



Thursday 29th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this term, as ever it contains some helpful and important information.

### Mr Bridges

First up this week we must offer our sincerest best wishes and congratulations to Mr Bridges as he's getting married during the Easter holidays. Let's hope that the sun shines on his big day and that he and the future Mrs Bridges enjoy a very happy life together.

### Forest School Ground-Force Morning

Unfortunately we've had to **cancel this event scheduled for next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** because the conditions are still too soggy under foot. Sorry for the late notice but we wanted to wait as long as possible before making the decision- apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Singing Concert at Winchcombe School

Earlier this week our Singing Group, expertly led by Mrs Netting, performed superbly in front of a big crowd at the annual concert hosted by Winchcombe School. If I counted correctly, impressively 35 of our pupils were involved, all singing their hearts out beautifully - very well done and a big thank you to everyone!

### Y2 and Y6 SATs meetings

As these important assessments will be happening in May, we thought it would be beneficial to organise a meeting for the parents of Y2 and Y6 children, so we can share important information and answer any questions you may have.

The meeting for Y2 parents will be from 2:30 pm on Wednesday 18th April in the library and for Y6 it will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April in Eagles' classroom. Each meeting should last for about 30 minutes - thank you.

### Library Helper

Would you be able to volunteer for an hour or two per week to help keep our library area tidy and well organised? We would really appreciate your help in straightening up the book shelves, repairing books and generally helping to maximise the use and impact of the library. Please speak to Mr Woolston or Mrs Fisher if you think you might be able to help or have any questions - thank you.

## Student Teachers

Miss Badham in Robins and Mr Cleevely in Owls have really made a positive impact to the school this term and the children have all benefited from their involvement and support. We would like to thank them for all their efforts and we wish them the very best of luck in the next stage of their careers.

## Classroom Visits

With the intention of increasing the numbers of parents who attend, the next "Open Classrooms" event will be straight after school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along and have a look at the wonderful work your child has been doing in school - thank you.

## Summer Term Clubs

A letter about extra-curricular clubs was sent out yesterday and as usual we're indebted to all the staff who give their time so willingly - thank you.

## Diary Dates

Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 4
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of swimming sessions for Y2, 3 and 4
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	"In the Net" internet safety play for Y4
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> April (from 3:05pm)	Open Classrooms - parents welcome to visit
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

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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.

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Robins
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Owls
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingfishers
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Eagles

### **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 as the weather improves.

### **News from around the classes**

#### ***Robins***

Robins have enjoyed their last week with Miss Badham. She has become a highly valued member of our Early Years Team and we shall miss her after Easter. This week there was great 'eggcitement' when the children discovered frozen dinosaur eggs in the role-play area. Miss Badham brought in a mystery pink egg and the children wrote their own stories about what they thought might hatch!

#### ***Kingfishers***

We have been doing a spot of craft in Kingfishers this week with the onset of Easter. The children have all had a go and impressed Mrs Jones with their origami skills! We were all dismayed to discover a half-eaten Easter egg in Kingfishers and wrote super stories detailing the 'mystery of the eaten egg!' We have been continuing to enjoy our measuring topic in Maths. The children thoroughly enjoyed weighing and measuring different food and drink items and had a go at measuring the playground using the trundle wheel.

#### ***Owls***

Owls have enjoyed a creative last week of term with all sorts of activities. This week has been our D&T week and we have tried some cross stitching using binca to create different European flags. This was quite a tricky process but we had a back-up plan with layering wool to create bookmarks. On Thursday, we tried some different European foods and rated them. We also made pizzas! This was also Mr Cleevly's last week with us and we wish him all the very best for his future teaching career.

## ***Eagles***

Unicorns, living on the moon and a pound for every second were some of the things wished for in 'Write Here, Write Now' this week. We looked at a picture of the genie from the Disney film 'Aladdin' and decided what we would want if we had three wishes. We also watched a short clip from Shrek the Third and from the point of view of one of the pigs, wrote an explanation for why the birthday cake was eaten.

## **Egg Decorating**

Omeletting you know in a moment who the winners are but I'm not yoking or eggsagerating when I tell you that there were some eggselent entries - cracking! My brain was a bit fried and scrambled when I was trying to judge them but it boiled down to who hadn't poached their ideas. All white then here are the results;

YR	Morgan White (no pun intended)	Y1	Rowan Wycherley
Y2	Bonny Howell	Y3	Fenton Weatherley-Kaye
Y4	Ava Buttle	Y5	Annabelle Leather
Y6	Grace Clargo	Adults	Mrs Tustin

## **FOGS**

### **ABBA Tribute Night - Sat 21st April**

A great excuse for a well- deserved night out - all money raised from this event will directly support our children - and there's no better reason than that to join in! Speak to Zoe, Abigail or Lorraine to grab your ticket.

### **Sat 14th April - Swimathon, Cheltenham College Swimming Pool, swim time 11.40am - 12.25pm**

Swimmers need to be pool side for 11.30am, so please allow plenty of time to get changed. All swimmers to bring towels poolside and water bottles! We can give you a map if you need directions. Please look for Zoe and Abigail once poolside. Please note all children must be supervised by an accompanying adult. If you have any questions during the holidays about this event, please email FOGS: [friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com)

And finally, a few important "Thank You's",

Thank you to Marta, Kerry and Julie for organising our first second hand uniform sale - and to everyone who made a purchase! We raised £48.05 which is great for our first attempt.

Thank you to Beth and Gemma for organising our Easter themed movie night! A great time was had by all.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Egg Decorating Competition - we hope you enjoyed creating your entries, they looked fantastic!

Happy Easter!



Birthdays coming up.....  
**Lottie Wright, Jack Wright, Lawrence Osborne  
 and Issy Tingle ....**  
*Congratulations!*

**School Meals**

Unfortunately the price of school meals is increasing from £2.28 to £2.36 from the start of next term. To help your child choose their meals, here's the menu for the first week back after Easter;

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
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 Cous Cous	Cheese & Onion Quiche with 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
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' (29.03.18)*

**Robins**

Josiah Richardson for working hard in PE to practise new skills.

**Kingfishers**

George Hitch-Wood and Sophie Shakespeare in the Gold Book for joining in Phonics sessions with enthusiasm.

**Owls**

Woody Holmes for showing excellent perseverance in his cross stitching.

**Eagles**

Will Tingle and Lottie Wright for their three wishes 'Write Here, Write Now'

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable Easter break.

*Mr R Woolston*  
Headteacher