



Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter has turned into a bit of an epic but please persevere

Annual Pupil Reports

The teachers have spent a considerable amount of time and effort in compiling your child's Annual School Report and they are being sent home with the children today. To accompany the report, there's a detailed letter providing you with additional details and an explanation of what the various grades and comments mean. Children in Year 1 will also have their Phonics Screening Check Score and pupils in Year 2 will have a record of their Key Stage One SATs results. Unfortunately the Key Stage Two SATs results aren't available until Tuesday 10th July at the earliest.

In terms of attendance, it may be helpful for you to compare your child's attendance with the overall whole school attendance, which currently stands at 96.87%.

The letter also reminds you that if you would like to discuss your child's report or raise any other issues, you will have the opportunity to do so at a meeting with your child's class teacher on Thursday 5th July. Please complete the slip attached to letter and we will arrange an appointment - thank you.

Tewkesbury Cricket Competition Winners

More Sporting Triumph

A week doesn't go by these days without me informing you of another outstanding sporting achievement! Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking our Cricket team to the Tewkesbury Schools' Tournament - we were far and away the best team there and not surprisingly, we ended up winning the event against one much larger school in particular! With the exception of one late call up, the team was selected from the children who have been coming along to Cricket Club on a Tuesday after school, so well done to Annabelle, Issy S, Grace C, Fred, Jesse, Marley, Monty and Charlie for representing the school so well.

Bell-Boating

Owls and Eagles had a great day at the Bell-Boating Regatta yesterday and I really enjoyed going along to watch for an hour or so. It was my first experience of Bell-Boating and I can see why this exciting and well organised event has become a firm favourite with everyone here at Gretton. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out and to Mr Bridges who organised everything so well.

All our teams competed with great success and we ended up winning the Year 4 and Year 6 categories, which meant that we won and therefore retained the winner's shield.

Rearranged Date for Eagles Production

Please note that because so many of the children in Eagles will be representing the school at the National Tag American Football Finals in London on Wednesday 18th July, we have been forced to change the date of one of the performances. The first performance will now be at 6:00 pm on Thursday 19th July and the second show will be at the same time on Friday 20th July.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but I'm sure you can understand the reasons for us making this decision.

Staffing Arrangements for Next Year

We are in the process of finalising our staffing arrangements for next year, including the appointment of a new member of staff to take over from the departing Mrs Jones. We completed a successful round of interviews earlier this week and I will be able to provide you with an accurate overview of all the staffing arrangements very soon.

Pupil Questionnaires

As part of our ongoing self-evaluation procedures, the children have recently been completing their annual pupil questionnaires. Once we've had a chance to compile and review the responses, we will happily provide you with an overview of the results.

Parentview <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

On a similar note, please remember that as a parent you are able to complete the online Parentview survey regarding your views on our school. You can also see the overall results, which I'm pleased to say are overwhelmingly positive. Whilst the online questionnaire can be helpful, we of course would much prefer it if you came to see us with any concerns as we're able to resolve the vast majority of issues very swiftly.

Good-bye to Birthday Sweets and Cakes in Class

We're going to have to insist that from the beginning of next term, sweets and cakes are no longer brought into school to be given out in class on your child's birthday. I know this is going to be an unpopular decision with some parents but I'm afraid we have no option, given that we have a growing number of children with specific dietary requirements and the fact that some parents understandably would prefer their children not to be given certain foods at home time. It's also a very time consuming process, fraught with potential upset at a particularly hectic time of the day.

Head lice

Unfortunately we have received a number of reports about these unwelcome visitors. Please check your child's hair regularly and carry out the necessary treatments if required. All long hair should be tied back when the children are in school and they have all been reminded about the importance of not sharing hats, as this will help to stop the spread of the little critters.

Gretton's Got Talent

Auditions got off to a flying start this Wednesday and will carry on next week. Well done and many thanks to all the children who have been so keen to get involved. The School Council are going to have a difficult job in deciding who goes through to the final!

Meeting for Current YR Parents - REMINDER

There will be a "Welcome to Y1" meeting for the parents of our current YR children from 5.30 to 6:00 pm on Thursday 12th July in Kingfishers' classroom. This is a chance for you to learn more about life in Y1 and to ask any questions you may have.

Residential Meeting for Current Y4 and Y5 Parents - REMINDER

Thank- you to all the parents who responded to Mrs Holt's letter, regarding a meeting about the next residential visit. This will be going ahead at 5:30 pm on Thursday 12th July in Eagles' classroom.

Playground Project - A REPEAT OF LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Update The planters currently outside Kingfishers are rotting and starting to fall apart, so we would like them to be removed. In order to save some money that could be spent on equipment for the children, would any of our parents be willing and able to help with this or do you know of anyone? If so please let us know ASAP otherwise we will pay for them to be removed - thanks!

Phase one of the project will be going ahead during the school summer holidays. This will involve the installation of a multi-use games area (MUGA) with an astro-turf surface and the removal of the ramp from beside Kingfishers in order to develop additional outside learning space. We will also be installing new sheds to replace the dilapidated ones currently in use. To provide you with additional information, a display has now been set up in reception and a flier was recently sent home. The Year 6 children have written some persuasive letters to local businesses who may be willing to sponsor a square metre of astro-turf on the MUGA for £40. Of course this is also open to parents, so if you would like to help us raised funds in this way please let us know - thank you to the parents who have already kindly offered!

