



Friday 15th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week seems to have flown by and we've had another couple of new arrivals - Archie Herbert in Year 2 and Isaac Harris in Year 1 - welcome to you and your families! We are now officially full with every year group at capacity - great news!

Sporting Triumph

We entered two Y5/6 teams into the Tewkesbury District Schools' American Football Tournament yesterday and I'm pleased to report that both our teams reached the semi-finals - one team went on to the final and were crowned overall champions! There is now a silver American Football in reception as a prize for their efforts and more importantly, the children from both our teams will now be going forward to represent the Tewkesbury District at the National Finals in London. Unfortunately this will be on Wednesday 18th July, so we're going to have to reschedule the performance of Eagles end of term play that was due to take place on that day - more details to follow.

A massive well done to Mr Major and all the children who took part!

Gretton's Got Talent

Following on from last week's update - we received a large number of entries and so auditions will be starting soon in preparation for the final on Monday 16th July. The School Council are heavily involved in organising this event and they will have the final say in who reaches the final. The children who have entered have been reminded to start rehearsing and they will be informed of their audition date very soon.

Meeting for Current YR Parents

There will be a "Welcome to Y1" meeting for the parents of our current YR children from 5.30 to 6:00 pm on Thursday 12th July in Kingfishers' classroom. This is a chance for you to learn more about life in Y1 and to ask any questions you may have.

Residential Meeting for Current Y4 and Y5 Parents

Thank- you to all the parents who responded to Mrs Holt's letter, regarding a meeting about the next residential. This will be going ahead at 5:30 pm on Thursday 12th July in Eagles' classroom.

Christ Church - A repeat of last week's message

Steve Carter, the Lay Minister from our local Church, visited last week and he reminded us that the Church is running another "Café Church" event on Fathers' day - Sunday 17th June from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Gretton Village Hall. The children brought home some additional information about it last Friday.

Playground Project

Phase one of the project will be going ahead during the school summer holidays. This will involve the installation of a multi-use games area (MUGA) with an astro-turf surface and the removal of the ramp from beside Kingfishers in order to develop additional outside learning space. We will also be installing new sheds to replace the dilapidated ones currently in use. To provide you with additional information, a display has now been set up in reception and a flier was recently sent home.

House Points

This week **Cleeve** were awarded the most points, so congratulations to everyone in **Cleeve**. Overall, this year **Cleeve**, **Langley** and **Stanley** are all in joint first place with five discs each. The School Council have decided that as a reward, children in the winning House at the end of term will be able to go down to the field and play games for an hour.

Gretton Science Day (Saturday 7th July)

I'm pleased to inform you that this popular annual event will be going ahead again this year but with a different team behind the scenes organising the day. As in previous years, thanks to the generosity of certain members of staff, we will be supporting the event by providing a stand at the show.

Diary Dates

Fri 15 th June	Owls - Bell Boating Practice and visit to Tewkesbury Abbey. Eagles - Bell Boating Practice
Tue 19 th June (6:00 to 8:30 pm)	Tewkesbury Schools Athletics (selected children)
Wed 20 th June (from 1:00 pm)	Sports Day with Mini Summer Fete afterwards
Wed 20 th June (from 6:30 pm)	Stanway Rounders (selected Y5/6)
Thu 28 th June	Owls and Eagles to Bell Boating Regatta
Thu 28 th June	Robins to Sandfield Farm
Fri 29 th June	Annual Pupil Reports out to parents
Wed 4 th July	Whole school "Move up" morning!
Thu 5 th July (pm)	SEN Reviews and Open Classrooms
Sat 7 th July	Gretton Science day
Thu 12 th July	NSPCC Assemblies and workshop for Eagles
Thu 12 th July (5:30 pm)	Meeting for current YR parents about Y1
Thu 12 th July (5:30 pm)	Meeting regarding Eagles September Residential
Fri 13 th July	Owls to Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT)
Fri 13 th July	Eagles to Tewkesbury Medieval Festival
Mon 16 th July	Gretton's Got Talent - the Final!
Wed 18 th July (early evening) TBC	Eagles end of year production
Thu 19 th July	Whole school trip to Nature in Art
Thu 19 th July (early evening)	Eagles end of year production
Fri 20 th July	Big Friends accompanying Little Friends to Forest School
Mon 23 rd July	Whole- school Winchcombe Walk
Tue 24 th July	Last day of the academic year
Mon 3 rd September	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 4 th September	Start of Term 1 (2018 to 2019)

If necessary details about all forthcoming events will be sent out nearer the time.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will start at about 8:55 am - please come along if you can.

