



4th November 2016

Dear Parents,

Voluntary Contributions

As you know for some of our activities that enhance our curriculum we ask for a voluntary contribution - unfortunately if some parents do not pay this means as a school we have to make up the shortfall. This week alone we have received a lack of **£110.00** contributions for the Owls Viking experience day, which I am sure your child has told you was an amazing event, **£33.00** for the Eagles gym at Winchcombe and **£9.00** for them to see a French play there too - this amounts to a total of over **£150.00** in one week that the school will need to find. We have worked closely with Winchcombe Secondary School so that we can reduce the costs for parents as they transport us and we only pay a nominal fee to cover petrol and staff driver costs. Please, if you have not already done so, could you make a contribution to these events as soon as possible otherwise in the future we will be unable to put on exciting additional opportunities for the children. If you are unable to pay then please do let us know as we can get extra funding from FOGS (this remains confidential only to myself) for some events. Thank you for your support.

Maths Morning

Mrs Holt held a Maths session on Tuesday - she gave parents who attended an idea of how we teach Maths (not the way we learned!) and most importantly talked about having a growth mindset- 'can-do' attitude to the subject. Too often we say that we are not good at Maths as adults, encouraging the children to believe that this is fixed and immovable. We try to encourage our children to see learning as fun and something we all do throughout life and that making mistakes are a vital part of learning. She also talked about using bar modelling as an effective visual model for children to draw upon to solve problems. Bar models present the problems in their simple set form without the need for complicated notation. They can also be used in a range of areas of Maths which makes them particularly useful.

Dates for your diaries this term:

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| 9 th November | Open Day for prospective parents |
| 11 th November | Robins' Assembly Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Edwards |
| 18 th November | Kingfishers' Assembly Y4 Maths Challenge @ St Edwards |
| 25 th November | Owls' Assembly |
| 2 nd December | Eagles' Assembly |

Reminder - Before/After School & Clubs

In the morning please can you leave the playground once the bell has rung in order that we can bring the children in quietly and calmly. After school it is becoming increasingly difficult to check which children are with a parent and which children are going to Night Owls after school. Please help us by collecting your child promptly and keeping them with you at all times. Play equipment is not to be used after school. If your child is going to be using Night Owls then please advise the office on the day by phone/e-mail. Those that use Night Owls on the same days on a weekly basis need not do this.

Welly Boot Plea!

Mrs Netting has asked if you have any old welly boots spare then they would be gratefully received here to be used in the Robins outdoor area - sizes 10-1 please.

News from Classes:

Robins - Robins have been reading the story of The Gingerbread Man this week. We acted out the story, drew story maps, made puppets and baked gingerbread biscuits. In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and used them to make gingerbread men pictures. We also enjoyed some delicious gingerbread pumpkins Erin made for us.

Kingfishers- The children have been extremely busy creating their Fire of London display. If you get a chance, do come and have a look as it was created solely by the children, from the Tudor houses, to the handprint flames and all the cutting out!

Owls - Owls' classroom was invaded on Thursday by a Viking chief named Hrothgar. Although seemingly very fierce at first, he took us all down to his Viking camp where he told us all about Viking life. We had the opportunity to see different Viking weapons and try on some of the Viking's helmets and chain mail - they were extremely heavy. The children looked brilliant in all their outfits and a big thank you to the parents for putting so much effort into this - it all made for a very memorable day. In English this week we have started to look at our new 'Talk for Writing' story - a warning tale about a boy who got tempted into eating an entire chocolate cake! In Maths we have been working on subtraction.

Eagles - Eagles were invited by Winchcombe School to see a French play on Wednesday. It was very funny and although there was a lot of French, the acting and the English speaking actor helped us to understand what was happening. Molly had to say her age in French to Emilie, the French character. She did a great job! We are thankful to Ms Playfair of Winchcombe for organising the event.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Kelly



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tom & Talia

This week's 'Golden Children'

Gold Book:

Robins - Oscar for being able to name and talk about 2D shapes so confidently in Maths this week.

Kingfishers - Oscar T & Henry P for their fantastic, imaginative drawings about what to do if there's a fire alarm.

Owls - Ellis for his fantastic contributions in guided reading & Will for persevering and working hard to produce an excellent non-chronological report about dragons.

Eagles - Isla A and Felix B for their journal entries.

Attitude Tree: Erin for her caring attitude towards others, Jemimah for always being so enthusiastic & keen to learn and Ollie I for always being ready to learn.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice | Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake | Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken Curry with Rice | MSC Fishwich with Chips |
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| Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes | Quorn Sausages with Mash & Gravy | Vegetable Moussaka with Roast Potatoes | Chickpea & Vegetable Hotpot | Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips |
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| Jacket Potato with Tuna | Jacket Potato with Beans | Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Beans |
| Roasted Mixed Vegetables | Carrots & Green Beans | B rocoli & Swede | Sweetcorn & Peppers | Baked Beans & Garden Peas |
| Peach Crumble with Custard/ Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter | Chocolate Krispie Cake/ Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Salad | Fruity Flapjack/Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter | Apple Pie & Custard/Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Salad | Chocolate & Mandarin Muffin/Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Chunks |