



Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter as we approach the last few weeks of 2018.

Improvements to the water supply in Gretton

Many of you will be aware that Severn Trent are planning to upgrade the water pipes in our area. The section of work closest to the school is due to start on the 14th January and be completed by the 22nd February - this will obviously lead to some disruption as road closures and so forth are very likely. A copy of the letter we have received concerning the project is being sent out with this newsletter. I have been in contact with the Customer Service Team and I have been promised further information early next week, which I will of course pass on to parents. I will also attend the community information event on the 19th December in the Village Hall in a further attempt to try and ensure that disruption to the school is kept to an absolute minimum.

School Improvements

Weather permitting, the new clamber stack will be installed during the Christmas holidays, ready for the children to use and enjoy when they return in January.

The girls' toilet and some other areas will be painted during the break.

House Points

With the end of term rapidly approaching Cleeve are currently in the lead with Stanley hot on their heels. During our meeting next week, the School Council will decide on the reward for the winning House.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Please remember that all sessions should be paid for in advance - there are currently 15 sessions in arrears. More Christmassy art and craft activities are planned as well as the usual fun and games.

Christmas Events, including Christingle

The Christmas card post box is now in operation and delivery rounds will start next week - you'll find the box in the reception area. Please remember that the recipient's full name and year group or class needs to be clearly written on the front of the envelope. The Christmas tree along with the fire place and presents make a lovely festive scene!

Over the next two weeks there are numerous events coming up to celebrate the festive season. I have **added a bit more information** to the diary dates below but please contact us if you're unsure about anything. We aren't making the Christingles this year but we are going to support the associated charity and so the collection candles have been sent home. If you can spare some change then please return these to school by Thursday 20th December, so they can be collected before the end of term.

Diary Dates

Fri 14.12	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day! (Non-uniform + voluntary £1 donation please)
Mon 17.12 (9:30 am)	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers) (This performance will be watched by Gretton Playgroup, as well as Eagles and Owls)
Tue 18.12 (2:00 pm)	Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers) (Letters have been sent home about ticket arrangements)
Wed 19.12	School Christmas Dinner (5:30 pm) Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers) (Letters have been sent home about ticket arrangements)
Fri 21.12.	(9:30 am) Christmas Carol Concert in Church (This will be led by the children in Owls and their parents are welcome to attend) Class/ Key Stage Christmas parties in school (Requests for contributions of food may follow) End of Term 2
Mon 07.01.19	INSET Day (staff only)
Tue 08.01.19	Start of Term 3

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Whilst Early Birds and Night Owls will be operating as normal until the end of term, our programme of extra-curricular clubs will be finishing at the end of next week, so there will be no clubs during the last week of term.

FOGS Update

Raffle tickets for Xmas hampers have been put in book bags. Please can any unused tickets be returned, if you would like to purchase any extra they can be bought from the school office. The raffle will take place on the 19th December following the evening performance at the school. Thanks to all the lovely donations, the hamper prizes are on display in the school entrance lobby.

Thank you to all that helped and attended our first Village Christmas Fair on Saturday, much fun was had by all and it was a great success. We have raised an amazing £1002.63 for the school and playgroup also raised £840. Wow! Well done everyone.

Thank you so much to all that contributed to this event, making it a huge success. Special thanks must go to Matthew at The Royal Oak, Norths Bakery and Ange Hardie and her business for sponsoring the grotto presents!

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins had a magical time at The Roses Theatre on Wednesday watching the pantomime of 'Dick Whittington'. We all booed at King Rat and cheered when he was defeated by Tommy the cat. By the end of the show the children were dancing in the aisles and singing along! Many thanks to the parents who helped transport the children.

Kingfishers

A wonderfully quiet week this week in Kingfishers! Thank you for being so patient with the change of plan with the Forest school experience. We are now hoping to take our Tudor houses next Wednesday morning instead, so wet weather gear once again, please!

We have been working hard on the Babushka play, learning the songs and actions and trying to remember where our positions are. A letter will be coming shortly, regarding costume requirements. Thank you.

Owls

Owls had another super forest school session on Thursday where we took storytelling outdoors and got creative with some of the natural resources at our disposal to make different characters. In Science we explored how muscles help us to move and that they work together in pairs. Our Viking long-ships are also now painted and ready for the final finishing touches.

Eagles

Hopes, dreams and aspirations have been the focus of our English work this week. It has been lovely to hear the ambitions of the children: we have future vets, football players, police and horse riders among us! Mr Major has started a Living in the Wider World topic in PSHE, 'Spending Wisely' - a great topic in the run up to the Christmas period!

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Talullah Hollingsworth, Jack Williams and Hannah Pringle,

Congratulations!

School Meals

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (10.12.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish with Chips
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Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Quorn Mince Bolognese	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with 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
Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Peas, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Green Beans & Carrots	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Fruit Sponge & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Platter	Flapjack/ Yogurt/Fruit Chunks	Shortbread/ Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Peach Crumble & Custard/Yoghurt Fruit Platter	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/ Yogurt/Fruit Station

This week's 'Golden Children' (07.12.18)

Robins

Lottie McGuiness for making great progress with her reading and Molly Clarke for always being keen to help others.

Kingfishers

Beauford Weatherley-Kaye and Josiah Richardson for great acting and Sophie Shakespeare for excellent listening and focus during lessons.

Owls

Zeyla Hart and Jack Webb for their hard work on their tables with Mrs Marlow.

Eagles

Will Parker for his Write Here, Write Now story and Jesse Howell for carrying out his Assistant Football Manager role so well.

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

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher