



Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been a real pleasure, as we see the children really embracing the new behaviour system and their pride in the Golden Rules and individual class rules. I have been very lucky to see lots of work for my office celebration wall and given out A LOT of stickers. We have also loved our storytelling day where we were able to listen and create our own stories across the school.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Dodd who has become a qualified ELSA practitioner, this has been a year of hard work and will have a huge impact on our children. More information on ELSA can be found in the accompanying leaflet from Mrs Dodd. Not one to stand still, Mrs Dodd will now undertake the Mental Health Champion award to support the whole school community with their well-being.

I would also like to take a moment to reflect on feedback and apologise to Eagles class for not organising a formal introduction to Mr Stinchcombe, it was in my plans but I did not end up putting it in place. Whilst I know parents' evening is a long wait unfortunately there is little time with various events between now and then to organise anything, so again I apologise and will take this feedback on board.

GOLDEN RULE FOCUS THIS HALF TERM: We are Kind and Respectful

Staffing

It is a very exciting time of change at Gretton and as part of that evolution the staff team are all taking up key strategic roles across the school. I am very happy as Headteacher to announce that Miss Cross and Mr Stinchcombe will become our new management team at Gretton. It is an exciting and transformational time at the school and I am keen to work with my team to continue to drive change and development to benefit the children and community for many years to come. In my absence at any point, Miss Cross and Mr Stinchcombe will be the contacts for any whole school questions or concerns.

TT Rock Stars

As many of you are aware, we have a subscription to TT Rock Stars. TT Rock Stars is a website/app which allows the children in Y1-6 to practise their times tables through a competitive element. When you log on you can select different areas known as arenas (see the attached PDF for more information) to complete a range of times table tests. As teachers, we can set the times tables that we want the children to be able to access.

The programme has one aim - to boost times table recall speeds. Incorrect answers are always immediately corrected in front of the pupil so that they start to associate the correct answer to every question. The clever code behind the scenes works out which times table facts each pupil is consistently taking longer to answer and then it gradually starts to present these facts more frequently until pupils have mastered them.

We will be awarding a Rocker of the Week certificate each week in assembly to help encourage the children to practise their times tables regularly at home and through opportunities to use the app at school.

Many thanks for your support and please contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs Penson

Vaping

I need to take this opportunity to remind parents that vaping is classified in the same way as smoking as far as our rules go, so please can you refrain from vaping anywhere on the school premises. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Early Birds

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8:10am to 8:30am every morning. Please continue to pay in the usual way via ParentPay and pay £2.50 in advance for all sessions. There is no need to pre-book, just feel free to bring your child along on any day you need to.

FOGS update

OWLS CAKE SALE!!

We are holding a cake sale after school next Friday 9th February and this time the cakes will have been lovingly baked by our Owls! Please do come to show your support and stock up treats for the weekend (if they last that long!)

We will also be running a school uniform sale after school in the hall at the same time as the cake sale! Don't forget to come and check out the rail, as many of the items are in almost new condition.

(Cash preferred but card/contactless welcome)

Having a clear out at home??

We have organised a textile collection to raise funds for our school. If you are having a spring wardrobe clear-out please consider bagging up the items and bringing into school on the 29th of February, ready for collection on Friday 1st March at 9am.

What we need:

Clothes, Paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, bras, jewellery, paired socks, belts, soft toys, household curtains and towels.

All items need to be in a good, clean, sellable condition please. Please ask friends and family as the more items we have the more funds we raise.

Thank you!

GVA News

Gretton Village Hall: Did you know that Gretton Village Hall is a lovely location for children's parties?

It's a great space, suitable for bouncy castles, has catering facilities and is available to parents for £13/hour. Please contact Kathy on qvabookings@gmail.com to discuss your needs.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, if there is anything that you would like to contribute please feel free to email me head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk or the office admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team

House Point Trophy

Well done to **Cleeve** who came first this week. I will look forward to wearing a green tie next week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	2	1st	6	4th
Langley	7	4th	8	2nd
Stanley	7	3rd	9	1st
Sudeley	4	2nd	7	3rd

Gold Book Nominations (02.02.24)

Robins

Tabitha - for trying really hard and making great progress with her blending this week.

Kingfishers

Year 1 – Anoushka for showing superb resilience when learning maths. You always try your best and should be so proud of yourself.

Year 2- Albie for his amazing effort when writing his story. Well done Albie. You are a superstar!

Owls

Kian - for coming up with lots of ideas and showing enthusiasm during our National Storytelling webinar.

Effie - for the exceptional efforts she has been putting into learning her times tables.

Eagles

Y5 - Molly for being enthusiastic about her learning, particularly when planning her story as part of National Storytelling Week.

Y6 - Alfie for persevering with a particularly challenging maths test and putting in effort when learning algebra.

Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Are Kind and Respectful

Robins – Arlo for always displaying kindness to his peers and showing respect for our classroom when tidying up - even when it wasn't his mess!

Kingfishers – Emma for showing integrity and respect at all times. You have such a kind heart Emma. Keep on being amazing!

Owls – Aurora for her unfailing politeness, respect for others and work ethic.

Eagles - Poppy for always having a big smile on her face and being respectful to teachers and her classmates.

TTRS Certificate – Jack, Lottie and Olivia

Spring Term 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 5th Feb

Thu 8th Feb

Mon 12th Feb

Children's mental health week

Cross country Race 4 - Vineyards

Half Term

Mon 19th Feb

Thu 22nd Feb

Thu 29th Feb

Mon 4th Mar

Thurs 7th Mar

Mon 11th Mar

Tues 12th Mar

Thu 14th Mar

Wed 20th Mar

Fri 22nd Mar

Spring Term 2

Cross country Race 5 - Vineyards

Cross country Fun Run - Vineyards

Assessment Week

World Book Day

Science Week

Parents Evening - 3:30pm - 6pm

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Tag Rugby Tournament (Newlands Park)

End of Spring Term