



Friday 17th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has enjoyed this week. I would like to inform you that unfortunately I am going to be off school for a week or so and Mrs Netting will be in charge. I'm sure that the school will continue to run smoothly during my absence, however, I apologise for any inconvenience caused and I would ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

### **In Case of School Closure**

With the winter months rapidly approaching and the possibility of heavy snow, we may be in the position of having to close the school. If this happens then we will do our best to inform you by text but parents should also check the County Council's website [www.glosclosedschools.com](http://www.glosclosedschools.com) where a comprehensive list of closed schools will be maintained. Please try to avoid telephoning school as there may not be anyone here!

### **Gretton Playgroup**

#### **Gretton Playgroup needs you!**

Gretton Playgroup is holding a Christmas Fair on the evening of Friday December 1st and the morning of Saturday December 2nd. Could you help? We need people to help on both the Friday and the Saturday. We are "renting" out tables for people to sell craft items etc. so if you know anyone who makes things to sell, please encourage them to rent a table. And we are having a second-hand toy stall - so please bring any toys that your children have outgrown to Playgroup in the week beginning November 25th. More information from - and offers of help to - Judith Woodlock on 01242 620474 or [j.woodlock474@btinternet.com](mailto:j.woodlock474@btinternet.com) Many thanks!

### **Class Assemblies**

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Well done Owls!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Robins
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Kingfishers

### **Dates for your diary, including forthcoming Christmas events**

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> November	YR and Y6 Height and Weight checks
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council "Wear your pyjamas to school" day!
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu vaccinations for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins to Pantomime at Roses Theatre
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins dress-up day as a character from a traditional story
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Eagles visit to The Black Country Museum
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Services in Church
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00 pm)	Christmas Concert in Village Hall
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner followed by FOGs Christmas crafts afternoon
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December (5:00 pm)	Christmas Concert in Village Hall
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December (9:00 am)	Christmas Carol Service in Church
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	Christmas class parties
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2

*(If required, further details about all events will be sent out in due course)*

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Term 3

### **Night Owls**

The children will be producing some leaf art and working on items for the new display in the hall.

## News from around the classes

### ***Robins***

Robins have been reading 'The Three Little Pigs' this week. At Forest School we got a letter from the Second Little Pig asking for a new stick house to replace the one the Big Bad Wolf blew down. The Robins had some fantastic ideas including building it at the top of the field so the wolf would be out of puff by the time he climbed the hill to reach it!

### ***Kingfishers***

Kingfishers have been learning all about Diwali this week. The children have been creating beautiful Rangoli patterns using coloured rice, tissue paper, natural beans and pulses and playdough. We have been learning the story of Rama and Sita and making colourful Divas which Hindus use to decorate their home during this festival.

### ***Owls***

This week Owls have been discussing the water cycle in our science work. We wrote stories from a water droplets point of view and even learnt a water cycle rap! In our English work we have started focusing on a story where a character loses something important leading them on a frantic but humorous hunt!

As part of anti-bullying week, we discussed the week's caption 'We're all different but all equal.' The children created some fantastic acrostic poems to celebrate our individuality.

### ***Eagles***

Did you know the heart beats an average of 3 million times in a lifetime? This fact and many others will help you to play Eagles' circulatory system board games. The children have designed games ranging from Monopoly style boards to snakes and ladders (or veins and ribcages!). We are hoping to share them with Owls to assess their playability.



**Birthdays this week.....**

**Jacob Davis  
Congratulations!**

**School Lunches**

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (20.11.17)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges	Chicken Neapolitan Pasta	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Organic Beef Mince Tortilla Stack	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips
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Bean & Vegetable Hot Pot with Jacket Wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Pasta Bolognaise	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato with Beans	Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Carrots	Carrots & Green Beans	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Lemon Mixed Berry Cake Custard Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Shortbread icing/Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Eves Pudding with Custard, Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Brownie, Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Chunks

*This week's 'Golden Children' (17.11.17)*

**Robins**

Thomas, Sarah, Peter and Beatrice for showing kindness and friendship to others by sharing their toys and games.

**Kingfishers**

Henry for his enthusiasm for being the storyteller during our role play of the story of Rama and Sita, also Oscar H for his speed in working out addition fact with numbers to 10 using our giant Numicon shapes.

**Owls**

Talullah Hollingsworth for some great work in Science. Josie Clargo, Seb Jouni, Grace Milner and Fenton Weatherley-Kaye for representing the school so well in the Maths Challenge.

**Eagles**

Charlotte Oliver for her excellent Victorians Top Trumps homework.  
Isla Storey and Sarah Webb - great positive learning attitudes!

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the week-end.

*Mr R Woolston*  
Headteacher