Wednesday 9 th May	Well done Robins!
Wednesday 23 rd May	Well done Owls!
Wednesday 20 th June	Eagles
Wednesday 27 th June	Kingfishers

Night Owls and Early Birds

Karyn is happy for the children to bring in scooters and so forth to use during Night Owls. However, each child must have a helmet and other protective clothing such as knee pads would also be a good idea.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins have been reading Tiddler by Julia Donaldson and making up their own tall tales. In Maths they have practised counting in tens using fingers and coins. They have developed tool skills in Forest School stripping willow sticks and using a bow saw.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have had a lovely week marvelling at the beauty of nature. We were all treated to a fabulous afternoon in the garden of Mr and Mrs Woodlock - it was full of flowers and a children's paradise! The children collected some super petals in different shades and hues. We have also been learning about the artist, Vincent Van Gogh who interestingly, sold only one painting whilst alive! The children experimented with pastels and created their own beautiful sunflower pictures.

Owls

Owls enjoyed learning about the brain in our life education bus session on Wednesday. The children listened well and asked and answered questions thoughtfully. Elsewhere, we have been writing up our newspaper reports on the 2007 flooding and started making slideshow presentations all about Tewkesbury in our computing.

Eagles

Eagles learned all about decisions on the Life Education bus on Wednesday. They found out about different kinds of drugs and talked about low, medium and high risk. The children were able to explain the effects of both legal and illegal drugs on the body and watched a video demonstrating peer pressure and the value of standing up for your friends. It was powerful to see how harmful standing by and being passive was in the video.

Sports Day

Sports day is next Wednesday - the 20th June. Arrangements will be very similar to previous years and we're aiming to start at 1:00 pm. To make it easier to identify the teams and to introduce a bit of healthy competition, we'd like all the children to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house; that's **green for Cleeve**, **red for Langley**, **blue for Stanley** and **yellow for Sudeley**.

As always parking will be limited and we ask that you all park sensibly and courteously, so as not to upset any local residents and users of the Village Hall - thank you.

All pupils should be collected from the field at the end of the day. However, the children attending Night Owls will be walked back to school under supervision. Once all the races have been completed, the children will sit back down in their classes and we will then ask parents/carers to collect their children from one year group at a time. This is for important safeguarding reasons as we want to ensure that all the children have been safely collected and remain under supervision - we must insist on your complete cooperation with this - thank you.

FOGS Update

Ice cream Fridays

Thank you to all who bought icy treats last Friday, we raised £30! If the sun stays out we will be in the middle of the playground at pick up today, ice creams are £1 each.

Mini Summer Fete - After sports day, Weds 20th June, 3-5pm

We're looking forward to organising a fun afternoon! To help make the fete a success, please can we ask for the following support:

Cakes - homemade or bought! Donations to be left in the hall on Sports Day morning please or brought to the field with you for the afternoon.

Bottle Hoopla donations - anything tall such as soft drinks/wine/fizz, to be brought to the office by Friday 15th June please.

Gazeebo's or large umbrellas - please speak to us in the playground or email friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com if you have something we can borrow.

5 x volunteers to run a stall - we are running simple, traditional stalls so nothing too taxing I promise!

Second Hand Uniform - we would like to sell pre-loved uniform at the fete, so if you have any donations please speak to Marta in the playground or leave donations at the office.

Thank you to all who have posted on the Gretton Parents Facebook page offers of donations already!

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

*Beth Denne, Jack Webb, Joseph Pringle,
Sophie Shakespeare and Josiah Richardson
Congratulations!*

School Lunches

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (18.06.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY SPORTS DAY MENU	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Hot Dogs in a bun	Fish fingers & Chips
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Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with New Potatoes	Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Hotdog	Spicy Bean Burger & Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Filled Baguette with Ham/Cheese/Tuna or Egg	Jacket Potato with Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese
Sweetcorn, Green Beans	Peas, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Chips, beans or salad	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Chocolate Crunch with Chocolate Sauce/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Banana Cake/Fruit Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Ice cream & Mandarins/Cheese & Biscuits/ Fruit Salad	Ice - cream or Fruit Salad	Shortcake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (15.06.18)

Robins

Paris Bowden for being such a good listener.

Kingfishers

Erin Riley for some confident reading this week. Archie Herbert and Isaac Harris for settling in really well and making a great start at Gretton!

Owls

Jennifer Andrews for her hard work in finding quantities of fractions and Jack Williams for showing good fellowship.

Eagles

Jesse Howell, Monty Silver and Kit Jameson for their contributions on the Life Education Bus.

Best wishes to all members of the school community.

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher