



Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our latest newsletter.

Be Internet Legends

The children in Owls and Eagles enjoyed their "Be Internet Legends" assembly earlier this week and a number of vital online safety topics were covered. This is a multifaceted programme provided by Google that also includes a free web-based game called Interland and other educational resources which aim to help children be smart, confident and careful users of the online world. For further details please just Google "Be Internet Legends" as the information serves as a helpful reminder to us all - thank you.

School Improvements

Because the gate on to the old Bugatti Inn site is no longer usable, a new emergency exit gate has been installed at the top of the playground. We are very grateful to the Llewellyn family who own the property, for allowing us to do this. This exit from the premises will only be used in emergencies when other exit routes are inaccessible.

Early Birds and Night Owls

The Christmas party on Wednesday 12th December was planned as a treat for the children who attend on a frequent basis and is now full. However, if your child does regularly attend Early Birds or Night Owls and you haven't yet booked them a place, please speak to Karyn as soon as possible and she will try and squeeze them in- many thanks!

Christmas Events, including Christingle

Over the next three weeks there are numerous events coming up to celebrate the festive season. I have **added a bit more information** to the diary dates below but please contact us if you're unsure about anything. We aren't making the Christingles this year but we are going to support the associated charity and so the collection candles will be sent home today or on Monday. If you can spare some change then please return these to school by Thursday 20th December, so they can be collected before the end of term.

Diary Dates

Sat 01.12 (3:00 pm to 7:00 pm)	Gretton Village Christmas Market (FOGs) (See FOGs update below for further details)
Wed 05.12	Robins' trip to Roses Theatre (Dick Whittington)
Tue 11.12	County Football Finals (Boys)
Fri 14.12	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day! (Non-uniform + voluntary £1 donation please)
Mon 17.12 (9:30 am)	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers) (This performance will be watched by Gretton Playgroup, as well as Eagles and Owls)
Tue 18.12 (2:00 pm)	Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers) (Letters will be sent home on Monday about ticket arrangements)
Wed 19.12	School Christmas Dinner (5:30 pm) Christmas Performance (Robins and Kingfishers) (Letters will be sent home on Monday about ticket arrangements)
Fri 21.12.	(9:30 am) Christmas Carol Concert in Church (This will be led by the children in Owls and their parents are welcome to attend) Class/ Key Stage Christmas parties in school (Requests for contributions of food to follow) End of Term 2
Mon 07.01.19	INSET Day (staff only)
Tue 08.01.19	Start of Term 3

If necessary further dates will be added and details regarding specific events will be sent out in due course.

FOGS Update

Christmas Hampers - thank you for all donations! A couple of examples of the hampers will be available to see at the Christmas market on Saturday, with the draw taking place after the evening performance on the 19th December.

Christmas market - thank you for tombola donations and offers of cake, please can any cake donations be taken to the school hall after 2pm on Friday (today), any more would be gratefully received! Thank so much to all that have and are contributing to this event. Special thanks must go to Matthew at The Royal Oak, Norths Bakery and Ange Hardie and her business for sponsoring the grotto presents!

Join us for some festive fun at the Gretton Christmas market, 1st December, Gretton Village Hall 3-7pm - 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 are 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.

There will also be a stand for the Book a People at the market and a leaflet will be coming home in your child's book bag on Friday.

Thank you and we're looking forward seeing many of you on Saturday.

News from around the classes

Robins

We have had lots of visitors to Robins over the past week...teachers, teaching assistants, students, office and lunch staff have all chosen stories they enjoy to share with the children. On Thursday we all dressed up as characters from traditional tales and enjoyed lots of topical activities throughout the day including edible Fairy Godmother wands!

Kingfishers

"Even though it was chucking it down with rain this morning, we put as many clothes on as possible to keep us warm and dry. Then we put on reflective jackets to keep us safe when we walked to the Royal Oak. When we got there, the fire engine was waiting for us.

First, we went inside the fire engine and we had our pictures taken. Some of us tried the hats on- they were very heavy and a bit too big. The next thing we did was that we all had a go squirting the hose at the tree. It was AMAZING! It was also cold and wet. By this time the rain was absolutely pouring down and so the firefighters said they would bring us back to school in the fire engine. It was great having a ride in the fire engine - it was bumpy, exciting and chuggy! But we couldn't all fit on at the same time. It rained and it rained - and then it stopped!

It took 5 journeys to get us all back to school. We had to get changed in the library because we were absolutely soaked! Some of us had a disco to keep warm whilst we waited for everyone to arrive. After that the firefighters asked us questions about the Great Fire of London. (They were very impressed about what we knew!). We asked them a few questions about what they do.

Finally Mrs Marlow and Mrs Eliot had made us some hot chocolate to warm us up. It was delicious! Yum yum yum!"

(We wrote this together!)



Owls

Owls enjoyed a very blustery forest school on Thursday and took advantage of the wind to build and fly some kites. In Science with Mr Bates we looked at different types of animals and discussed whether they were vertebrates or invertebrates.

Eagles

♪♪ My Boomerang won't come back! ♪♪ Eagles spent some of Tuesday morning at the village field throwing Boomerangs. By the time we went back to school we had had some success with returning boomerangs: particularly Woody and Kit. Afterwards we enjoyed an assembly on esafety delivered by Google. We learned all about how to make strong passwords and about phishing.

Birthday Bulletin



Birthdays coming up.....

Charlotte McGuinness and Lola Shakespeare

Congratulations!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU (03.12.18)				
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 Strudle with Custard/Yoghurt/ Fruit Salad	Cheese, Biscuits & Apple/ Yoghurt, Fruit Station

This week's 'Golden Children' (30.11.18)

Robins

Lily Hollingsworth for sounding out words so confidently in phonics.

Kingfishers

Ines and Talia for being so helpful when tidying up all the wet clothes after our visit to see the fire engine.

Owls

George Milner for working hard to improve his presentation in Maths and Isabelle Riley her hard work and enthusiasm in reading clocks accurately.

Eagles

Lilly Millar for perseverance in Maths, George Brazier for a positive learning attitude.

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

Mr R Woolston
Headteacher