anything that you would like raise for discussion, please let one of the committee members know.

For your information further meeting dates are:

06/03/17

04/05/17

21/06/17

As always thank you for your continued support at these events. It makes such a big difference as to what we can afford to help the children with. A further update will be coming in due course of what we have achieved so far this school year.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Kelly

This week's 'Golden Children'

Gold Book:

Robins - Jasper for his interesting observations while investigating how long it would take for frozen toys to melt.

Kingfishers - Monty B for some really speedy maths & Liam H for showing good concentration when writing.

Owls - Santino for excellent work in converting measurements in Maths.

Eagles - Jimmy for his work on The Moon with Miss Heron & Caleb for his Australia homework.

Attitude Tree: Stanley for good behaviour and reminding others what to do if they play too roughly, Leo for enthusiastic reading & Michael for always being ready to start each lesson attentively & setting a really good example to others, Lilly M - for having her hand up, joining in and working really hard, Molly for not giving up despite hurting her ankle during athletics, Gabriel for his positive learning attitude across all areas.

Also special congratulations to children in Owls who have reached 100 nights reading: Penny Steele, Izzy Tingle, Jesse Howell, Eliza Turner, Isla Wild, Liam Burnett-Hockey and Lara Whales.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ava B, Oscar D & Hugo M

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger with Baby New Potatoes	Chicken Risotto	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Bangers, Mash & Beans	MSC Fishfingers with Chips
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Vegetable & Bean Cobbler with New Potatoes	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Soup & warm Cheesy Baguette	Cheese & Pepper flan with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans		Jacket Potato with Beans
Carrots, Sweetcorn	Cauliflower, Broccoli	Shredded Cabbage, Broccoli		Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Pineapple Upside down Cake and Custard	Chocolate Oaty Square with Chocolate Sauce	Orange Triangle Cake (contains wholemeal flour)	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruity Flapjack