



Friday 20th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this term and I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. A big well done and thank you to everyone who participated in the Swimathon during the Easter holidays! As usual everyone has returned to school with great enthusiasm for the term ahead.

### Hot weather

I'm sure the hot weather won't last but just a reminder about making sure your child has a suitable hat to wear - sun glasses too if necessary and that sun cream is applied before coming to school. On particularly hot days, we're happy for children to bring sun cream in, so long as you're confident that they know how to apply it - there have been a couple of messy incidents this week!

### All Stars Cricket

With much excitement, Tuesday's assembly was led by Chris Munsden from the Gloucestershire County Cricket Board. Information about the All Stars Cricket scheme for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years has been passed on to the children to bring home and this will soon be available at Winchcombe Cricket Club, who also provide opportunities for older children. Cricket club in school will be starting after half term.

### Marathon Running

One of the most memorable days in my life was completing the London Marathon in 1997 and we wish the very best of luck to Mr Milner and all the other people connected with the school, who are participating in the event on Sunday. On a similar note, many congratulations to Mrs Davis and her sister who recently completed the Brighton Marathon. If you haven't done so already, today is the last chance you have of donating to their just giving page and we're very grateful for the fact that Mrs Davis will be donating the money she raises to the school.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/runbertrunsarahlaura>

### Try Tag Rugby

Bredon Rugby Club are holding a free Tag Rugby Taster session on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Bredon playing fields. For further details please contact Sian Gittins:

[sian.gittins@gmail.com](mailto:sian.gittins@gmail.com) or Tel. 07747777099

### Tennis for Kids

More sporting opportunities are available as the "Tennis for Kids" scheme has been relaunched this year. This is open to all children aged 4 to 11 and costs £25 for 6 lessons and this fee includes a racket, ball set and personalised T-shirt. Further details are available on the Tennis for Kids website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids>

### Decorated Eggs

Many thanks again to everyone who entered but today is the last chance for you to collect your decorated eggs from the hall. I'm afraid any that are left over will have to be thrown away.

### **Physical Activity Trade Fair**

Grangefield Primary School is holding a Physical Activity Trade Fair today from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - fliers went home towards the end of last term. Do go along if you're keen to learn how to increase your levels of physical activity and develop healthier habits with the support of local clubs and organisations.

### **A REPEAT OF A PREVIOUS REQUEST - Library Volunteer Helper**

Would you be able to volunteer for an hour or two per week to help keep our library area tidy and well organised? We would really appreciate your help in straightening up the book shelves, repairing books and generally helping to maximise the use and impact of the library. Please speak to Mr Woolston or Mrs Fisher if you think you might be able to help or have any questions - thank you.

### **Classroom Visits**

With the intention of increasing the numbers of parents who attend, the next "Open Classrooms" event will be straight after school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April until about 4:00 pm. Please come along and have a look at the wonderful work your child has been doing in school - thank you. If you would like to attend but this date and time is inconvenient, please let your child's class teacher know and we will try and organise a different time with you.

### **Summer Term Clubs**

A letter about extra-curricular clubs was sent out at the end of last term and thank you to everyone who has responded. The club lists are currently on display in the porch window. As usual we're indebted to all the staff who give their time so willingly, as well the parent volunteers - thank you.

## Diary Dates

Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of swimming sessions for Y2, 3 and 4
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	"In the Net" internet safety play for Y4
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> April (from 3:05pm to 4:00pm)	Open Classrooms - parents welcome to visit
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> May	YR hearing and vision checks
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of KS2 SATs week
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> May (pm)	Big Friends, Little Friends Teddy Bears' Picnic
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Start of KS1 SATs week
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Friendship Friday
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of half term week
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Final swimming session for Y2, 3 and 4
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Phonics Screening Check week
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Life Education Bus in Gretton
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day with Mini Summer Fete afterwards
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Owls and Eagles to Bell Boating Regatta
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Robins to Sandfield Farm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Pupil Reports out to parents
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July (pm)	SEN Reviews and Open Classrooms
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Gretton Science day
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Owls to Royal International Air Tattoo
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Eagles to Tewkesbury Medieval Festival
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> July (early evening)	Eagles end of year production
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Nature in Art
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> July (early evening)	Eagles end of year production
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Thank You Tea for volunteer helpers (by invitation)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Whole- school Winchcombe Walk
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the academic year
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 note that Eagles and Kingfishers have swapped dates from the days previously publicised.

