



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you have all had a good week. Don't forget that **tomorrow is an INSET day** so the children will not be in school. Thank you for your patience waiting for me to open the gate some mornings. It did make me smile to see the children rushing into the playground with such enthusiasm!

### End of the day

Once you have collected your child at the end of the day please ensure they stay with you in the playground so that staff are able to see who is waiting for a delayed parent and therefore need to go into Night Owls. This is a safeguarding issue and your support is very much appreciated.

### Gretton Playgroup

Please go along and support our local playgroup's Christmas Fair at 5.30pm on December 1st and 10.00am on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you think you could help set up or would like to 'rent' a stall please contact Judith Woodlock on 01242 620474 or email [j.woodlock474@btinternet.com](mailto:j.woodlock474@btinternet.com).

### Class Assemblies

Friday 1st December                  Robins

Wednesday 6th 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!
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Robins Forest School
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu vaccinations for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 (please make sure you have registered online)
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**

Night Owls will be continuing with free choice crafts before moving onto Christmas crafts in December. Any favourite 'U' certificate films can be brought in for the children to watch.

### **Friends of Gretton School (FOGS)**

Over the past few weeks there has been a rise in interest in joining the school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and this is fantastic as the school needs you! In light of this interest we thought it necessary to explain the process that needs to be followed should you wish to join the committee.

Firstly - every child and parent is automatically a member of the PTA when they join the school so you are all a vital part of it!

If you wish to join the committee you should first raise interest by speaking to the Chair, Zoe Howell, or Vice Chairs Abigail Holland and Beth Wycherley, or by emailing FOGS at [friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com). Once you have raised this interest you have the opportunity to add your name to a waiting list.

Members of the committee are usually voted in at the yearly AGM unless positions become available during the year, in which case individuals will be offered the chance to join in order of the waiting list.

Without parental support we CANNOT run events. Volunteering at our events is so valuable and attending our events valuable too! Being part of the Gretton School community is a wonderful opportunity to feel connected and supported by one another. Our aim is to enrich the lives of children at Gretton so please do stand up and show your interest and you will be welcomed with open arms!

### **Open PTA meeting**

As we are a newly formed committee we would like to hold an Open PTA meeting in the New Year. All parents and staff at the school are welcome, as well as committee members. This meeting will give us an opportunity to explain how it all works and give you the opportunity to have your say.

We will keep you updated on the date of this meeting, but in the meantime should you have any specific questions that you would like to raise at the meeting then please let us know and we will add them to the agenda.

### **Christmas Hampers**

Thank you for all the wonderful donations so far! If any are outstanding, the deadline for donations is 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Christmas craft afternoon

We are hosting a Christmas craft afternoon on December 13<sup>th</sup> following the children's Christmas lunch and we would welcome volunteers to help coordinate. If you feel you can offer assistance, either from home in the planning stage or in school on the day, please do let us know.

Thank you!

### News from around the classes

#### **Robins**

Robins have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We all enjoyed a second breakfast on Monday when we cooked porridge with honey; in fact some Robins also enjoyed thirds! We drew story maps, made collage bear masks and measured ourselves at Forest School to find out who was as big as Daddy Bear or as small as Baby Bear.

#### **Kingfishers**

We have been learning about different weather around the world in Kingfishers this week. The children were fascinated to find out that whilst we are enduring our winter, South Africa is basking in their summer! The children have also been continuing to enjoy team games in PE that not only encourage their spatial awareness but also encompass team skills too. Pac-Man and the jellyfish game were amongst the favourites!

#### **Owls**

It's 5000 years old and still standing, some of the stones weigh 30 tonnes and it was all constructed without any modern machinery. Owls have been learning about Stonehenge this week and we're amazed to learn that some of the stones were transported almost 200 miles by manpower alone. We have been busy producing leaflets to explain about this incredible structure.

#### **Eagles**

Did you know Ada Lovelace is widely regarded as the first computer programmer? Eagles have been finding out lots of interesting information this week about Victorians as part of our biography writing in English. We have studied Charles Darwin, Ada Lovelace, Dr Barnardo, William Morris and Queen Victoria.



Birthdays this week...

**Eliza Turner  
Congratulations!**

## School Lunches

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (27.11.17)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BBQ Chicken Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Organic Beef Mince Chilli with Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Organic Beef Mince Pasta Bolognaise	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
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Vegetable Tortilla Stack	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spanish Omelette with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Beans	Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Sweetcorn & Mixed Peppers	Green Beans & Carrots	Savoy Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Mixed Salad	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Pear Sponge with Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Apple Crumble & Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Crunch/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Chunks	Jam Sponge with Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle Cake/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Platter

### *This week's 'Golden Children' (23.11.17)*

#### Robins

Delilah Shakespeare for always helping others  
Fleur Dockar-Drysdale for writing her name so beautifully

#### Kingfishers

Erin Riley and Rowan Wycherley for tackling Maths activities with growing independence

#### Owls

Matilda Finney for the efforts she has put into her reading  
Seb Jouni for being polite and helpful at lunchtimes

#### Eagles

Lottie Wright for her Lewis Carroll information mind map  
Ollie Isherwood for being a Maths Ambassador to his table during Mindset Monday

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

Mrs R Netting

Senior Teacher