



Friday 18th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The days are flying by and we'll soon be into the last week of this very busy half term but there's still much to look forward to and if you've got anything special planned for this weekend, I hope all goes well and that you have a great time.

Parking

We are very grateful for the fact that a number of residents in Barn Close have, on occasions, generously agreed to allow members of staff to park on their driveways, thus reducing the congestion on the main road. The owners of 4 Barn Close allow the Mini VIPs driver to park on their driveway at drop-off and pick up time, thus avoiding the issue of them stopping directly outside of school. We would be very grateful if everyone would park considerately to allow easy access to the driveway of 4 Barn Close during peak times - thank you.

The yellow zig zag lines at the front of the school are there to ensure vehicles do not create an obstruction directly outside the school and this area should always be kept clear. However, please understand that for health and safety reasons there may be times when vehicles do stop temporarily on the yellow zig zags; for example when our hot school meals are being delivered and when buses we've booked for school events are collecting or dropping off our pupils.

School Uniform

Shoes

Unfortunately a growing number of children are wearing trainers to school and not the stipulated black or brown shoes - when we turn a blind eye to one child it seems many others follow. It's fine for the children to change into an old pair of trainers for play and lunchtimes but unless they're participating in Forest Schools, all children should wear black or brown shoes to school - many thanks for your cooperation with this important issue.

Jumpers

All items of clothing should be named but especially jumpers as the children are constantly taking them off and on at this time of year; we then have to spend ages trying to find the owners of jumpers and cardigans strewn about the place because they're not named. Over the weekend please just find two minutes to ensure that your child's clothing is named - thank you.

A Big Thank you to Mrs Davis

Following her half marathon running exploits, Mrs Davis recently handed over a large financial donation to the school and she has asked us to put it towards the playground project - thank you!

House Points

This week **Stanley** were awarded the most points, so congratulations to everyone in **Stanley**. Overall, this year **Stanley** are in first place with five discs. The School Council are going to help decide on a suitable reward for the winning House at the end of the year.

Casual Employment Opportunity - A REPEAT OF LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Would you be willing and able to help supervise the children during lunchtimes and Night Owls when existing members of staff are absent? If so we'd be very keen to hear from you. Please contact me if you would like more information - many thanks.

Cheltenham Science Festival (Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June)

This fantastic event is coming up soon with numerous activities for families and young children, some of which are free but for others you will require a ticket. For further information go to www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

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

Mon 21 st May	Continuation of KS1 SATs
Fri 25 th May	Friendship Friday
Fri 25 th May	End of Term 5
Mon 28th May	Start of half term week
Mon 4th June	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 5 th June	Start of Term 6
Mon 11 th June	Star of Phonics Screening Check week
Tue 12 th June	Final swimming for Y2, 3 & 4
Wed 13 th June	Life Education Bus in Gretton
Wed 20 th June	Sports Day with Mini Summer Fete afterwards
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
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
Fri 13 th July	Owls to Royal International Air Tattoo
Fri 13 th July	Eagles to Tewkesbury Medieval Festival
Wed 18 th July (early evening)	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	Thank You Tea for volunteer helpers (by invitation)
Mon 23 rd July	Whole- school Winchcombe Walk
Tue 24 th July	Last day of the academic year
Mon 3rd September	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 4th September	Start of Term 1 (2018 to 2019)

As you can see it promises to be a very busy but enjoyable few months and I'm sure further activities will be added to this list as the term progresses. 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	Owls
Wednesday 20 th June	Eagles
Wednesday 27 th June	Kingfishers

Night Owls and Early Birds

We still have vacancies for all sessions but a larger than usual number of children have been attending our before and after school clubs recently, which is great to see. Please remember that if your child asks for a breakfast during Early Birds then this will cost an additional 50p per session but I'm afraid this is only available to children who arrive before 8:15 am. The children will continue to be given a choice of activities and may spend more time outside weather permitting.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins looked forward to a Teddy Bear's Picnic with their Big Friends all week! At the playing field they shared biscuits they had baked and played circle games and parachute games before enjoying a picnic together in the sunshine.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have been immersed in science this week. We have been learning about what animals eat and whether that makes them a carnivore, herbivore or an omnivore. We have also been looking at food chains and how all living things rely on each other in order to survive. There were squeals of excitement when Mrs Jones brought mealworms into the classroom with the learning objective of what makes something a living thing. The children were fascinated that mealworms loved toothpaste and through various experiments, found out what makes something living or not living.

Owls

Owls have begun studying James and the Giant Peach this week and thoroughly enjoyed describing the two awful aunties and then getting into character by producing and performing play-scripts about them. In Maths, we did some detective work, using the answers to a variety of mathematical problems to help solve a mystery.

Eagles

What a lot Eagles have packed into one week! We are very proud of the Year 6s who took the National Curriculum tests in their stride. They celebrated with a small party and a Teddy Bear's Picnic with their Little Friends. Year 5s in the meantime produced some lovely work for their zoo project with Mr Woolston. We also had our first go at Flag NFL, learned the rules, found out about Linnaeus and his classes, discovered what palm oil is and how it is produced, learned skills for debating and auditioned for the summer play! Mrs Holt, Mrs Jackson and Mr Major will definitely be having a prolonged lie down this weekend!

FOGS Update

Ice Cream Fridays!

When the sun shines on a Friday we plan to sell ice creams in the playground at pick up, all treats £1 each. The first sale is today!

Mini Summer Fete - after Sports Day on Wednesday 20th June

We will be in need of your support with either donations of time to help on a stall or for donations of prizes - more details will follow after the holidays. We're looking forward to organising a lovely family fun afternoon!

Thank you



Birthdays coming up.....

George Milner and Beauford Weatherley-Kaye

Congratulations!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (21.05.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs with Rice	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	Cheesy Pasta Bake	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	Filled Baguette with Ham/Cheese/Tuna or Egg	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Sweetcorn, Green Beans	Peas, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Cauliflower	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	Pineapple Upside Down Cake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Shortcake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (18.05.18)

Robins

Jack Wright and Sarah Murphy for good problem solving in maths finding ways to make a total.

Kingfishers

Talia Stratford for putting so much detail into her British Wildlife riddle and Liam Harris for carefully and accurately using a ruler to draw 2D shapes.

Owls

Matilda Finney and Fenton Weatherley-Kaye for inventing two well described and particularly awful aunties.

Eagles

Lara for her progress in Flag NFL and Annabelle for her care in presentation in the Zoo project. Special mention: All of Year 6 for their approach to the National Curriculum tests - well done!

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher