



Friday 26th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading the latest version of our newsletter and I hope you find the information helpful. Parking still seems to be a hot topic of conversation and I would just like to thank all the parents who continue to park conscientiously, avoiding the yellow zig-zags and blocking driveways.

A strange request this one but we're in need of a **replacement flowerpot**, to replace the one that got broken before Christmas. It needs to be about 40cm in height and 40 cm diameter at the top - that's exactly the same as the one still outside the front door - many thanks.

### **Internet Safety Talk**

At 3:30 pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Isbourne Valley School (GL54 5PF) are hosting an internet safety talk for parents concerning the safe use of social media and the internet in general. It will be led by PSCO Linda Jackson and all our parents are very welcome to attend.

### **Sports Hall Athletics**

Many congratulations to all the children who represented the school so well at the Sports Hall Athletics event at Tewkesbury School earlier this week. Mr Major informs me that our team of twelve Year 5 and 6 children won overall and therefore we'll be going on to the County finals on the 5<sup>th</sup> February - well done everyone!

### **School Photographs**

#### **Message from Freedom Photography**

If you did not place an order for school photos before Christmas but would like to please do so by half term. The photographs take up a large amount of memory on our hard drives and we need to archive last season's photographs over the half term holiday.

Please contact us direct by emailing [tracy@freedom-photography.co.uk](mailto:tracy@freedom-photography.co.uk) or text your telephone number to 07981 530310 and we'll call you back.

Many thanks

Julia and Tracy

## Student Teachers

We welcome our two student teachers to Gretton and we wish Mr Cleevely in Owls and Miss Badham in Robins the very best of luck during their school placements with us.

## Diary Dates

Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Robins' bus ride to Winchcombe
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> February	SEN Reviews
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Friendship Friday!
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 4:30 to 7:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 3:30 to 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day - dress as a favourite character!
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 4

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

## Class Assemblies

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

## Night Owls

Over the next couple of weeks, Night Owls will continue to 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 had a visit from Katherine's mum on Thursday afternoon to talk to them about Burn's Night and how it is celebrated in Scotland. We tasted some haggis, baked shortbread, painted Scottish flags and did some paper weaving like the tartan on the family kilt Mrs Schumacher showed us. We also welcomed Miss Badham to Robins who is enjoying getting to know the children and is looking forward to teaching them next week.

### *Kingfishers*

Kingfishers have been looking at old toys that their parents and grandparents once played with. We have noticed the similarities and differences between old and new toys, particularly the materials they are made of. We noticed that many old toys were made of wood which led us to designing our own wooden -a wooden spoon puppet! The children will look forward to showing you their creations when they have finished them.

Forest School was a wet and muddy affair! Nevertheless, the children had a load of fun making mud soup and jumping in all the muddy puddles.

### *Owls*

Owls have enjoyed creating their own countries this week and have been working hard on writing information texts for their countries. We have had some excellent creative ideas such as a land made from chocolate and sweets as well as countries which enjoy some rather peculiar diets! In our science, we have been learning about how animals and plants are classified and were amazed to learn that there is an estimated 7.7 million living organisms but only 1.6 million of those have been discovered so far!

### *Eagles*

We investigated what the term 'Fair Trade' might mean this week by playing a game. The children split into 'countries' and were allocated resources - some more than others. Each country tried to use their resources to make flowers to sell to Mrs Holt, a well-known international flower trader. It was very interesting to hear words such as 'profit' and 'marketing strategy' being used completely off the cuff by Year 5 and 6 children!



Birthdays coming up.....

*None this week*

### School Meals

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice	Chicken & Red Pepper Pizza with baby Baked Potato	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Organic Beef Mince Pasta Bolognese	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
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Vegetable Pasta Bake	Lentil & Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Quorn Mince Pasta Bolognese	Quorn Hotdog with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Soup with Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Soup & Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Red Onion Slaw & Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetables	Broccoli & Sliced Carrots	Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Baked Bean & Garden Peas
Pear Crumble & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Platter	Lemon Drizzle Cake/ Yogurt/Fruit Chunks	Chocolate Cookie/Yoghurt / Fruit Pieces	Apple & Berry Strudel with Custard/Yogurt/ Fruit Platter	Chocolate & Orange Brownie Yogurt/Fruit Salad

*This week's 'Golden Children' (25.01.18)*

**Robins**

Delilah Shakespeare for working hard on her writing and Fleur Dockar-Drysdale for concentrating hard on her work.

**Kingfishers**

Stanley Holland and Rowan Wycherley for making a big effort with writing our class story about Hamish the teddy getting lost at Forest School.  
Zeyla Hart for her positive approach to learning since starting at Gretton.

**Owls**

Josh Denne and Grace Milner for some fantastic written reports about their countries.

**Eagles**

Izzy Shakespeare for her semi-colon work, Zak Bawdon for his writing about the Fair Trade game.

Best wishes to all members of the school community

*Mr R Woolston*  
Headteacher