



Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier in the week I spent a great few days with the Eagles who were all really enjoying themselves on their residential. I was delighted with the way they were getting stuck into all the activities and all the PGL staff were impressed with their manners and enthusiasm. I'm sure they'll be absolutely shattered by the time they get home this afternoon but they will have some fantastic memories and some great stories to tell!

School Website A REPEAT OF LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

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.

Parent View

Following my request in last week's newsletter, we now have 3 responses but we need at least 10 before any information can be generated, so here's a repeat of my message

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!

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Barring any unforeseen problems ALL the clubs will be on next week!

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

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
Tue 30.10	Owls Viking Day in school
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
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
Thu 22.11 (am)	Y6 children to French play at Winchcombe School
Mon 17.12	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)
	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: Mon 1st Oct at The Royal Oak, Gretton, 7pm

This is a great opportunity to find out about all the amazing opportunities your hard work and kind donations have given the children at our school over the past year, and to hear a bit about our plans for this coming year. The quiz is free to play and is a good excuse to get to know other parents and have some fun - we look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for the diary

The busy season is well under way so please put the following dates in your diary!

October

AGM & Pub Quiz Night - Mon 1st Oct 7pm

Halloween Disco - Weds 31st Oct, 5.45-7pm

Pumpkin Party (Robins only)

November

Fireworks at The Royal Oak - Mon 5th Nov, from 5.30pm

Movie Night

December

Gretton Village Christmas Market - Sat 1st Dec, 3-7pm

Gretton Christmas Hampers

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

Thank you!

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins have been adding to our Autumn table this week with even more conkers, foraged mushrooms, bird's nests and bark. We read a story called 'Leaf Man' and produced collages using our collection as well as making hand and finger prints to create an Autumn tree painting. Robins have enjoyed staying for lunch and getting to know Kingfishers and Owls during lunch play. One Robin explained that she now has medium friends as well as big friends!

Kingfishers

Another busy week in Kingfishers! The children were fascinated by their trip to the museum, holding the genuine dinosaur pooh may not have been the absolute highlight - but it was amusing when they found out what it was! They were astounded by the sizes of the replica T Rex and Iguanodon. We have also been thrilled to discover our own dinosaur bone under the picnic tables at school - the palaeontology team are out there most playtimes and lunchtimes, seeing what they can discover.

Owls

This week in our art work we have been creating some vicious looking Vikings using charcoal. The children thought carefully about the head shape and they also experimented with harder and softer lines, as well as smudging to improve the effect. The results were brilliant. In English, we have been creating pictures in the readers' heads by using great descriptions about scary monsters and creepy settings.

Eagles

All the children in Eagles have been enjoying a fantastic week of adventurous activities at the Liddington PGL centre. Their behaviour and general attitude towards the various challenges have been very impressive. They're looking forward to telling you all about the zip wire, climbing wall, trapeze and raft building (to name but a few) when they get home!

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Grace Milner

Congratulations!

School Lunches

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (24.09.18)				
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' (21.09.18)

Robins

Evie Scott for being so helpful at tidy up time.

Kingfishers

George Hitch-Wood for his fabulous alternative ending to 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and Paris Bowden for writing such a lot in her recount about our trip to the museum. Hugo Millar and Oscar Hollingsworth for working together so well to make a dinosaur out of conkers.

Owls

Henry Parker and Joseph Pringle for their super Viking charcoal drawings.

And finally

Please let us know if you're able to come into school at any time, even for just half an hour or so, to listen to readers.

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

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher