



Friday 25th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our newsletter - the last one before the half term break; whatever you've got planned, I hope you have a very enjoyable week.

Playground Project

I'm delighted to inform you that the multi-use games area (MUGA) will be installed on the playground during the school summer holidays. If all goes to plan then it will be ready for the start of term in September.

Sporting News

Two Eagles teams went to the Small Schools Rounders tournament at St Edward's Prep School on Tuesday. Mrs Fowler led Gretton 2 and was impressed by their teamwork and effort. Mrs Holt led Gretton 1 - they won the first round easily by communicating well and keeping their heads in the game. Overall Gretton 1 came third for the third year running; an admirable achievement in itself, but we are just as proud of the incredible sportsmanship they showed when faced with a much less gracious team. This attitude will stand them in great stead not just in sports but in all areas of life. Well done Gretton!

Staffing News

I'm pleased to inform you that when **Mrs Jackson** goes on maternity leave some time in the Autumn Term, **Mrs Holt** will be covering her absence in Eagles.

Mrs Williams, who has done such a great job with our Early Birds' Club, informed me earlier this week that she will be starting a new job during half term and so she will not be returning after the holiday. We thank Mrs Williams for all her efforts and for being such a kind and reliable member of our team - she has promised to keep in touch and help us out when necessary. Fortunately, **Mrs Ballinger** has agreed to step in from Tuesday 5th June - the start of next term.

I will keep you informed of any other staffing news, once the details have been finalised.

House Points

This week there was a tie as **Sudeley** and **Cleeve** were awarded the most points, so congratulations to everyone in **Sudeley** and **Cleeve**. However, overall, this year **Stanley** are still just about 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.

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

Fri 25 th May	Friendship Friday
Fri 25 th May	End of Term 5
Mon 28th May	Start of half term week
Mon 4 th June	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tue 5 th June	Start of Term 6
Tue 11 th June	Start of Phonics Screening Check
Tue 12 th June	Final swimming session for Y2, 3 and 4
Wed 13 th June	Life Education Bus in Gretton
Wed 20 th June (from 1:00 pm)	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 (RIAT)
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 3 rd 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	Well done 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 will spend time outside when the weather permits. Please remember that Mrs Ballinger will be running Early Birds and Night Owls after half term.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins had a beautiful sunny day for their trip to All Things Wild on Wednesday. We began the day by looking at the huge variety of animals on display from zebras and reindeer to boa constrictors and terrapins. Next, a tractor and trailer ride transported us back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. From tracking some of the largest creatures to have roamed the earth to some of the smallest, we then went on a mini-beast hunt and did some pond dipping for newts, tadpoles, leeches, pond skaters and snails. Phew...what a wild adventure!

Kingfishers

This week in Kingfishers we have been revising all we have been learning in science. We have been grouping animals into the correct classifications and recording it in a book. Additionally, Year 2 have been continuing to gain confidence in their swimming lessons. Some children are perfecting their strokes, whilst others have taken first steps to swimming without floats. Year 1 have been enjoying team games during PE and learning different throwing and catching skills.

Owls

Owls have been using their map-work skills to locate different buildings and places of interest around the Tewkesbury area. We discovered why different types of businesses choose to locate themselves in the positions they do. We have continued to enjoy James and the Giant Peach and this week made peach and banana smoothies which we will be writing a set of instructions for, so they can continue to be enjoyed by others!

Eagles

Our walk around Winchcombe revealed many discoveries: a lamb's skull, a deer and its baby, a sheep shearing production line and the 'C' from the football club! Some fabulous photos were taken; we found that close-ups created some very powerful images. We took an extended lunchtime and play on the rec, before heading on to a fantastic string quartet workshop at Winchcombe Abbey school. Eagles were fantastically behaved all day - we are very proud of them.

FOGS Update

Ice cream Fridays

Thank you to all who purchased yummy icy treats last Friday, we raised £41! We plan to sell them each Friday when the sun shines - ice creams are £1 each.

Mini Summer Fete - After sports day, Wednesday 20th June, 3-5pm

To help make the Fete a success, please can we ask for the following donations:

- 5 x volunteers to run a stall.
- Gazeebo's or large umbrellas .
- Cakes - homemade or bought!
- Bottle Hoopla donations - anything tall such as soft drinks/wine/fizz.

More details will follow after the holidays - have a great half term!

Thank you



Birthdays coming up.....
Zeyla Hart, Lara Whales, Jasper Warmington and Alyssa White
Congratulations!

School Meals

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

NEXT MENU (04.06.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Spaghetti Bolognaise (made with organic mince)	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage & Mash	Fish fingers with chips
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Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Casserole with Couscous	Cheese & Onion Quiche 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
Carrots, Garden Peas	Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Seasonal Vegetables	Carrots, Green Beans	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Fruit Crumble with Custard Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie/ Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle Cake, Cheese & Biscuits, Fruit Salad	Apple Sponge with Custard/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Iced Shortbread Finger/ Yoghurt, Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (25.05.18)

Robins

Dougie Steward for being chief map reader on our trip to All Things Wild.

Kingfishers

Bonny Howell for her fantastic story writing - we were all gripped when we heard the story she had written at home inspired by the tales of Peter Rabbit!

Owls

Lilly Millar for some excellent bar modelling in Maths and Jamie Bright for some excellent map work skills.

Eagles

Charlotte Oliver, Lottie Wright and Izzie Tingle for taking some great photos.

Best wishes to all members of the school community.

Mr R Woolston

Headteacher