



Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our first newsletter of 2019. I wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope you enjoyed the festive season. Hopefully you've all had a chance to read the letters that have been sent out by the class teachers, giving you more information about the term ahead - it promises to be a busy and exciting time as usual.

Two new children have joined the school this week, a big welcome to Rosie Davies in YR and her sister Amelia in Y2.

Clamber Stack

The clamber stack was installed as planned during the Christmas holidays and this week all the children have really enjoyed playing on it, across it, in it, over it, through it and under it!



There's only one rule - no playing of any versions of tag! Weather and ground conditions permitting, children are welcome to use it before school but please ensure pre-school children are closely supervised. I'm sure that the novelty and excitement will soon diminish but we're happy for the children to play on it for a few minutes at the end of the day, on the understanding that parents/carers are responsible for their children - thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Other Improvements to the Premises

The girls' toilet and some other walls were painted during the holidays and look much better for it. A small area of artificial grass has also been installed in the Robins outdoor area, creating a lovely little garden space for the children to play and learn in.

House Points

Congratulations to all the children in Langley (the reds) as they've taken an early lead in this term's house point competition.

Message from Freedom Photography

Dear Parents,

We are about to clear our hard drives and will be deleting the 2018 school photos on Friday 15th February. If you would like to order photos please email orders@freedom-photography.co.uk by 31st January 2019. Digital copies are £10 for one image and £15 for two images. Printed photos start at £10. Digital images will be emailed to you; printed copies will be posted directly to you with a postage charge of £1.50 - many thanks.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Over the coming weeks the children will be involved in some activities linked to the Chinese New Year, as well as producing some heart themed art work. Please make sure all sessions are paid for in advance - thank you.

Class Assemblies

These popular events have been scheduled for this term on the following dates:

Wednesday 6 th February (8:50 am)	Eagles
Wednesday 13 th February (8:50 am)	Kingfishers
Wednesday 6 th March (8:50 am)	Owls
Wednesday 13 th March (8:50 am)	Robins

Extra-curricular Clubs

A letter was sent out earlier this week and our programme of clubs will start next week. The club lists will be displayed as usual, in the front door window from Monday 14th January.

Library Helper

Could you spare a short amount of time each week to help us keep our library tidy and well-organised? If so we'd be delighted to hear from you - half an hour a week would probably be sufficient - many thanks!

Diary Dates

Further events will be added during the term but here are a number important diary dates;

Mon 14.01.19	Extra-curricular clubs start this week
Tue 15.01.19 from 7:15 am	Eagles to British Museum
Mon 21.01.19, 6:00 pm	Full Governors' meeting
Tue 22.01.19	Robins' bus trip to Winchcombe
Thu 24.01.19	Eagles STEM workshop
Fri 01.02.19	Robins and Kingfishers to Village Hall for Space Dome
Wed 06.02.19, 8:50 am	Eagles' Class Assembly
Wed 13.02.19, 8:50 am Wed 13.02.19, from 3:05 pm	Kingfishers' Class Assembly Open Classrooms - everyone's welcome to look at the children's work
Fri 15.02.19	Friendship Friday! End of Term 3
Mon 18.02.19 to Fri 22.02.19	Half Term Week
Mon 25.02.19	Start of Term 4
Thu 28.02.19, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Tue 05.03.19, 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 06.03.19, 8:50 am	Owls' Class Assembly
(Mon 11.03.19	Start of Cheltenham Race Week)
Wed 13.03.19, 8:50 am	Robins' Class Assembly
Fri 15.03.19	Comic Relief day!
Mon 18.03.19	Full Governors' meeting
Thu 21.03.19, after break	YR & Y1 Oral Health Survey
Starting Mon 25.03.19	Last week of clubs
Thu 04.04.19	End of Term 4
Fri 05.04.19	INSET Day

FOGS Update

Happy New Year and thank you for all the support you gave to FOGs last term. I am pleased to announce that we have raised a rather impressive £2973.70 so far this school year! This is absolutely amazing and again thank you. We are looking forward to organising many more fun events this year - details will follow!

News from around the classes

Robins

As part of our new topic 'Off We Go!' Robins have been on adventures in the train station role-play area...London has been a popular destination to visit the Queen! The children have shared their experiences of travelling on holiday and in P.E. we imagined what it would be like to travel using different modes of transport. Barnaby Bear is looking forward to visiting all the children and joining in with family outings to add to his scrapbook.

Kingfishers

A sparkling, twinkling 'Happy New Year to you' from the galaxy far away aka 'Kingfishers'! We have zoomed off to Outer Space, for our work this term. We have thought about what we know, and what we want to find out, and have begun making the classroom environment into a space station. We have been painting ourselves as astronauts, but with limited wall space, are using an alternative surface to display them! The children have been creating planet solar systems and making 'popping rockets'. We have been finding out about the forces required to launch our rocket! Mr Major will be taking the children on a Space Odyssey in Dance. The Clamber stack has landed just in time - we will no doubt be able to include it in our work this term!

Owls

Great enthusiasm has been shown by all the Owls this week towards our new topic 'United Kingdom'. We used the atlases to locate different cities and created compass roses, applying our measurement skills, which we will be using to give directions. In PE, the children enjoyed learning to play Boccia and showed a good level of skill and accuracy.

Eagles

It was lovely to see the children return from their holidays refreshed and to hear all their news. This term we will be studying Ancient Egypt; one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world. We have already learned that it lasted for over 3000 years from 3150 BC to 30 BC. Part of our PE will be learning Egyptian dance. We are looking forward to our trip to the British Museum to learn more - please do come along if you are free!

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Paris Bowden, Hugo Millar and Thomas Brown

Congratulations!

School Meals

To help your child choose their school dinners, here's the menu for the w/k commencing 14.01.19.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (14.01.19)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Roasted Vegetable Pizza	Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage & Mash	Fish with Chips
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Vegetable Fajita	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry & Rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Pepper Pinwheel	Quorn Burger with Chips
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Jacket Potata with Beans	Tomato Soup with half Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Vegetable Soup with half Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Peas, Carrots	Red/Green Cabbage & Peas	Green Beans & Carrots	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Chocolate Crunch/ Yogurt/ Fruit Platter	Banana Sponge with Custard/ Yogurt/Fruit Chunks	Flapjack/ Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Fruit Crumble & Custard/Yoghurt Fruit Platter	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/ Yogurt/Fruit Station

This week's 'Golden Children' (11.01.19)

Robins

Rosie Davies for settling in so well to her new school.

Kingfishers

Finley Hargreaves for sharing such enthusiasm for our new topic about Space. Sarah Murphy for thinking of lots of interesting questions about Space and Amelia Davies for settling in so well during her first week.

Owls

Ollie Cooke for his super answers in our *Geometry* work and Henri Duff for his consistently hard working attitude across all subjects.

Eagles

Charlie Buttle for his contributions to class discussions in English. Annabelle Leather and Izzie Tingle for their perseverance in Maths tests.

Best wishes to everyone and I hope you enjoy the weekend.

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