



Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this latest edition of our newsletter finds you in good health.

### **Rain Coats!**

I said that the hot weather wouldn't last! Last week I was writing reminders about sun protection and now I'm including a reminder about sending your child in with a suitable waterproof coat, so they can go outside for play times even when it's raining a bit - thank you.

### **Class Photographs**

Please note class and the Year 6 leavers' photograph will be taken in the morning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Gretton Playgroup ([www.grettonplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.grettonplaygroup.co.uk))**

We are very keen to support the work of our local playgroup, which currently has spaces available for children of 2 years old and upwards. It's a small family-friendly playgroup which offers the full Early Years Curriculum with optional "Little Explorers" sessions when the children are taken out into the nearby countryside. For more information or to arrange a visit contact them on 07530 823049 or email [grettonplaygroup@eygloucestershire.co.uk](mailto:grettonplaygroup@eygloucestershire.co.uk)

### **Cheltenham Science Festival (Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June)**

This fantastic event is coming up soon with numerous events 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](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science)

### **Information from .... The Music Guru!**

#### **OPEN DAY THIS SUNDAY! (29<sup>th</sup> April)**

10am - 2pm 17 Isbourne Way, Winchcombe GL54 5NS

Come along, have a jam on the instruments and see what activities are available for your children at our music studio! Music tuition also available and can be discussed on Sunday. See you there!

### **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

### **Sporting Success**

Congratulations to Liam Burnett-Hockey, Tia Hyett-Row, Kit Jameson and Issy Shakespeare who represented the school this week in a mountain bike event. They really enjoyed themselves and in the team category they managed to finish 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams - well done!

### **Library Volunteer Helper**

Mrs Davis has kindly volunteered to be our Library Helper - thank you very much!

## Classroom Visits

Many thanks to everyone who was able to participate in the classroom visits earlier this week. Numbers were slightly up on previous occasions and so we will repeat the format next time. However, if you wanted to attend but the arrangements were inconvenient, please let your child's class teacher know and we will try and organise a different time with you.

## Summer Term Clubs

Clubs started this week and the lists are currently on display in the porch window. Please note that some clubs are in Term 5 or 6 only. As usual we're indebted to all the staff who give their time so willingly, as well as the parent volunteers who help out- thank you.

## Diary Dates

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photographs
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 come along if you can.

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 if the weather improves. Due to staff absence Night Owls will be covered by a range of staff over the next week.

## News from around the classes

### *Robins*

Robins have been finding lots of toads and frogs at Forest School but learnt that they are not minibeasts as they have bones. They made a stick tally chart to show how many minibeasts they found and worms were the winners! We read 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle and the children wrote speech bubbles to explain what makes them grumpy and finger printed spotty ladybirds to practise double sums in maths. Miss Badham came to visit and helped the children create clay minibeasts.

### *Kingfishers*

We have had a very busy week learning how to classify animals scientifically. We have also been brainstorming different words to describe how a bird moves through the sky and interpreting those words with colour and a paintbrush. Finally, the children loved constructing their bird's nests. They all selected some wonderful natural materials and really thought about the best materials to use and the size of their nest according to what sort of bird they were making it for.

### *Owls*

Owls have been learning about the digestive system in Science this week. We were amazed to learn that the large and small intestine together, are 9 metres long and we measured this out in the playground. The highlight though for many, was our demonstration of how food passes through the digestive system which raised quite a few giggles!

### *Eagles*

Is this a paragraph about Year 5 before me? The Scottish play has been inspiring Year 5. They have been learning about the characters of the witches, Lady Macbeth and Macbeth himself, demonstrating some fabulous acting skills - watch out Patrick Stewart! Thank you to Robins class for lending us a crown and a cloak.

**FOGs Update**

**Swimarathon**

Thank you for the sponsor money we have received so far - please can any outstanding sponsor money be handed in to the office or to Zoe on Monday. Thank you!

**ABBA Night**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our tribute night - either by buying raffle tickets, donating a raffle prize or for actually coming to the event and being great company! It was a super evening and we raised £904.16 which is a fantastic amount that will directly benefit all of our children! Also a big thank you to the superstars who helped behind the scenes, it was a great effort and we really appreciate it:

Zoe Howell, Lorraine Hill, Beth Wycherley, Mel Riley, Laura Davis, Gemma Weatherly-Kaye, Andrea Osbourne, Fiona Hollingsworth, Marta Docker Drysdale and Rachael Bray.

Congratulations to all our Raffle prize winners! All winners have been notified, but please see our noticeboard for details.

Thank you



**Birthdays coming up.....**  
***Leo Bray***  
***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 next week:

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (30.04.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs with Rice	Fish fingers & Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with New Potatoes	Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Spicy Bean Burger & Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
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
Sweetcorn, Green Beans	Peas, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Cauliflower	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Chocolate Crunch with Chocolate Sauce/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Banana Cake/Fruit Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Ice cream & Mandarins/Cheese & Biscuits/ Fruit Salad	Pineapple Upside Down Cake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Shortcake/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad

### *This week's 'Golden Children' (27.04.18)*

#### Robins

Josiah Richardson, Jake Bright, Alfie Amos and Peter Tuffery for being so helpful when tidying up the toys in the playground.

#### Kingfishers

Alyssa White and McKenzii Ginns for showing a positive attitude towards their first swimming lessons this week.

#### Owls

Lola Shakespeare for her consistently kind, caring and hard-working attitude. Alissa Bowden for some excellent work on column addition.

#### Eagles

Sarah Webb for her superb learning attitude and Liam Burnett-Hockey for his good presentation and thoughtful completion of work in Topic.

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the week-end.

*Mr R Woolston*

Headteacher