



Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our latest newsletter. I must start by mentioning the fantastic effort from everyone involved in organising Monday's bonfire and fireworks party at The Royal Oak - a great time was had by all and an impressive amount of money was raised for the school to spend on your children - many thanks. I hope you are impressed with our wonderful display of poppies in the front garden.

Football News

We won the Tewkesbury Small Schools' tournament on Wednesday, so we will be going through to the forthcoming County finals. Our league campaign got off to a winning start yesterday as we saw off Oakwood Primary in a nine goal thriller - 7-2! Good luck to the girls in their tournament next week.

Procedure for Emergency Closure of School

In the event of us having to close the school because of snow or other unforeseen circumstances, we will attempt to inform you all via text, so please make sure we have your most up to date contact details on record. As well as local radio stations broadcasting regular updates, Gloucestershire County Council will also be running a website for you to check on the status of the school. Up until then end of November the address is the same as last year; <http://glosclosedschools.com> however, from the 1st December the address will change to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/> so it's much more likely that you'll need use this second website address.

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school attendance is currently 97.47% - anything above 96% is judged as "good". Our Attendance Officer visited recently and was generally pleased with our figures, although the number of late marks for certain children were a concern. The vast majority of children are here and ready to start the day at the correct time - thank you, but there are a growing number of pupils who are arriving late and this obviously causes unwelcome disruption. I would like to remind you that the gate is opened at 8:30 am every day and all children should be on the playground by 8:40 am at the latest.

Children In Need Day - Friday 16th November 2018

To support this huge, national event we're going to have a mufti day next Friday - we'd also like as many people as possible to wear spots, just like Pudsey Bear's eye patch and donate at least £1.

Music Guru Early Christmas Concert

We have been asked to inform you that this will be held at 7:00 pm on Saturday 24th November at the studio. The concert will include Gretton students performing as well as performances from the Music Guru Studio Band! Admission is £3 on the door and under 3's are free. There will be a bar selling mulled wine and minced pies as well as soft drinks and sweets.

Parentpay

Thank you to all the parents who are very conscientious with this matter but unfortunately Mrs d'Arcy is still wasting far too much time chasing up parents whose accounts are repeatedly in arrears. All items such as Early Birds, lunches and Night Owls should be paid for in advance.

Parents' Evening

Thank -you to all the parents who attended our recent parents' evenings; the small number who were unable to will be contacted for a telephone consultation.

Love in a Box Christmas Appeal - CHANGE OF DEADLINE

The deadline for bringing the boxes into school has been moved to **Wednesday 21st November** when they will be collected and taken to the area distribution depot. We've now received four boxes 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.

Early Birds and Night Owls

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

Relief Cover Assistant Required

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to cover Early Birds, Night Owls and lunchtimes, sometimes at very short notice when existing staff are unavailable? If so please speak to Mr Woolston as soon as possible - many thanks.

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	- well done to Eagles!
Kingfishers Class Assembly	Wednesday 17 th October	- well done Kingfishers!
Owls Class Assembly	Wednesday 7 th November	- well done Owls!
Robins Class Assembly	Wednesday 14 th November	

Open Mornings

The final Open Morning for parents/carers of children starting school next September will be on Thursday 15th 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

Wed 14.11.	Robins Class Assembly
Thu 15.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents
Fri 16.11	Children In Need Day - wear spots and donate a £1!
Wed 21.11	Deadline for Shoe Box Appeal contributions
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.

Please note that we are organising some of the Christmas events differently to last year. For example, only Robins and Kingfishers will be involved in the Christmas performance and this will be held in the school hall.

FOGS Update

Wow, what an amazing Bonfire night. Thank you to all our volunteers and to the Royal Oak - a fantastic evening had by all.

We raised just short of £1000 in profit following all the donations and the sale of all the wonderful cakes that were donated. A superb effort - thank you everyone!

We had so many cakes donated that we even had a cake sale after school on Tuesday which raised £36 of this total! Thank you.

This follows a successful week of fundraising where the Pumpkin Party raised £59.31 and the Halloween Disco raised £238.64.

Christmas Hampers - it's that time of the year again! Each year group will once again produce a festive hamper to be raffled off after the Christmas production. Details of year group themes and details will follow soon.

We are looking for good quality tombola prize donations for our stall, (kids & adults) at the first ever Gretton Village Christmas Fair. Could we please ask that donations be handed to the office by Friday 23rd Nov.

Christmas Cards - Any further order for Christmas cards can be left at the office please as the window is now open to order again - last orders by 12/11/18. So far we have earned £199.72 for the school with the order that were placed in October. Amazing! Thank you.

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins read 'The Enormous Turnip' this week and inspired by the story made some turnip soup... with mixed reviews! At Forest School we imagined we were pulling up the turnip and had a tug-o-war competition. We were also interested to find out which animals had been eating the pumpkin we took to the field last week by studying their droppings!

Kingfishers

Another busy week flies by in Kingfishers. Thank you to all who patiently attended Parent's Evening - we appreciated that although more time passed than planned - you were very gracious about it.

This week the children have been learning a little about the Festival of Diwali. The Y1's made Divas and the Y2's answered a quiz. We also have talked about and worked on writing poems for Bonfire Night. It was lovely to see so many of the children clambering over the fire engine - and using their ideas from that night in their work.

Although we don't set formal Maths homework for Y1 pupils, the children are very welcome to use the MyMaths website we subscribe to if they so wish. The school username is: grettonps and the password is: ruler

Owls

We were all really proud of everyone's efforts in our Class Assembly earlier this week, when we had the chance to entertain the large audience with our fantastic writing, art work and singing. It was great to see so many family members there, so thank you very much for coming. Another highlight of the week was our first Forest School afternoon, led by Mrs Wycherley, when the children had to make houses suitable for a mouse!

Eagles

Some deft marking took place during hockey on Monday - the children developed their awareness of space well in their session on the MUGA. Beaucoup de French was learned as well - Mr Smith, our PGCE student, is a native French speaker and he has really challenged the children in terms of vocabulary, participation and resilience. We are all enamoured with the chicken hat!

Birthdays Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Jake Bright, Josie Clargo and Fleur Docker-Drysdale

Congratulations!

School Lunches

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (12.11.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cottage Pie	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish fingers with chips
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Vegetable Hotpot	Vegetable Fajita	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pasty 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 with	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Sweetcorn & Peas	Green Beans & Carrots	Carrot & Cauliflower	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Apple Crumble with Custard Yoghurt/ Fruit Platter	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Chocolate Banana Oaty Square, Yoghurt/Fruit Platter	Fruit Strudel with Custard/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/ Yoghurt, Fruit Station

This week's 'Golden Children' (09.11.18)

Robins

Eliza Cooke for helping others with tricky buttons and buckles when changing for P.E.

Kingfishers

Jasper Warmington and Alfie Amos for their enthusiastic writing!

Owls

Zeyla Hart for her hard work in reading and Alissa Bowden for being a good friend.

Eagles

Fenton Weatherley-Kaye for helping on Bonfire Night, Issy Rayfield for her participation in French.

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

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher