



Friday 21st December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our final newsletter of 2018 and on behalf of all the staff, many thanks for all our cards and generous gifts.

Christmas Events

Thank you for your support with all our Christmas events. The children in Robins and Kingfishers performed superbly in front of two big audiences - it was great to see our younger children taking centre stage and rising to the challenge with such determination and confidence. Thanks to your generosity the retiring collection raised £162.60 and this will go towards covering the costs we incurred.



Today's Carol Concert in Church was a lovely festive occasion and the children in Owls entertained us with their singing and bell ringing.

The staff involved in all the Christmas events have worked really hard in a relatively short time to get everything organised and they also deserve a big thank you and well done!

Christmas dinner was great too!



Improvements to the water supply in Gretton

Stop press we were informed on Wednesday evening that the work scheduled for January and February in Gretton has been postponed until further notice - sorry but we don't have any more details at this stage.

School Improvements - A REPEAT MESSAGE

Weather permitting, the new clamber stack will be installed during the Christmas holidays, ready for the children to use and enjoy when they return in January.

The girls' toilet and some other areas will be painted during the break.

House Points

The children in Stanley, winners of the House Point competition this term, enjoyed their reward of an extra playtime yesterday.

Early Birds and Night Owls

These clubs will be starting up and running as usual from Tuesday 8th January. Please make sure all sessions are paid for in advance - thank you.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Our programme of clubs will start during the second week of the Spring Term, w/k commencing 14th January and further information will be sent out in the first week back.

Diary Dates

A comprehensive list of diary dates will be sent out in the first newsletter of the Spring Term.

Mon 07.01.19
Tue 08.01.19

INSET Day (Staff only)
Start of Spring Term (Term 3)

FOGS Update

Wow, what a start to this year's fund raising. It has been a very busy year and FOGS want to take this opportunity to say thank you to you **all** for your continued support. Once we have all had a well-earned break, we will be looking to confirm the numbers as to how much you have all managed to raise for Gretton School so far..... watch this space!

Thank you so much to you all for buying Christmas raffle tickets and congratulations to our hamper winners.

All things sparkly - Morgan (Kingfishers)

Scotland - Mrs Eliot

Cosy Night In - Val Richfield

Afternoon Tea - Sheena Brown

Cheese & Port - Ruth Townsend

Christmas - N. Wright

Black & Gold - Morgan (Kingfishers)

Now it's time to relax and have a very enjoyable Christmas. See you all in 2019.

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the FOGs team for all their fantastic efforts this term. They have shown great enthusiasm and commitment to the cause and we are all extremely grateful.

News from around the classes

Robins

Mrs Netting and Mrs Lacey were very proud of the Robins' performance in the Christmas play. They danced and sang without any sign of nerves and despite a few yawns kept going through all the performances.

Kingfishers

The final week in Kingfishers has seen some starring performances from all the children. They really did act and perform so amazingly well, we were very proud as I'm sure you all were too. The Great Fire of London has finally been put out, and now we are looking ahead, out into space. Obviously we'll all be looking out for Santa and his reindeer first, as this year comes to a close. Should any astronaut attire be available for us to borrow for role play activities, it would be much appreciated! Thank you to all those who lent us fire- fighting equipment.

All of us in Kingfishers wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Owls

We were really proud of Owls' contribution to the Christmas Carol Concert on Friday. I'm sure you will agree that the children spoke clearly and sang beautifully. We were sad to say goodbye to Mr Bates this week - the children have enjoyed having him with us over the past nine weeks. We have, however, had another busy week, preparing for the carol concert as well as working on lots of Christmas activities. The children enjoyed taking part in a quiz and we were impressed with both their general knowledge and their creative quiz team names!

Have a wonderful Christmas and thank you for the cards and gifts that have been sent in.

Eagles

Eagles learned about fractals this week: specifically, Sierpinski triangles. We talked in very basic terms about fractals being patterns that repeat at different scales: if you zoom in on a picture of a fractal, you will still see the same pattern repeated. These patterns can be found in math equations, and they can also be found in the world all around us, from snowflakes to the leaves on trees. Santino knew that a fractal has an infinite perimeter!

We replicated a ChristMaths tree the Eagles class of 4 years ago made to take to a Jo Boaler conference at Oxford University, and put our own spin on the finished shape. Mrs Holt made a Koch snowflake (another kind of fractal) to go on top.

School Uniform and PE Kit

Unfortunately overall standards have slipped recently and during the break we would really appreciate you checking that your child has the correct uniform to wear - especially their shoes (not trainers) which should be black or brown. PE bags should contain everything that your child needs, including a spare pair of socks. For further details please visit our website www.gretton.gloucs.sch.uk and click on the Information tab.

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....
Molly Clarke, George Hitch-Wood, Oliver Cooke, Ava Buttle
and Evie Scott
Congratulations!

School Meals

To help your child choose their school dinners, here's the menu for the w/k commencing 07.01.19.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (07.01.19)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
INSET DAY	Chicken Curry & Rice	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Slice	Fish fingers with chips
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INSET DAY	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Sausage & Mash	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
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INSET DAY	Tomato Soup with half Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Vegetable Soup with half Filled Baguette with	Jacket Potato with Cheese
INSET DAY	Green Beans & Carrots	Carrot & Cauliflower	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
INSET DAY	Chocolate Mandarin Brownie Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Oaty Cookie, Yoghurt/Fruit Platter	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard/Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/ Yoghurt, Fruit Station

This week's 'Golden Children' (21.12.18)

Robins

All of Robins for their fantastic Russian dancing in Babushka!

Kingfishers

Talia Stratford for excellent addition of 2-digit numbers and Beatrice Panthin for showing a thoughtful and polite attitude all term.

Owls

Lawrence Osborne for an excellent cover design for the carol concert. Bonny Howell for the enthusiasm and hard work she puts into everything she does. Josh Denne for a fantastic poem about a robin's journey home.

Eagles

Grace Milner for her consistently good presentation and care given to all aspects of her work, Lola Shakespeare for her 'can do' attitude in Maths and Jamie Bright for always taking good care of younger children.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas holidays and my best wishes to you all for a very happy 2019!

Mr R Woolston
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