



Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our second newsletter of the term.

School Website

Our new website is now up and running and can be accessed using the same address as before www.gretton.gloucs.sch.uk There may be some teething problems and we know that certain information still needs to be updated but we will continue to work on this over the coming weeks to ensure our website provides the information that parents need.

Staff News

After a very long association with the school, Mrs Taverner who is currently our Learning Mentor will be leaving us on the 24th September. I'm sure you'd like to join me in thanking Mrs Taverner for all her efforts on behalf of the school and to wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours.

Parent View

I know it's still very early in the year but we would be very grateful if all parents could find a few minutes to complete the online Parent View questionnaire regarding your views about the school. This can be accessed via www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk Last academic year the responses were overwhelmingly positive but unfortunately they aren't carried over and so at the moment we don't have any responses for this year!

Pupil Questionnaires

On a similar theme, and also as part of our programme of self-evaluation tasks, towards the end of last term the pupils completed a questionnaire regarding their views on the school and how we could possibly improve things. I shared the results with the children this week during assembly time and again the responses were really encouraging but there are a couple of areas that we're going to work on - building the MUGA has already greatly improved one of them.

Head Lice

We've been informed that these pesky creatures have been spotted again this week. Please continue to check your child's hair as often as possible and carry out the necessary treatment if required.

Playground

The artificial grass, after a number of delays was eventually installed in the MUGA last Sunday and the children have really enjoyed playing on the new surface this week. Hopefully there will be slightly fewer scraped knees and school shoes might last a bit longer!

The ramp has been removed from outside Kingfishers and within the next couple of weeks this area will be transformed into a dedicated outside learning space.

The next stage of the project is to raise sufficient funds in order to remove the shelter and climbing wall and replace it with some fantastic new climbing frames.

Refurbishment of Reception Toilet

Mrs Netting and I met with the builder earlier this week to confirm our requirements. Because of the nature of the work, unfortunately the job won't be completed until the half term break when there'll be no children in the building.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their club forms - lists are on display in the front window. Unfortunately because so many of us are out of school, only Tag Rugby with Mr Bridges and Clay Club with Mrs Netting are going ahead next week - sorry! Only a very small number of children signed up for Singing Club, so we're going to start that later in the term when Mrs Eliot's had a chance to drum up a bit more interest.

Lego needed! I'm running a Lego club for Y2 and 3 during Monday lunchtimes; if you have any spare Lego that you'd be willing to donate to the school please bring it in - 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
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.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Karyn is running both clubs again this term and the children will continue to spend as much time outside as possible, while the weather permits but they will also have a choice of Arts and Craft activities. Autumn sculptures, using conkers, acorns, leaves and so forth are also planned.

Diary Dates

This list has been updated since last week to include Christmas events, which will have a slightly different look this festive season.

Fri 14.09. (After school)	Winchcombe Headteacher visiting
Mon 17.09.	Eagles to Residential
Wed 19.09	Kingfishers trip to Natural History Museum, Oxford
Fri 21.09. (pm)	Eagles return from Residential
Fri 21.09.	Robins start Forest School
Thu 27.09. (1:00 pm)	Meeting for parents of children in Robins (Phonics)
Mon 01.10.	Start of Book Fair in school (TBC)
	FOGs AGM and Quiz Night (7:00 pm)
Fri 05.10.	School visit to the Cheltenham Literature Festival
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
Wed 31.10	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents Deadline for secondary school applications
Thu 01.11.	Individual school photographs (4:30 pm to 7:00 pm) Parents evening
Wed 07.11	Owls Class Assembly
Tue 08.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents (3:30 pm to 6:00 pm) Parents evening
Fri 09.11.	Flu vaccinations (YR to Y5)
Wed 14.11.	Robins Class Assembly
Thu 15.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents
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!

Our AGM this year will take place on Mon 1st Oct at The Royal Oak, Gretton, from 7pm. This will last approximately 5-10 minutes to be followed by our Pub Quiz!

The Pub Quiz is free to play and will be a great excuse to get to know other parents and have some fun. Please look out for the official notice letter sent home in book bags today.

If you would like more information about becoming involved or joining the Committee please speak to Zoe or Abigail in the playground or email: friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com

We really appreciate and value your support - and we're looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events:

October

AGM & Pub Quiz Night - Mon 1st Oct
Halloween Disco

December

Gretton Christmas Hampers
Christmas Market

November

Fireworks at The Royal Oak
Movie Night

Thank you!

News from around the classes

Robins

This week Robins have begun their day with a 'Dough Disco'. With the help of disco lights and dance music we have given our fingers a funky workout in the play dough. The children have been practising their names and drawing their families including dogs, cats and ponies! We have enjoyed sharing lots of Autumn treasures including Jack's collection of 82 conkers

Kingfishers

We have been continuing our Dinosaur topic and we have been learning fastening techniques for DT, using split pins and have created a variety of comical looking dinosaurs. We have also been using our hands to inspire our own dinosaurs - both in egg making and in handprint dinosaurs. The eggs are currently waiting to hatch..... In R.E. we have been thinking about the groups we belong to - it produced some very interesting facts.

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered to help either in the afternoons or on the trip. We have been inundated with replies and have been sorry to have had to refuse. We will approach these people first next time.

Owls

Owls learnt about the power of adjectives this week in English and discovered how changing the adjectives can completely change the feel of a piece of writing. We had fun modifying some of the creepy settings and characters of Beowulf to create some happier and sometimes funnier stories! In PE we worked on beating a defender and moving into space and also discussed staying safe online in computing.

Eagles

(Written by Kit and Monty) This week in Science in Eagles we learnt about forces, mainly gravity and we worked out some questions Mr Major had set us. We had to make a parachute to guide an egg to the ground. We used many materials and learnt the biggest parachute was the best as it made the most air resistance.

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

**Alice Evans and Mckenzii Ginns
Congratulations!**

School Lunches

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
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' (14.09.18)

Robins

The whole class for been so brilliant at lining up in the mornings.

Kingfishers

Jasper Warmington and Stanley Holland for their super retelling of the story 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs'.

Owls

Alice Evans for an excellent alternative Beowulf story. Alissa Bowden for having a positive and hardworking attitude towards our number sequencing work.

Eagles

Jack Williams for listening well in PE. Santino Lucar and Lara Whales for their presentation in Maths.

Volunteers in School

Finally, we are always very grateful to the parents and friends of the school who come in to listen to children read. Please contact us if you're able to help us with this - many thanks.

And finally

Please note that I will be out of school next week from Monday lunchtime until Wednesday afternoon as I will be with Eagles on the Residential - Mrs Netting will be deputising in my absence.

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

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher