



Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by and I hope this latest newsletter finds you in good health.

One of the highlights of the week was a visit from six Chinese children. They very much enjoyed a glimpse of English school life; including an Art lesson in Eagles, making 3D shapes in Owls, listening to action songs in Robins and making bird-feeders with Kingfishers at Forest School, where they were also fascinated by the chance to get muddy in wellies! As usual, our pupils were very friendly and welcoming and I'm sure our visitors enjoyed their short stay with us.

Attendance

Obviously sometimes children are too poorly to come to school but I just wanted to inform you that our whole school attendance is currently running at an impressive overall rate of 97.4%, since the beginning of the academic year - great news! Well done everybody and let's try and keep this up for the rest of the year!

change4life

change4life is a Government backed scheme to help young people grow up with healthy attitudes to diet and exercise. Hopefully you've received your yellow leaflet about the Family Snack Challenge!

Student Teachers

Student teachers will be starting their school placements with us in Robins and Owls next week. I think it's vital that all schools get involved in helping to train new practitioners and the students coming here will be able to learn from some talented and highly professional teachers.

OFSTEd Parentview Website

Many thanks to everyone who has completed the online Parent View survey - at the time of writing this newsletter we were up to 16 responses, which is sufficient to generate the various graphs linked to each question. Encouragingly the results are overwhelmingly positive but please do come and speak to us if you're concerned about anything as we'll always do our best to help.

Diary Dates

Please remember that you're very welcome to come into school next Thursday (25th January) from 2:30pm to look at your children's work and to find out a bit more about what they've been up to in school!

Fri 19 th January	Big Friend Bake-Off Day!
Thu 25 th January, from 2:30 pm	Parents - "Have a Look Afternoon"
Tue 30 th January	Robins' bus ride to Winchcombe
Thu 8 th February	SEN Reviews
Fri 9 th February	Friendship Friday!
Fri 9 th February	End of Term 3
Mon 19 th February	Start of Term 4
Thu 22 nd February, 4:30 to 7:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Tue 27 th February, 3:30 to 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 1 st March	World Book Day - dress as a favourite character!
Thu 29 th March	End of Term 4

If required further information about certain events will be sent out closer to the time.

Class Assemblies

Wed 31 st January, 8:55 am	Robins
Wed 7 th February, 8:55 am	Kingfishers
Wed 21 st February, 8:55 am	Owls
Wed 28 th February, 8:55 am	Eagles

Night Owls

Over the next few weeks, Night Owls will be run by different members of staff who have kindly agreed to help on a rota basis. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins went on a train ride around school and drew all the things they imagined they saw from the window after reading 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. They also use their imaginations in Maths to make up addition stories- I particularly enjoyed Jake's story about flying chocolate cake! On Friday we held the 'Big Friend Bake Off'. Robins were joined by their Big Friends to see who could make the best chocolate biscuits with no soggy bottoms!

Kingfishers

Well what a busy week we have had in Kingfishers. The children were introduced to the Art style of Pop Art and the brilliant Andy Warhol who pioneered this style in the 1960's. The children have all been recreating their own Pop Art, taking photographs from the iPads and tracing them. They experimented with different medium before selecting which was the best fit for Pop Art. We also enjoyed a great Forest School session with our Chinese visitors. The children made raisin kebabs and popcorn mobiles to feed our visiting birds.

Owls

Owls have been discovering the delights of Norway this week. We first watched some drone footage of some spectacular landscapes to discover what Norway is like. We then carried out our own research using the iPads to find out more before contributing to a shared write. In Maths, we have been getting to grips with different units of measurement and enjoyed predicting and then measuring different objects for their weight or capacity.

Eagles

We were very proud to see how welcoming the Eagles were to our Chinese visitors on Wednesday. The children all painted Bengal tigers together using spices; the Eagles tried very hard to communicate with the Chinese pupils, asking simple questions. At break-time all of the visitors were included in activities by Eagles children. It was a pleasure to watch them play together.

FOGS

Update from the PTA

Thank you to all of those that completed the parent survey, we had a good response and the results will be published in next week's newsletter.

Thank you also to those parents that made last night's open meeting, we hope you found the meeting informative and interesting.

PTA display board

As of next week the notice board at the side of the school will be filling up with FOGS news so keep an eye out for that! Thank you to Mr Woolston for giving this space up to the PTA.

Valentines Disco

The first disco of the year will be on February 8th starting at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm. More details to follow soon.



Birthdays coming up.....
Woody Holmes-Fry, Jennifer Andrews and Oscar Tustin
Congratulations!

School Meals

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hotdogs with tomato sauce & jacket wedges	Macaroni Pastichio (made with organic mince)	Roast Chicken with stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Organic Beef Cottage Pie	MSC Breaded Fish with chips
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Potato & Courgette Layer Bake	Spinach & Tomato Quiche with New Potatoes	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese with Tomato topping	Vegetable fajita
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Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Peas & Cauliflower	Carrot & Swede Mash	Sweetcorn & Roasted Courgette	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Shortbread Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble & Custard/ Yoghurt/Fruit Chunks	Flapjack Yoghurt/Fruit Pieces	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard/Yoghurt/Fruit Platter	Pear & Ginger Muffin / Yoghurt, Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (19.01.18)

Robins

Paris Bowdon, Katherine Schumacher and Beatrice Panthin for all their creativity this week on the making table.

Kingfishers

Hugo Millar for listening well and getting really involved in all his lessons recently. Oliver Baker-Williams for improving the presentation of his writing and Henry Parker for showing good focus this week in both Maths and English.

Owls

Lily Rogers for creating a beautifully illustrated but very informative European fact-file. Charlie Brown for his perseverance and enthusiasm in carrying out some independent research on Norway.

Eagles

Tia Row and Lewis Burnett-Hockey for a positive learning attitude.

Best wishes to all members of the school community

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher