



Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to probably the last newsletter of the term before the joy/madness of the festive season really kicks in! On that theme

Christmas Plans

Our school hall is not big enough to host a whole school performance, given the number of children and staff involved and of course the number of family members who would obviously want to attend. Even when ignoring the traffic chaos caused by inconsiderate parking, organising last year's whole school Christmas show in the Village Hall proved to be a logistical nightmare and as a staff we agreed that events would have to be organised differently this year. Whilst in some ways it's a shame that there won't be a Christmas show involving all of the children, numerous other festive events are planned and I'm sure the children in Robins and Kingfishers will enjoy their time in the limelight.

Football News

Despite injuries ruling out a couple of key players the boys played really well against Christchurch Primary in Cheltenham earlier this week but lost 2-0 in a hard fought contest.

Morning Lining Up Arrangements

Lining up at the top of the playground seems to be working well and we are going to continue with this as it makes for a smoother start to the day - many thanks to all the parents who say their goodbyes prior to the bell going and avoid visiting their child for a final farewell when they're lining up.

Mrs Pearson leaving

Sadly Mrs Pearson, who's had a long association with the school as an Administrative Assistant, Early Birds and Lunchtime Supervisor, is leaving us next Monday. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for all her efforts on behalf of the school.

School Improvements

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 have been enjoying board games, puzzles and construction kits. If they have a favourite from home then they're welcome to bring it in, so long as it is clearly named - thank you.

Love in a Box Christmas Appeal

A late flurry of activity resulted in twenty-two Christmas boxes being delivered to school ready to be taken to the distribution depot. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed - you are going to make a child very happy this Christmas.

Children In Need Day last Friday (16th November)

Our Mufti Day raised £94 - thank you. A massive "Well done!" to Ava Buttle, Jemimah Richardson, Charlotte and Isabel Oliver and Matilda Finney for organising a very popular cake sale after school - this raised a further £105! Thank you very much to everyone who supported the fundraising efforts.



Diary Dates

Tue 27.11 (10:45 am)

Thu 29.11

Sat 01.12 (3:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Wed 05.12

Tue 11.12

Fri 14.12

Mon 17.12 (9:30 am)

Tue 18.12 (2:00 pm)

Wed 19.12

Fri 21.12.

Internet Safety Assembly for Owls and Eagles

Robins dress-up (Character from a traditional tale)

Gretton Village Christmas Market (FOGs)

Robins trip to Roses Theatre (Dick Whittington)

County Football Finals (Boys)

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day!

Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)

Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)

School Christmas Dinner

(5:30 pm) Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers)

(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.

FOGS Update

Christmas hampers - thank you for all donations!

Christmas market - thank you for tombola donations and offers of cake; any more would be gratefully received! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers too.

Join us for some festive fun at the Gretton Christmas Market, on 1st December, at Gretton Village Hall from 3-7pm. There will be a licensed bar, BBQ, cafe, unique gifts, The Book People, games.... visit Santa in his grotto from 3-5pm. Raffle to be drawn on the day - star prizes win a free range bronze turkey from Ireley Farm and Afternoon Tea for 2 at Greenway Hotel & Spa, plus much more!

Entry for kids is free, adults is £2.50 to include free soft drink and treat.

Also to aid with the craft activities on the day, Beth Wycherley is asking for donations of wool/buttons/beads/ribbons for craft activities - used or new, any colours.

Lastly does anyone have a gazebo and/or chiminea that we may be able to borrow on the day? Please let Abigail Holland or Zoe Howell know if you can help.

Thank you!

News from around the classes

Robins

Robins made porridge on Monday but it was much too hot so we had to wait until it was 'just right' before we could eat it all up! Our traditional tale this week has been 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears', the children collaged bear masks and practised using different voices for Daddy, Mummy and Baby Bear. Bears have also appeared in maths this week as we have been singing '10 in the bed' with teddy bears to practise counting back to find 1 less.

Kingfishers

A much quieter week in Kingfishers, as we'd hoped! Our Tudor houses have been made into a street, supplemented with playmobil people and horses. We are continuing with our fire light bottles, which are taking a little time to perfect. We hope you've seen a selection of the photos from the afternoon on the website. We have been enjoying learning some French - and it has been very gratifying to hear some of the children asking when the next lesson is. (To get a real flavour of how we're doing -look up ''Joey learns French'' (from ''Friends'') on YouTube - for some it is exactly like that!)

In RE we have been thinking about when candles are used as a celebration ...we thought of 10 different occasions. Can you think of more? Answers on a postcard to ''Kingfishers''!

The Fire Engine we built last week is still on hand to attend to any emergencies!



Owls

Owls have been developing their construction skills this week in many different forms! On Monday and Tuesday, we created frames and used Papier-Mâché to build the hulls of our Viking longships. We found putting the Papier-Mâché onto the card frames quite tricky but it gave us a good understanding of how the ships would have been built. We had a fantastic time at Sandfield Farm where we constructed Viking homes from natural materials and some of the designs were very creative. In Maths, we began our work on time with some Tarsia puzzles which involved the children thinking about equivalent lengths of time. The children worked very hard and showed a determined attitude throughout.

We also had a lovely time having Hattie in for the day on Thursday and she was able to answer lots of our questions and we found her school on Google Earth!

Eagles

Year 6 enjoyed watching a French play, *Ticket Pour L'espace* at Winchcombe Secondary school on Thursday. Mr Smith has spent the last few weeks helping the children learn the vocabulary Miss Playfair, Winchcombe's Head of French, sent us to look at. It was très drôle! The children are also putting the finishing touches to their biographies of their classmates in English. I am learning all kinds of fun facts about them! We also enjoyed our visit from Penny.

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Eliza Turner and Lily Hollingsworth

Congratulations!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (26.11.18)				
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' (23.11.18)

Robins

Wren Wycherley for great maths skills this week counting back to find 1 less.

Kingfishers

Finley Hargreaves for some detailed and imaginative writing in his Great Fire of London diary and Katherine for great reading.

Owls

Isabel Oliver, Ava Buttle, Jemimah Richardson, Matilda Finney and Charlotte Oliver for their amazing job with the cake sale. Ollie Cooke for the patience and determination he showed in building his Viking longship hull.

Eagles

Lily Rogers for her Write Here Write Now story and Jack Williams for his constant good manners and politeness.

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

Mr R Woolston

Headteacher