24th February 2017

Dear Parents,

We have started to celebrate 'GrettonGoodDeed". William A told us all about his trip to the Tewkesbury Foodbank over the half term. The family had supported the Foodbank at Christmas with a 'reverse' Advent calendar and this time collected a box of food and toiletries. He had a lovely photo as well as a card which can go on our display. We look forward to hearing more about the children (or your!) good deeds.

Our Year 4 pupils went to watch a production about internet safety – it was very good and the children then reported back to the whole school the key messages which were – if you see anything on the computer that upsets you, close the lid and tell an adult; don't post any personal details on the internet; don't say bad things online – it's just the same as bullying in person and remember that things that you put online may stay on there forever.

Some of our children have been trialling a new Spelling app called Spellodrome in class and at home and they have been loving it! Some of them have received certificates for gaining 1000 points already and Mr Bridges class is now 24th in the WORLD!!

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parents Evening - we hope you found it useful. We had lots of positive comments about the interim reports we gave out which show where children are in relation to national expectation, effort made and attendance. These were done as a result of requests for more information on the parent questionnaires.

Parent Forum
I am trying to make a date for this. Week commencing the 6th of March – if you wish to attend please let the office know a preference in daytime, after school or evening so that I can make a time that suits the majority of parents.

Dates For Your Diary
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
	Cross Country Fun Run
W/C Monday 13th March	WORK LIFE BALANCE WEEK – NO CLUBS
Wednesday 15th March	Life Education Bus to visit school – there will be a parent session.

Assemblies this term
Friday 10th March	Robins
Friday 17th March	Kingfishers
Friday 24th March	Owls
Friday 31st March	Eagles

Lunchtime Supervisor
We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor for 4 days weekly in term time. If you are interested, please contact us.

Next Week
I will be in hospital next week for a minor operation - Mrs Netting will be deputising in my absence so please contact her if you need any help.

News from Classes:
Robins – Robins have begun their new topic 'New Life' by reading 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and planting cress and sunflower seeds. At Forest School we looked for early signs of Spring and found catkins, snowdrops, daffodils and primroses.

Kingfishers- Kingfishers have returned from their half-term break fired up with our new topic, On Safari! Already Mrs Jones has enjoyed some really super show and tell items and experiences shared by the children. We are now looking to create a safari theme in our classroom. So far this week we have created animal prints using shaving foam and food colouring and looked at some African art inspired by Edward Tingatinga. We have been exploring using oil pastels to create interesting fruit observational pictures and used watercolours to create beautiful African sunsets.

Owls – Owls had a great time at forest school on Tuesday. We set up a map of the forest school site for the children and they had to find different objects by using the key and their map skills. There has also been a huge amount of excitement around 'Spellodrome' and Year 4 were ranked as 24th in the world for number of points gained as a class. Many of our children were also included in the top 100 individuals. Almost everyone has had a go and enjoyed it.

Eagles - The Eagles have been learning all about forces this week. We have so far covered the different types of pushes and pulls and have just started looking at gravity in more depth. We learned about Sir Isaac Newton and how it is said he discovered gravity. Gabriel asked why he named it 'gravity' so we talked about the origins of words and word roots, and that the word 'gravity' comes from the Latin 'gravis', meaning heavy. We used some Newton metres and discovered a link between weight (N) and mass (g).

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Kelly

This week's 'Golden Children'

Gold Book:

Robins – Talia for good work in Maths this week learning to count in twos.

 Kingfishers – McKenzii for her excellent concentration whilst measuring in Maths.

Owls – Eliza for the improvement made in her reading (as specially reported by Mrs Blake who reads with our children).

Eagles – Evie-Mae for superb effort in homework & Felix B for his contributions to Science lessons

Attitude Tree: Ines for always having such a positive 'have-a-go' attitude, William for his kind & thoughtful attitude to others this week & Jesse for his helpfulness and great sporting attitude.

100 Nights of Reading- Kingfishers – Oliver Baker-Williams & Alessio Morville, Owls - Jack Williams. A few of our readers have now reached over 150 nights and are pushing on for the next big milestone of 200 nights!! Keep it up everyone!!!

BIRTHDAYS LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK

Stanley, Liam H, Jamie & Kit

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages & Mash Potato	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Roast Ham with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
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Vegetable Sausage with Mash Potato	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Red Pepper & Cheese Fritatta with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Pasta Bolognaise	Vegetable Wrap with Chips
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Jacket Potato withTuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Jacket Potato with Beans
Garden Peas & Carrots	Coleslaw, Mixed Salad	Broccoli, Crushed Swede	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Baked Bean & Garden Peas
Fruit Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Muffin with Chocolate Sauce	Carrot Cake	Wholemeal Banana Sponge with Custard	Toffee Crispy