



Dear Parents,

Whole School Trip

We had an amazing trip to the Ernest Cook Trust on Wednesday, where we created and played musical instruments made out of nature! The children were an absolute delight - they were very well behaved. We all had a great time. Thank you so much to the parent helpers who made the trip possible - Mrs Tustin, Mrs Riley, Mrs Whewell, Mrs Wycherley, Mr Harris, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Osborne, Mrs Martin, Ms Fry, Mrs Weatherley-Kaye, Mrs Steward & Mr Turner.

FOGS

Thank you all for your support this term, we have had a very successful Daddy Daughter Dance, and a spookily fantastic Halloween Disco, thanks for all your help and support. This term the disco raised about £220.00 and we have spent £117 on new CD players, junction box and headphones for Robins and Kingfishers classrooms. As usual it's bonfire and fireworks at the Royal Oak on Nov 5th, we will also be holding a bingo night, Christmas Fair and Christmas Disco next term. Don't forget our AGM on November 22nd this is the perfect opportunity to meet the FOGS committee and find out a bit about what we do. Look out for the new and improved FOGS page on the school website.

Student Council

So our new Student Council is made up of Grace as Chairperson and Molly as Vice Chair, Theo in Y6, Will & Fred in Y5, Eliza in Y4, Isla W in Y3 and Alessio in Y2. Well done to them all!

Football

Gretton had an impressive win against St Thomas More on Friday, beating them 6-1!

Parents Evenings

These will be held on the 1st November 4.00-6.30pm and on the 3rd November 4.30-7.00pm. You will have received a letter this week about how to book online through the website - if you have any issues with this please contact the office.

Xmas Box

Mary Jones came to talk to us on Tuesday about a charity that collects shoeboxes full of treats for children who have nothing at Christmas. You will have received a leaflet home about it - please help this charity by completing your Christmas Box and returning it to us after half term.

Maths Morning

Mrs Holt will be holding a maths session (about 45min) at 9am on the 1st of November. Please do come along (it's not scary!) as it will give you an idea of how we teach maths (not the way we learned!), which will help you to support your children.

Before/After School & Clubs

In the morning please can you leave the playground once the bell has rung in order that we can bring the children in quietly and calmly. After school it is becoming increasingly difficult to check which children are with a parent and which children are going to Night Owls after school. Please help us by collecting your child promptly and keeping them with you at all times. Play equipment is not to be used after school. If your child is going to be using Night Owls then please advise the office on the day by phone/e-mail. Those that use Night Owls on the same days regularly need not do this. Next term please advise school if your child is not attending a club - the staff commit to running these clubs and children, if they sign up, should commit to coming where possible every week. Thank you for your support.

Mobile phones/other electronic devices

Please note that children should not bring these into school either during the day or at any other school events such as discos.

Dates for your diaries next term :

w/c 31 st October	Xmas Box Collection
1 st November	9am Maths Session for Parents Parents Evening - 4.00-6.30pm
2 nd November	Individual Photographs Eagles - Shipwrecked in France play @ Winchcombe
3 rd November	Owls Viking Day Parents Evening - 4.30-7.00pm Y6 Weighing & Measuring - school nurses
9 th November	Open Day for prospective parents
11 th November	Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Edwards

Entry to Reception Class 2017

We have been advised by the Admissions Team that paperwork for reception admission will be posted by mid-November and that if you do not receive a pack by December please contact them directly.

Message from Dee Chadwick, Chair of Governors

What do governors do?

This is one of the most common questions governors are asked. Governors are people who volunteer their time and energy to make sure that our children receive the best teaching and learning experiences the school can provide. Governors don't run the school - that's the job of the Headteacher - but they ensure that standards, the school curriculum and the development of the curriculum are as good as they can be and they are also responsible for financial management and health & safety in school.

To give an idea of what this actually means, here is some of what governors did last year:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended ten meetings over the year, though Mrs Kelly and I aim to attend all 16 meetings.• Carried out the Headteacher's performance management review.• Reviewed 28 policies, reviewed school risk assessments and maintained a risk register.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carried out six subject monitoring visits with staff subject leaders to understand successes and issues facing each of the subject areas.• Visited the school to see reciprocal reading in action.• Held the annual staff/governor meeting where we reflected on the school year and identified themes to develop for the year ahead.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set a balanced budget and then monitored expenditure closely.• Took the lead on IT infrastructure and updated equipment to make sure children and staff have a reliable network.• Implemented actions from the H&S audit, Fire Risk Assessment and Water Hygiene Risk Assessment.• Maintained a schedule of servicing school plant and equipment and a cycle of redecoration of the school.

Being a governor is a really rewarding role since you directly impact the education and well-being of the children in our school. We currently have a vacancy on our Business Committee for a governor so if there are any parents who have experience of a financial oversight role and/or risk management, we would love to hear from you (via the School Office or talk to Mrs Kelly).

News from Classes:

Robins - Robins dressed up on Thursday as someone they would like to be when they grow up. The children stood up in front of the school to show everyone their costumes and the older children guessed their job. We talked about people who help us and the jobs their parents do.

Kingfishers - Well what a great week we have had! We loved our school trip to the Redwood Centre having a lot of fun in the forest making musical instruments out of natural resources. We have been learning all about food chains in Science and discovering the difference between carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

Owls - Owls thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Redwood on Wednesday with the rest of the school. Elsewhere, we have written our own non-chronological reports on dragons and created our own alternative 10 commandments lists in RE.

Eagles - Eagles thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Redwood on Wednesday. They listened to the sounds of the forest and created maps based upon them. It was interesting to see the different ways the children presented what they heard. Then we made some musical instruments made from natural objects - and together had great rhythm.

Have a lovely half-term! Mrs Kelly



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND DURING HALF TERM

Charlie B, Oscar H & Tia

This week's 'Golden Children'

Gold Book:

Robins - Talia for having so much to say when talking about jobs people do.

Kingfishers - Talullah and Michael for taking such care with their handwriting.

Owls - Lilly for her 'Can Do' attitude and perseverance in maths problem solving.

Eagles - Isla S for her Gretton poem & Felix G for doing so well with his CATs.

Attitude Tree: Hugo for being so helpful, Josh for showing determination in tackling some challenging subtraction and Matilda for being so thoughtful with helping to keep the classroom tidy. Harry M - for not letting a broken hand get in his way and continuing to work hard & Liam B-H for his continued efforts in reading and the massive improvement he has made.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages with Mash & Gravy	Organic Meaty Pizza with Savoury Wedges	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	MEATY PIZZA WEDGE & FRIES	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
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Veggie Toad in the Hole Mash & Gravy	Spiced Vegetable & Quorn Pattie	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA WEDGE & FRIES	Cheese & Leek Flan with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo		Jacket Potato with Beans
Sweetcorn & Mixed Peas	Green Beans & Carrots	Savoy Cabbage & Broccoli	SWEETCORN OR BEANS	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries/Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Eve's Pudding with Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Carrot & Courgette Cake/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Chunks	ICED CHOCOLATE SPONGE	Chocolate Shortbread/Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter