



Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who visited our Book Fair earlier this week and I'm pleased to inform you that we sold books to the value of £600, which means that we were able to choose a good range of books worth £300 for the school.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - A repeat of last week's message

Please remember that because certain pupils have a severe allergy to nuts, we are a "Nut Free School". Unfortunately a number of unsuitable products are finding their way into snack pots and lunch boxes - many thanks for your help and understanding with this.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service is going to be held in the Church on Monday 15th October at 9:30 am. Unfortunately there isn't enough space for all parents to join us, so the event will be for staff and children only. Pupils should come to school at the normal time and we will all walk down to the Church together.

We would be very appreciative of any donations of non-perishable food items from Monday 8th October until Monday 15th October; these will be taken to the local foodbank to help local people in need of some extra support.

Love in a Box Christmas Appeal

The deadline for bringing the boxes into school is Tuesday 6th November, when they will be collected and taken to the area distribution depot. Last year I think we managed to contribute twenty boxes which was a very good total for a school of our size and I hope we can at least match that figure this year. Please remember that you could club together and make up a box between friends or family.

Early Birds and Night Owls

The children will be given the opportunity of tasting different fruits, vegetables and breads. They are also going to have a go at decorating some cakes and biscuits, so please see Karyn if you would prefer your child not to participate in these activities. Any donations of dry leaves, conkers, acorns and pine cones would be gratefully received.

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 th October
Kingfishers Class Assembly	Wednesday 17 th October
Owls Class Assembly	Wednesday 7 th November
Robins Class Assembly	Wednesday 14 th November

Open Mornings

We will be organising a number of Open Mornings for parents of children who will be starting school next September, so please spread the word if you know of anyone who this applies to. They will run from 9:30 am until about 10:45 am on Wednesday 31st October, Tuesday 6th November and Thursday 15th November. There will be a short presentation from me in the hall about the school in general then Mrs Netting will provide more detailed information about life in Robins. We will then all visit the 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

Wed 10.10.	Eagles Class Assembly Big Friends/Little Friends Mini-Olympics
Mon 15.10 (9:30 am)	Harvest Festival Service in Church
Wed 17.10.	Kingfishers Class Assembly
Thu 18.10.	Robins dress-up day "When I Grow Up!" (3:00 pm) Open Classrooms - parents welcome!
Fri 19.10.	Friendship Friday End of Term 1
Mon 22.10.	Start of half term week
Mon 29.10.	Start of Term 2
Tue 30.10	Owls Viking Day in school
Tue 30.10	Robins Pumpkin Party (after school)
Wed 31.10	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents Deadline for secondary school applications FOGs Halloween Disco
Thu 01.11.	Individual school photographs (4:30 pm to 7:00 pm) Parents evening
Mon 05.11 (from 5:30 pm)	FOGs Bonfire and Fireworks at the Royal Oak
Tue 06.11	Deadline for Shoe Box Appeal contributions
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.	Flu vaccinations (YR to Y5)
Wed 14.11.	Robins Class Assembly
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
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 (5:30 pm)	Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)
Fri 21.12.	(9:30 am) Christmas Carol Concert 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

AGM & Pub Quiz Night

Thank you to those who were able to come along. The Committee has been elected for the coming year and your members are Abigail Holland (Chair), Zoe Howell (Vice Chair), Melanie Riley (Secretary), Gemma Weatherly Kaye (Treasurer), Beth Wycherley, (Committee Member), Ange Hardie (Committee Member), Mr Woolston (Staff Rep), Mrs Holt (Staff Rep).

The quiz was a great success and thank you to our quiz master Steve Burnett Hockey!

Dates for the diary

The busy season is well under way so please put the following dates in your diary!

October

Halloween Disco - [Weds 31st Oct, 5.45-7pm](#)

Pumpkin Party (Robins only) [Tue 30th October after school](#)

November

Fireworks at The Royal Oak - [Mon 5th Nov, from 5.30pm](#)

Movie Night

December

Gretton Village Christmas Market - [Sat 1st Dec, 3-7pm](#)

Gretton Christmas Hampers

We are always in need of volunteers to help at the events or behind the scenes... so watch this space as details to follow!

News from around the classes

Robins

What pet would you ask the zoo to send you? Robins have been reading 'Dear Zoo' and thinking about what pet they would like. Mrs Netting wrote to the zoo and they sent a crocodile... we decided he was too snappy and sent him back! A pet shop opened in the role-play area selling a wide variety of animals from lizards to horses! We also met Nina's dog 'Maxie', Karyn's kittens 'Teddy' and 'Bear' and Arthur's dog 'Bertie'.

Kingfishers

In Kingfishers this week we have been thinking about Carnivores, Herbivores, and Omnivores. We have been trying to discover which dinosaurs ate what, and have been surprised to find that not very many were carnivores. We have also been considering what to put in our new outdoor area. We have had some wildly imaginative suggestions, the hot tub, swimming pool and trampoline have had to be put to the bottom of the list - sadly! We have also enjoyed looking at the books from the Book Fair and sharing them with friends in the other classes....and we were responsible for a lot of the chalk pictures on the playground!

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the 'wish list' - it has really been appreciated.

Owls

Owls enjoyed discovering what a typical Anglo Saxon village would have been like and about the different jobs that people would have had including children protecting the livestock from wolves! All of the children played with great determination in our football tournament on Thursday and it was pleasing to see the games played in good spirits with lots of fair play and honesty.

Eagles

Eagles carefully considered the impact of their writing this week in their work on Stormbreaker. They imagined an encounter with a wild creature, first lulling their readers into a sense of calmness and safety before increasing the tension. We met wild boars, snakes, wolves - even bears! We also had our first revamped Values Games tournament: the children were split into teams based on the School Games Values and played in an Upper and Lower KS2 football tournament.

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Eliza Cooke

Congratulations!

School Lunches

We just wanted to let you know that we had a 100% take up for school meals yesterday, so this will help us with our ongoing funding for school meals - thank you!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (08.10.18)				
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' (05.10.18)

Robins

Bella Townsend for thinking of lots of good questions to ask about the pets we met this week.

Owls

Bonny Howell for independently researching and producing some fantastic Anglo Saxon facts. William Amos for showing consistent honesty in the football tournament.

Eagles

Grace Milner for always having an excellent learning attitude and Izzie Tingle for looking after the Robins so well on the playground.

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Mr R Woolston **Headteacher**