



Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this latest newsletter finds you in good health. The days seem to be flying by now as we head towards Autumn.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that because certain pupils have a severe allergy to nuts, we are a "Nut Free School". Unfortunately a number of unsuitable products are finding their way into snack pots and lunch boxes - many thanks for your help and understanding with this.

Book Fair

The Book Fair has now been delivered and the children will be given the opportunity to peruse the shelves in order to consider some potential purchases. Please remember that roughly speaking for every two books sold, we are able to choose a "free" book for school, so please come along and support this event next Tuesday and Wednesday after school in the hall- thank you!

Parent View

There have now been a sufficient number of responses, so many thanks to the 13 parents who have completed the online survey regarding your views on the school. Overall the responses are very positive but please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of our provision.

Love in a Box Christmas Appeal

Mary Jones is the local coordinator for this fantastic charity and she visited yesterday to speak to the children in assembly about the arrangements for this year. A leaflet giving more information has been sent home and 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.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

All clubs are up and running now and we would ask that if your child isn't able to attend a club they are booked in for, then the school is informed - many thanks.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Karyn is happy for the children to bring in their own games, so long as they aren't too precious and that they are named.

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.

Diary Dates

Mon 01.10.	FOGs AGM and Quiz Night (7:00 pm, Royal Oak)
Tue 02.10	Start of Book Fair in school
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 FOGs Halloween Disco
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 6.00pm) 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)
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 enjoyed their second trip to Forest School this week. We made a collection of Autumn treasures and played a memory game with them. The children thought about the minibeasts that might live among the Autumn leaves and we brought some leaves back with us along with sticks and fir cones to complete 'Bugsville', a minibeast hotel in the school garden, which we bought with grant money from Sandfield Solar Farm.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers this week have been wandering slowly down the historical path to when dinosaur fossils were first discovered and recognised as such, in Britain. We have been finding out about Mary Anning and looking at geographical features on the coast. We had some excitement when the AstroTurf was laid....which we're looking forward to using soon; but this was topped by our dinosaur eggs hatching and providing us with fossils of our own! (Sorry about the extra crumbly additions to the playground!!)

Owls

Owls discovered the origins of different place names this week and found that the endings of place names tell us a bit about the Anglo Saxon settlement. They were very excited to learn that Gretton itself was an Anglo Saxon settlement. In English, we applied the work we have been doing on adjectives to write some fantastic monster stories!

Eagles

Eagles were absolutely fabulous during our time at PGL. They learned so many valuable skills; climbing, abseiling, sharing space with others and trying new foods to name but a few. The staff learned so much about the children that they would not have otherwise find out at school such as resilience levels, titbits about personal lives and some truly terrible jokes! We were all very tired by the end of the week but it was worth it!

Birthdays Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

William Amos and Finley Hargreaves

Congratulations!

School Lunches

Please note that the menu for Thursday 4th October has been changed to something that we hope will be very appealing to a large number of children because it's school census day. Our funding for school meals is based on the uptake of school dinners on this particular day, so the more children that have a school dinner next Thursday the more funding we get!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (01.10.18)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausages in a roll with/without onions	Fish with Chips
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Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Quorn Mince Bolognese	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Quorn Sausages in a roll with/without onions	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Tomato Soup with half Filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Beans	-	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Peas, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans and Peas	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
Fruit Sponge & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Platter	Flapjack/ Yogurt/Fruit Chunks	Shortbread/ Yoghurt/Fruit Salad	Chocolate Crunch/ Fruit Platter	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/ Yogurt/Fruit Station

This week's 'Golden Children' (28.09.18)

Robins

Hannah Pringle for being a good friend and sharing toys.

Kingfishers

Dougie Steward for listening well and doing his best in all lessons this week.

Owls

Talullah Hollingsworth for showing great resilience, stepping up to a challenge and excelling!

Eagles

Charlie Buttle for helping out so well in PE.

And finally

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

Mr R Woolston

Headteacher