



Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our first newsletter of this half term and I hope you enjoyed the recent break.

## Parents' Evening

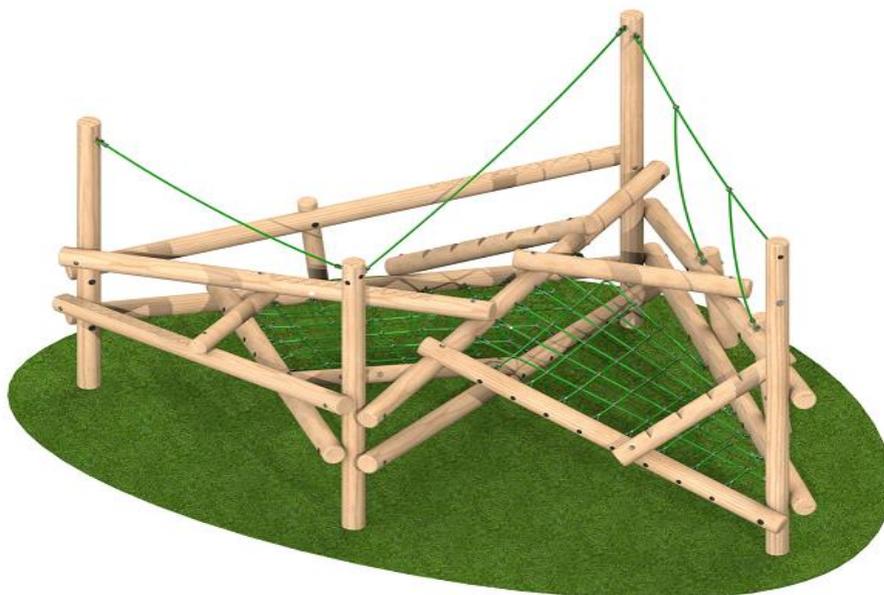
Our second parents' evening is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and there are some appointments available via our website if you still need to book a time to see your child's class teacher - many thanks.

## Toilet refurbishment and other improvements

The children have been using the improved toilet facilities this week and as a finishing touch, Mrs Netting is planning to add some beautiful paintings to the walls. The lights in the hallway outside Eagles and leading up to Owls have also been recently repaired. We're hoping that by the end of next week, new interactive TV screens will have been installed in all the classrooms.

## Playground Project

As noted in the previous report, we are now in a position to go ahead with the next stage of our playground improvement project, which involves the installation of a clamber stack just like the one in the picture. This will be sited where the shelter currently sits. As you can imagine the children are really excited by this news! Weather permitting the clamber stack will be installed during the Christmas holidays and so should be ready for the children to use when they return in January.



## **Love in a Box Christmas Appeal - CHANGE OF DEADLINE**

The deadline for bringing the boxes into school has been moved back to **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** when they will be collected and taken to the area distribution depot. To date we've only received one box so hopefully a few more will arrive before then. Please remember that you could club together and make up a box between friends or family.

## **Poppy Appeal**

The forthcoming Remembrance Sunday on the 11<sup>th</sup> November is particularly important as it marks the 100th anniversary of the end to the First World War and as usual poppies, along with crocheted versions, wristbands and keyrings are now available; please put your child's contribution (there are no set prices) in a named envelope before sending it into school - many thanks. At 11:00 am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November we intend to hold a two minutes silence in recognition of this significant event.

## **Governing Body**

Following the recent request for nominations for a new Parent Governor Miss Lisa Davies will be joining the Governing Body. Miss Davies is the Mother of Finley Hargreaves in Year 2 and we wish her the best of luck in her new role.

After many years in the role of Chair of Governors, Mrs Dee Chadwick is stepping down at Christmas and Mrs Anne Hanson will be taking over in January. Mrs Hanson is a Gretton resident and a former primary school teacher with a wealth of experience.

From the beginning of the Spring Term the Governing Body will comprise:

Mrs A Hanson (Chair)  
Mrs R Clargo (Vice Chair)  
Mrs L Warmington  
Mr S Richardson  
Miss L Davies  
Mrs R Netting  
Mr R Woolston

Our School Business Manager, Mrs M Granger, also attends the meetings and Mrs R Oliver will continue as the Clerk to the Governing Body.

## **Flu Vaccinations - Repeat Message**

The NHS in Gloucestershire launched its annual flu campaign earlier this month and if parents have given permission then their child will have the flu vaccination in school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. To find out more about the campaign, visit [www.gloucestershireeccg.nhs.uk/flu-free](http://www.gloucestershireeccg.nhs.uk/flu-free)

## **Early Birds and Night Owls**

The children will be continuing with some autumnal art and craft activities.

## Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will be in the hall from about 8:55 am on each day - all parents and family members are welcome to join us:

Eagles Class Assembly	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	- well done to Eagles!
Kingfishers Class Assembly	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	- well done Kingfishers!
Owls Class Assembly	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	
Robins Class Assembly	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	

## Open Mornings

We held our first Open Morning earlier this week for parents of children who will be starting school next September and two more are planned - on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, so please spread the word if you know of anyone who this applies to. They run from 9:30 am until about 10:45 am and include a short presentation from me in the hall about the school in general, then Mrs Netting provides more detailed information about life in Robins. We all then visit Robins' classroom to gain more of an understanding of the fantastic educational experiences on offer and then finally some of our Y6 children will take the parents on a tour of the school. Before leaving, all our visitors will have the chance to ask any further questions.

## Diary Dates

Mon 05.11 (from 5:30 pm)	FOGs Bonfire and Fireworks at the Royal Oak
Tue 06.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm Parents' Evening
Wed 07.11	Owls Class Assembly
Fri 09.11.	11:00 am Remembrance 2 minutes silence From 12:30 pm Flu vaccinations (YR to Y5)
Wed 14.11.	Robins Class Assembly
Wed 21.11	Deadline for Shoe Box Appeal contributions
Thu 15.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents
Wed 21.11	Owls visit to Sandfield Farm
Thu 22.11 (am)	Y6 children to French play at Winchcombe School
Tue 27.11 (10:45 am)	Internet Safety Assembly for Owls and Eagles
Thu 29.11	Robins dress-up (Character from a traditional tale)
Sat 01.12	Gretton Village Christmas Market (FOGS)
Wed 05.12	Robins trip to Roses Theatre (Dick Whittington)
Mon 17.12	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)
Tue 18.12 (2:00 pm)	Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)
Wed 19.12	School Christmas Dinner (5:30 pm) Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)
Fri 21.12.	(9:30 am) Christmas Carol Concert and Christingle in Church (Owls) End of Term 2

If necessary further dates will be added and details regarding specific events will be sent out to you in due course.

## FOGS Update

A very busy week this week with both the Pumpkin Party and the Halloween Disco! Many great outfits (children and adults!) Lots of fun had by all! Thank you to all who attended and to all that helped.

Christmas Cards - Any further orders for Christmas cards can be left at the office please as the window is now open to order again.

5th November - Fireworks at The Royal Oak - Bonfire to be lit at 6pm with fireworks starting at 7pm. As always we are very much in need of volunteers to help us on the evening. If you feel that you are able to assist on the night in any way, please let us know. We need help with car park, guarding the bonfire, running stalls, collecting donations etc.

Thank you!

## News from around the classes

### ***Robins***

Robins have begun their 'Once upon a time' topic with *The Gingerbread Man*. We have drawn maps of his journey, acted out the story and made hand puppets. We also baked our own gingerbread men and most of the children decided to eat him head first!

### ***Kingfishers***

Another great term begins in Kingfishers. The children were quite excited to see the new classroom layout and that the Dinosaur topic has become, like them, extinct. We have begun to think about our new topic, 'Fire, Fire' and the 'Great Fire of London'. Thank you to those who have been able to provide us with fire-fighter costumes to help the role-play activities over the next few weeks. We hope to increase our range of 'equipment' after the 'Creative afternoon' on November 15th. Please come if you can!

The Y1 children were really excited about the Pumpkin Party, so thank you to FOGS who organised it for them.

Please can we mention once more, about naming the children's clothing. After PE this week, there were 35 items of clothing on the floor with no names in. It takes a long time to work through the various shopping outlets, and washing powder smells before they return to their owners - and even then we were 1 white shirt short. Please help keep us sane! (Thank you to those who have clearly named clothing!)

### ***Owls***

Owls' highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Viking Day on Tuesday. The children looked fabulous in all their creative outfits - well done parents! We enjoyed learning about lots of the different weapons and finding out about the gruesome battle tactics including going for the enemy's legs with their swords. We also learnt about how the Vikings lit fires (and put them out safely!) We enjoyed the different drama activities and took part in retelling stories about the Viking gods and one about a Viking funeral. The children also brought in some fantastic models of Viking settlements which we were very impressed with.

## Eagles

Communication, Observation and Teamwork are the three pillars of handball, as taught to the Eagles by Mr Smith on Monday. The children have also finished their Dorothy Napangardi artwork and are about to begin a printing topic. We will be looking at landmarks of Australia for our printing, both manmade and natural. If you have any polystyrene pizza bases we could use in the next few weeks, these would be most appreciated.

## Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up...

Queenie Frimley and Talia Stratford

Congratulations!

## School Lunches

To help your child choose their school dinners, here's next week's menu:

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (05.11.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Roast Pork with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs with Rice	Fish & Chips
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Five Bean Chilli	Vegetable Frittata	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Shepherdess Pie	Bean Burger & Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Tomato Soup with half Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Beans	Vegetable Soup with half Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Sweetcorn, Mixed Salad	Green Beans & Carrots	Savoy Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Carrots	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Pear & Ginger Sponge/Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Rice Pudding Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Chocolate Brownie/Yoghurt/ Fruit Chunks	Banana Cake with Custard/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/Yoghurt/ Fruit Station

*This week's 'Golden Children' (02.11.18)*

**Robins**

Nina Hardie for her careful handwriting when practising letter sounds.

**Kingfishers**

Jake Bright for his determination in lessons.

**Owls**

Jemimah Richardson and Ava Buttle for their mature handling of an unfortunate breakage to a model!

**Eagles**

Lottie Wright for making a difficult decision in PE; Harry Carey for his Write Here, Write Now recount

Best wishes to all members of the school community - I hope you stay safe at any firework parties and that you all enjoy the weekend.

*Mr R Woolston*  
Headteacher