House Points

Due to some technical difficulties and to the great disappointment of the children who have become very excited by this, we were unable to award a disc this week. Points will be rolled over to a double header next Friday! The School Council have decided that as a reward, children in the winning House at the end of term will be able to go down to the field and play games for an hour.

Gretton Science Day (Saturday 7th July) - Another reminder!

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.

A plea for home- made cakes the organisers of the event would be very grateful if any of our parents could donate a cake or a number of small cakes to be sold on the day to help raise much needed funds for the hall and field. If parents could take them to the village hall on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 11am - thank you.

Diary Dates

Fri 29 th June	Annual Pupil Reports out to parents
Wed 4 th July	Whole school "Move up" morning!
Thu 5 th July (pm)	SEN Reviews and Open Classrooms
Sat 7 th July (11:30 am to 4:00 pm)	Gretton Science day
Thu 12 th July	NSPCC Assemblies and workshop for Eagles
Thu 12 th July (5:30 pm)	Meeting for current YR parents about Y1
Thu 12 th July (5:30 pm)	Meeting regarding Eagles September Residential
Fri 13 th July	Owls to Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT)
Fri 13 th July	Eagles to Tewkesbury Medieval Festival
Mon 16 th July	Gretton's Got Talent - the Final!
Thu 19 th July	Whole school trip to Nature in Art
Thu 19th July (6:00 pm)	Eagles end of year production
Fri 20 th July	Big Friends accompanying Little Friends to Forest School
Fri 20th July (6:00 pm)	Eagles end of year production (Rescheduled date)
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 4 th September	Start of Term 1 (2018 to 2019)

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	Well done Eagles!
Wednesday 27 th June	Well done Kingfishers!

Additional class assemblies will be scheduled for the Autumn Term.

Night Owls and Early Birds

Night Owls and Early Birds are proving to be more popular than ever with a large number of children attending. The children will continue to spend as much time outside as possible.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins have enjoyed another busy and fun-filled week, the highlight certainly being our trip to Sandfield Farm, where the children became thoroughly engrossed in their pond dipping! A big thank you to all the parents who provided transport and helped to make it a really special, if exhausting, day!

Kingfishers

Kingfishers thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Christchurch. They learnt about special artefacts used for worship within the Christian religion. PE was a mixture of team games and drama, which they all thoroughly enjoyed and showed great creativity and confidence.

Owls

Owls had a fantastic time at the Bell Boating regatta on Thursday and impressively won the Year 4 category. Elsewhere, we have been perfecting our use of the present perfect tense and learning about the months and seasons in French.

Eagles

Play rehearsals are well under way now, with acting masterclasses being undertaken by all. Year 6 have been challenged to learn their lines by Monday so they can start to add actions in and think about their pace and passion. Year 5 have thought about their characters and how they can act convincingly in the background.

Special mention from Mrs Jones: Eagles worked very hard at Forest School on Wednesday, rearranging the site. She was very pleased with how well-behaved and hardworking the children were.

FOGS Update

Ice Cream Fridays

Thank you for your continued support - we have raised over £150 so far on Ice Cream Fridays! When the sun shines we'll be in the middle of the playground, selling icy treats at £1 each.

Thank you!

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Isla Storey

Congratulations!

School Meals

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (02.07.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza	Chicken Enchilada with Jacket Wedges	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger with Baby Baked Potatoes	Battered Fish with Chips
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Quorn & Vegetable Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Vegetable Enchilada 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
Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn	Peas, Coleslaw	Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Berry & Apple Strudel & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Salad	Peach Upside Down Cake/ Yogurt/Fruit Platter	Oaty Cookie, Cheese & Biscuits/ Fruit Salad	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Choc Sauce/Yogurt/Fruit Platter	Flapjack Fruit Yogurt/Fruit Salad

This week's 'Golden Children' (29.06.18)

Robins

Josiah Richardson for being a good listener and answering so many questions at Sandfield farm.

Kingfishers

McKenzii for setting a good example to others with her grown up behaviour, whilst practising for our class assembly.

Owls

Jemimah Richardson for the positivity she showed in cheering on other teams at the Bell Boating.

Eagles

Tom Steward for his 'Diamond Maths' microwave insanity / genius and Zak Bawdon for his 'Ride of Passage' narrative.

Best wishes to all members of the school community.

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher

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PS The Milner Family are keen to find a new home for some pre-loved garden toys and they've kindly agreed to donate all proceeds to our Playground fund.

Contact: Victoria Milner (07969 153895) - Payment on collection from the school - many thanks!



**ELC toddler
deckchair**
Canvas sling
chair, fixed seat
position.
£5



Little Tikes Giant Slide (Evergreen)

Age 2-6 years.

180cm long slide with wide base for stability. Unlocks and folds for easy storage. Used but good condition.

H-142cm, W-197cm, D-120cm, Wt-15kg

£20

(RRP £129.99)



Little Tikes Cozy Coupe Truck

Age 18mths-5 years.

Used but good condition. Some stickers peeling off slightly but horn works.

H-90cm, W-45cm, D-105cm

£15

(RRP £89.99)



**Fisher Price bubble
lawnmower £5**



**Scuttlebug
folding trike
(blue)**

Wheels a bit scuffed but works perfectly.

£5