



Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Jackson gave birth to her second child last Friday evening - congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jackson and welcome to the world young Rory Jackson, we look forward to meeting you soon!

## Football News

A great performance from our girls' team in this week's Tewkesbury Schools' Tournament. In five matches we only conceded one goal - drawing three games and winning two. We finished runners-up out of six schools and as you can see from the photograph, all the girls are very happy with their silver medals.



The boys' team were also in action this week, winning their second league game 5-1 away at Dunalley Primary in Cheltenham - another great victory against a much larger school.

## Procedure for Emergency Closure of School

### **REPEAT MESSAGE - PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DETAILS**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Children In Need Day - today!**

Thanks to everyone for supporting this event and I'll let you know how much money we raised in next week's newsletter. Some of the children are organising a cake sale after school today on the playground, so please have some money with you at pick up time - many thanks.

## **Music Guru Early Christmas Concert**

We have been asked to inform you that this will be held at 7:00 pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the **ENCOUNTER CHURCH**. 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.

## **Love in a Box Christmas Appeal - CHANGE OF DEADLINE - next Wednesday**

The deadline for bringing the boxes into school has been moved to **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** when they will be collected and taken to the area distribution depot. We've now received twelve boxes - thank you but hopefully a few more will arrive before then. Please remember that you could club together and make up a box between friends or family.

## **School Improvements**

New, interactive TV screens have been fitted in all the classrooms to replace the old and unreliable whiteboards and projectors. We are having a new router fitted next week so we can secure faster and more reliable internet access.

## **Early Birds and Night Owls**

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

## **Relief Cover Assistant Required - REPEAT MESSAGE!**

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

Class assemblies will return next term.

## Diary Dates

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 (3:00 pm to 7:00 pm)	Gretton Village Christmas Market (FOGS)
Wed 05.12	Robins trip to Roses Theatre (Dick Whittington)
Tue 11.12	County Football Finals (Boys)
Mon 17.12 (9:30 am)	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) Class/ Key Stage Christmas parties in school End of Term 2
Mon 07.01.19	INSET Day
Tue 08.01.19	Start of Term 3

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

### **Gretton Village Christmas Fair -**

Time is going very quickly and the first ever Gretton Christmas Village Fair will soon be here!

We are very much in need of donations for tombola prizes & also cake donations for the cafe. Please let us know if you can help with any of these items. Boxes will be in reception for tombola prizes.

As always we also are in need of you lovely people to help on the day if you can and help man a stall for us - this can be done in shifts so 3-5pm then 5-7pm (or for the duration!) details to follow (we'll know which stalls need help very shortly). If you would be able to help, please speak to one of the committee in the playground, Abigail Holland or Zoe Howell

Santa will be in his Grotto from 3-5pm - it's the same Santa that visited the children in school last year, which they all loved! Other stall details to follow.

**Xmas Hampers** - you will have recently seen a letter home detailing who your class rep is and what the theme of the hamper is. The deadline for donations is Monday 19th November.

**Xmas Cards** - thank you to those who ordered further cards. The order book is now closed.

Regards

FOGS

## News from around the classes

### *Robins*

Robins performed the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' brilliantly in their first class assembly on Wednesday. All the practising paid off and they made super scary trolls! Thank you to all the family members who came along to show their support.

### *Kingfishers*

Another learning filled week in Kingfishers - culminating in an action packed afternoon on Thursday. A huge thank you to those parents who were able to help -donating bottles, boxes, chocolate sauce and time, and to Mrs Marlow for donating her son to assist with the fire engine creating. It really helped us to achieve a great deal. The children have been finding out about Tudor houses, what they were constructed from and what issues there were with them. Ask them about the 'Jetties', and the wattle and daub! Many made their own Tudor houses for Pudding Lane - which will go on the wall shortly. The breathing apparatus has been made to enhance the role play - and the fire engine constructed with much patience, is amazing! We still need more plastic bottles - the 2 litre (1.5 litre) transparent variety - if anyone fancies bathing in mineral water this weekend?!

Next week may be quieter.....

### *Owls*

Owls learnt about the Viking attack on Lindisfarne this week where they lived up to their fearsome reputation. However, we have been exploring that there are two sides to every story and that they had their reasons for invading. At forest school this week, we have been exploring sound and how it travels.

### *Eagles*

G'day mates! Strewth, the rugrats had a ripper of a lesson Tuesday arvo - they were stoked to learn some Strine: Australian slang. Eagles have also started to write the biographies of their partners and are working on Geometry. Some Year 5s are still finding using a protractor tricky so any help at home would be much appreciated.

## Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

*Nina Hardie*

*Congratulations!*

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (19.11.18)				
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' (16.11.18)**

**Robins**

Ava Jackson for concentrating hard on her all work this week.

**Kingfishers**

Fleur Dockar-Drysdale and Sarah Murphy for making super progress with their reading.

**Owls**

Isabelle Riley for her super writing about dragons.

**Eagles**

Izzy Shakespeare for her reliability and Lottie Wright for supporting other pupils in Maths and English.

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

*Mr R Woolston*  
Headteacher