



Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of this half term.

Parents' Evening

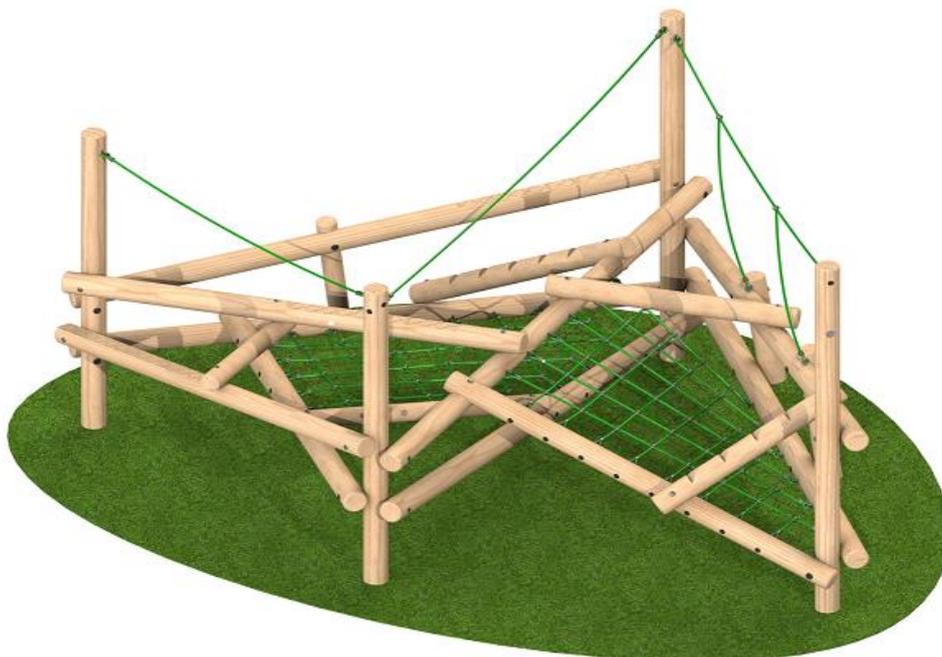
My sincere apologies for the errors contained in the letter sent out earlier this week, regarding the dates for our forthcoming parents' evenings. I can confirm that they will be held on Thursday 1st November from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and Tuesday 6th November from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. I understand that there have also been some problems with booking appointments on our new website; hopefully these have now been rectified but our apologies in advance if you experience any problems.

Trainee Teachers

Two PGCE students have started this week; Mr Bates in Owls and Mr Smith in Eagles. They will be with us until the week before Christmas and we wish them the best of luck in their first teaching placement.

Playground Project

We are now in a position to go ahead with the next stage of our playground improvement project, which involves the installation of a clamber stack just like the one in the picture. This will be sited where the shelter currently sits. As you can imagine the children are really excited by this great news - weather permitting the structure will be installed during the Christmas holidays.



Cheltenham Bridge Club

Cheltenham Bridge Club are running a session for primary school aged children on Wednesday 24th October at 4 Tivoli Road, Tivoli, Cheltenham. The session starts at 11am and finishes at 3pm. Cost is £5.00 and includes lunch.

The aim is to have a fun day with the intention of attracting more youngsters to the regular Sunday morning sessions at the club. Should anyone be interested more information about both of the above can be found at www.bridgewebs.com/gloucestershireyouth

Long Hair and Nits!

If your child has quite long hair then please make sure it's tied back when they come to school. All the children have been reminded about this because it helps to stop the spread of nits. If a child comes to school without their hair tied back then we will provide an elastic band or something similar for them to use. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Love in a Box Christmas Appeal - Repeat Message

The deadline for bringing the boxes into school is Tuesday 6th November, when they will be collected and taken to the area distribution depot. Last year I think we managed to contribute twenty boxes which was a very good total for a school of our size and I hope we can at least match that figure this year. Please remember that you could club together and make up a box between friends or family.

Flu Vaccinations

The NHS in Gloucestershire launched its annual flu campaign earlier this month and if parents have given permission then their child will have the flu vaccination in school on Friday 9th November. To find out more about the campaign, visit www.gloucestershireeccg.nhs.uk/flu-free

Early Birds and Night Owls

The children will continue to be given a range of interesting activities to keep them occupied before and after school.

Toilet Refurbishment

Builders will be on site during the half term break to refurbish the downstairs toilet which is primarily used by our youngest children. The "new loo" should be fully operational by the time the children return after half term.

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	
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. There will be a short presentation from me in the hall about the school in general then Mrs Netting will provide more detailed information about life in Robins. We will then all visit the 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

Mon 29.10.	Start of Term 2
Tue 30.10	Owls Viking Day in school
Tue 30.10	Robins Pumpkin Party (after school)
	FOGs Halloween Disco (5:45 pm to 7:00 pm)
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
Mon 05.11 (from 5:30 pm)	FOGs Bonfire and Fireworks at the Royal Oak
Tue 06.11	Deadline for Shoe Box Appeal contributions
Tue 06.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents
	(3:30 pm to 6:00 pm) Parents evening
Wed 07.11	Owls Class Assembly
Fri 09.11.	Flu vaccinations (YR to Y5)
Wed 14.11.	Robins Class Assembly
Thu 15.11	Open Morning for prospective 2019 YR Parents
Wed 21.11	Owls visit to Sandfield Farm
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	School Christmas Dinner
	(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

Christmas Cards

Thank you so much for your support by ordering Christmas Cards! If you haven't yet done so, please be advised that there will be another window of opportunity to order some in the next few weeks, we are assured that these will be here in time for Christmas! Please do continue to pop your orders into the office. The next window opens on 30/10/18. This is a very easy way to earn the school extra money! Last year we earned £156.95 from your Christmas card orders, hopefully we can beat it this year!

Pumpkin Party - 30/10/18 @ 3.05pm - 4.05pm, £3

This is open to Robins and Year one only.

Payment can be made in advance. Please put cash into a named envelope, detailing that it for the Pumpkin Party, at the school office or with Mrs Netting at drop off.

Halloween Disco - 30/10/18 @ 5.45pm - 7pm, £5

This is open to all years.

Payment on the door. Children will be given 3 tickets upon entrance which they can trade for drinks (Free Water Available), snack/sweets and lucky dip.

All children are to be collected from the school please.

Tuesday 30th October

Pumpkin Party (Robins and Year 1 Only) 3.05-4.05pm £3 to include snack and crafts relating to dressing up! Further details to follow.

Halloween Disco (**Note the date has changed**)- 5.45-7pm £5 to include tickets for snacks and drink as well lots of dancing - prizes for best outfits!

Monday 5th November

Fireworks at The Royal Oak from 5.30pm. If you feel that you are able to assist on the night in any way please let us know. We need help with car park, guarding the bonfire, running stalls, collecting donations etc.

We are always in need of volunteers to help at the events or behind the scenes... so watch this space as details to follow!

Thank you!

News from around the classes

Robins

On Monday Robins performed 'Dingle-Dangle Scarecrow' during the Harvest church service and then baked some delicious bread rolls. On Thursday the children came dressed as someone they might like to be when they grow up. There were some interesting career choices from vets and police officers to surfers and ballerinas. They have also been thinking about how they have changed as they've got older and compared what they could do as a baby to what they can do now.

Kingfishers

The week has flown past in Kingfishers. We hope you enjoyed our assembly and thank you to all those who were able to come, there were so many of you! The children were certainly very proud of themselves (and rightly so!) As you can see we are making progress with the outside area, practising weaving skills on a slightly larger scalethere is more to do when we have more parachute material. We have been finishing off our Dinosaur topic in preparation for next term's ''Fire Fire'' theme and so hope you enjoyed seeing all the work in the books and room yesterday.

During the half term break, please would you help us, by making sure the children's clothes really are clearly labelled. Some of the markings are rather faint or non-existent and it does make it tricky to hand them back...we do try hard to ensure everyone has their ''stuff'' but it could be made easier for us! Thank you and have a lovely, rest-filled half term, ready for the long term ahead!

Owls

Owls learnt about the different Anglo Saxon gods in our topic this week and were interested to discover that many of our days of the week are named after them. We also had fun reading and writing in runes and have written our own names in runes onto parchment which we will put up on display. In English, the children have been learning about subtitles and thinking about the different things they might include in a report about dragons.

Eagles

Did you know the human body makes enough fat to make seven bars of soap? Or that one quarter of your bones are in your feet? These are some of the amazing snippets Eagles learned in PSHE this week when we investigated facts about our bodies. We have also been looking at the importance of family to Muslims in RE. There were some lovely examples of what Eagles consider to be important in their own families: eating together, watching TV together on the sofa and visiting extended family among them.

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Oscar Hollingsworth and Tia Hyett-Row

Congratulations!

School Lunches

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (29.10.18)				
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' (19.10.18)

Robins

Jack Blake for working hard writing the letters sounds we have been learning.

Kingfishers

Roman Barder for his good listening skills and Ines Silver for always being so helpful.

Owls

Lexie Johnsey for her persevering attitude in Maths. Isabelle Riley for her hard work and improvement in her spellings.

Eagles

Jack Williams for looking after a friend and Harry Carey for his Australian flag design.

Best wishes to all members of the school community and I hope you enjoy the half term break.

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher