



9th December 2016

Dear Parents,

LATENESS

Disappointingly there is a significant minority of parents who are consistently late in the mornings or to pick up after school. Being late greatly impacts on not only your child's learning (and self-esteem - it's not nice walking in to class when everyone else is settled) and that of the other children in class who are disturbed by this lateness. Likewise if you are late after school this impacts on the class teacher who is often running a club or meeting with parents or other teachers; if you are late after school your child will be put into Night Owls and you will be charged. We will be having a real focus on it next term - please support us with this important issue.

NIGHT OWLS

We hope that you have found this addition to our provision helpful - we think Karyn has done a great job establishing this club! In reviewing how it works this term we would like to make some changes. We have tried children self-registering in the morning but often they don't know whether they should be staying or not. **From January you must register your child with the office in the morning - there will be a register left outside the office window.** If you are unable to come into school you must contact the office by phone or e-mail. If you use the club regularly you can register your child on a weekly or termly basis.

PARENTPAY

Please note Night Owls, Early Birds & lunches are all meant to be paid in advance on ParentPay - it took the admin team two and a quarter hours this week to go through payments and text those parents in arrears. Currently we have fourteen families in arrears totalling £55.25.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

We have been advised that staff and parent drivers using their own cars to transport children to venues are required to have business use insurance cover. If you are currently one of our volunteer drivers, please check your policy and advise the office whether you have this cover. Many thanks.

FOOTBALL

The boys' football team suffered heart-breaking defeat this week after losing the semi-final of the county small schools championship on sudden-death penalties. Despite the loss, the boys put in a monumental effort to even make it to the county finals and to lose on penalties to the team that eventually won the competition is an unbelievable achievement for a school so small. Hopefully the boys can pick themselves up and look forward to the rest of the Cheltenham Small Schools season.

FOGS NEWS

The Christmas fair is next Wednesday in the school hall straight after the Christmas performance. We will have all the usual stalls; Santa's Grotto, turkey rolls and mince pies - thank you for all your donations. The hampers will be raffled after the final performance on Thursday. Please return all ticket envelopes to the school office by Wednesday. Friday is Christmas jumper day - £1 donation will go towards the costs of the Christmas fair.

GRETTON'S GOT TALENT!

Well we have had our auditions and we certainly do have a lot of talent in school - all of the children that auditioned really put their heart and soul into it and it was so difficult to choose who would go through to the final next Friday. Well done to all the children that have taken part - it takes a lot of guts to perform in front of others and each of them had a unique skill or talent that we enjoyed watching. The Student Council who helped out also did a great job - they were very supportive of all of the acts which was lovely to see. Those that didn't get in will have the opportunity to share their talent in assemblies next term.

CHRISTINGLE

We had a lovely Christingle Service conducted by Revd Hand and representatives from the Children's Society who we were collecting money for in our candles.

Dates for your diaries this term:

14 th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Concert 2pm @ Village Hall followed by Xmas Fayre at school
15 th December	Robin's Fairy Tale Dress up Day Christmas Concert 5.30pm @ Village Hall
16 th December	Non uniform day Christmas Carol Service 9am @ church

News from Classes:

Robins - Robins had a brilliant time at The Roses Theatre on Wednesday to watch the pantomime of Robin Hood. It had us laughing, booing, cheering and singing along and was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of our 'Once upon a time' topic. Thank you to all those parents who kindly helped transport the children, it was lovely to share the fun with so many of you.

Kingfishers- Kingfishers have been extremely busy learning their parts for the Christmas performance. We have been most impressed with how quickly they have learnt their songs, dance and lines and hope you will enjoy the play next week as much as they have enjoyed performing it.

Owls - This week in Owls we have been looking at the story 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. It is all about a robin making his way home to a safe place. The children considered what home meant to them, thinking of it not just as a building but as all the sights, sounds and smells. We also performed the poem and learnt how to change expression depending on the mood at the time. In our computing work, we have been designing our own Viking e-books. Our Viking dance is also coming along very well and Mr Bridges will try to put this up on the blog for everyone to see.

Eagles - Wednesday afternoon was a mildly less serene version of Watercolour Challenge - 26 Eagles experimenting with the effects of adding different amounts of water and paint to their work. There were some very effective examples; the colours exacerbated by the use of charcoal to define outlines.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kelly



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Tallulah

This week's 'Golden Children'

Gold Book:

Robins - Hugo for being so keen to practise his reading and writing at school and at home.

Kingfishers - Lawrence for working carefully to produce beautiful, joined handwriting.

Owls - William for his amazing fractions work and the effort he has put into practising his times tables.

Eagles - Harriet for her superb beginning to her news report & Jack for his concentration and focus in art.

Attitude Tree: Oscar H for showing perseverance in everything he does, Annabelle for looking after a reception child so well (as noticed by Mrs d'Arcy), Hattie for always listening carefully and being very well behaved in class this term, Lily for settling in well, Izzie for a real effort to start answering questions and beginning to show more focus & Tom for being helpful and polite to a parent with a young baby.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages with Mash & Gravy	Organic Meaty Pizza with Savoury Wedges	XMAS DINNER	Organic Beef Cottage Pie	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
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Veggie Toad in the Hole with Mash & Gravy	Spiced Vegetable & Quorn Pattie	Feta, Spinach & Cranberry Roulade	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Leek Flan with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Sweetcorn & Mixed Peas	Green Beans & Carrots	Glazed Carrots & Garden Pea Medley	Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Platter	Eve's Pudding with Custard/Yogurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Festive Iced Sponge	Syrup Sponge with Custard/Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Shortbread/Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Platter