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Robins
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Owls
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Eagles
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingfishers

### **Night Owls and Early Birds**

The children will continue to be given a choice of activities and will begin to spend more time outside after school as the weather improves. Due to staff absence Night Owls will be covered by a range of staff over the next couple of weeks.

### **News from around the classes**

#### ***Robins***

Robins have been excited to begin our new topic about Minibeasts. They have been on bug safari in our role-play area, made junk model minibeasts, drawn oil pastel beetles and written minibeast riddles. It has been wonderful to see the sunshine this week and we have made the most of the water and sand in the outdoor area and enjoyed snack and story time in the front garden.

#### ***Kingfishers***

Kingfishers have been so enthusiastic about our new topic, British Wildlife. We have had some great show and tell items and have welcomed a new addition to the classroom-toad spawn! We have been learning about what classification of animal they are as well as their life cycle. We have also been very busy creating for our display board-balloon printing, painting and paint spinning-a huge thank you to Mrs Riley and Mrs Wycherley who came to lend a hand.

#### ***Owls***

Owls have started off their week with great enthusiasm for our new topic of 'Tewkesbury and its Surrounding Area'. We charted the course of the River Severn and learnt that it starts as just a muddy peat bog in a place called Plynlimon in the Cambrian mountains of Wales. Elsewhere, we have been using thesauruses to search for ambitious words to add to our vocabulary and make our writing even better!!!

#### ***Eagles***

Eagles spent a sunny afternoon on the field playing rounders on Wednesday. Mrs Holt and Major were impressed by the have a go attitude of the year 5s, who haven't played rounders in upper key stage 2 before.

## FOGs Update

### Swimarathon

A huge thank you and well done to all our swimmers! You did an amazing job:

#### Team A

Swam 70 lengths in 45 mins

#### Team B

Swam 74 lengths in 45 mins

#### Team C (Adults)

Swam 117 lengths in 45 mins

In total our swimmers raised a massive £1,007.20 in sponsorship! 20% goes to the charity Cleeve Hill 41 Club to cover organising costs of the event, with the remainder donated to local causes in and around the Winchcombe area. This means £805.76 goes to school which is a fantastic achievement!

### Easter Movie Night

This event raised £102.60! Thank you to all who came along.

### Egg Decorating Competition

I hope the winners enjoyed their chocolate! Thanks again to all who entered, this event raised £26.

### ABBA Night and Grand Raffle

This takes place on Saturday and we look forward to seeing you there with your dancing shoes on! And thank you to all who bought raffle tickets, there are some excellent prizes up for grabs... winners will be announced next week. Good luck!

Thank you



Birthdays coming up.....  
**Peter Tuffery and Santino Lucar**  
*Congratulations!*

## School Meals

Unfortunately the price of school meals has increased from £2.28 to £2.36. To help your child choose their meals, here's the menu for week commencing 23/04/2018:

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (23.04.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Chicken Enchilada with Jacket Wedges	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger with Baby Baked Potatoes	Battered Fish with Chips
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Quorn & Vegetable Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Vegetable Enchilada with 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
Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn	Peas, Coleslaw	Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Berry & Apple Strudel & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Salad	Peach Upside Down Cake/ Yogurt/Fruit Platter	Oaty Cookie, Cheese & Biscuits/ Fruit Salad	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Choc Sauce/Yogurt/Fruit Platter	Flapjack Fruit Yogurt/Fruit Salad

### *This week's 'Golden Children' (20.04.18)*

#### Robins

Roman Barder for being a good listener.

#### Kingfishers

Stanley Holland, Rowan Wycherley, Leo Bray and Monty Bayes for writing their shipwreck stories with such enthusiasm and independence.

#### Owls

Talullah Hollingsworth for having a fantastic first week with her hand up all the time to answer questions. Jack Williams for the excellent descriptions he put into his shipwreck story.

#### Eagles

All of year 6 for their positive attitude and resilience in their mock SATs.

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable week-end. *Mr R Woolston* Headteacher