



Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a busy week, it was a shock to get a call on Monday and a busy two days. The school community can be very proud of the way we interacted with Ofsted inspectors and shared with passion the brilliant areas that make up Gretton Primary School.

We welcomed Forest school visits back this week, and although the weather made a huge appearance, it did look like everybody had wet and muddy fun. In my office, there is finally the WOW Wall to celebrate the brilliant work that is brought to me regularly and earns a Headteacher sticker. It is wonderful to see the pride the children have in their achievements across the school.

## **GOLDEN RULE FOCUS THIS HALF TERM: We Show Good Manners**

### **NSPCC Underwear Rule**

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC](#).

### **Wildlife Quiz**

On Monday we take on Grangefield in the British Wildlife Quiz first round, here at Gretton. Good luck to our team Wren, Dougie (Y5), Alfie and Lily. (Rosie in reserve).

### **Parking**

Can I please remind all parents to be considerate of neighbours when parking at school, we have had a number of incidents where drives have been blocked. I am aware that it is a tricky situation but if you could please just consider where you are parking it would be much appreciated by all.

### **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**

Friends of Gretton School 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 29<sup>th</sup> of February.

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.

Bags2school will collect on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9am.**

## **Event at Postlip Hall**

*Postlip Hall hosts Lempen Puppet Theatre's beautiful 'Flotsam and Jetsam', a hopeful, adventure story about two very different creatures displaced from their respective worlds by climate change. A story of our time, visual, accessible and with delightful puppetry and original music. Suitable for everyone from 4 – 104. (Under 3s are free)*

Suitable for all the show is 45 minutes and the ticket link is [www.wegotickets.com/event/608145](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/608145)

Friday 8th March, 2024

Doors 5pm for a 5.30pm show start

# **FLOTSAM & JETSAM**

**A hopeful, adventure story about two very different characters displaced from their respective worlds by climate change.**

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| Duration:   | 45 Minutes            |
| Story:      | Lempen Puppet Theatre |
| Puppeteers: | Liz und Daniel Lempen |
| Direction:  | Mark Whitaker         |
| Music:      | Chris Davies          |

## **Social Media:**

Trailer Link: <https://youtu.be/uxs0lbarzsY>

Website: [www.lempen.co.uk](http://www.lempen.co.uk)

Facebook: [@LempenPuppetTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/LempenPuppetTheatre)

## **Lempen Puppet Theatre Company:**

Lempen Puppet Theatre Company tour their own unique brand of original stories told with puppets. Imaginative, spellbinding, surprising and sometimes bonkers, Lempen focus on puppetry, storytelling, light, music and a journey that takes the audience there and back again.

We are inspired to make theatre by Myth and Folklore, crazy characters, what makes us laugh and what we care about. We aim to produce quality productions for family audiences that connect the real world to the world of imagination.

Based in North Yorkshire, but touring nationally and internationally Liz and Daniel Lempen are also the Artistic Directors for Skipton International Puppet Festival.

## **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](mailto:head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk) or the office [admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team**

## House Point Trophy

Our winning house this week was **Cleeve** and I look forward to wearing the green tie next week. Current position is very close!

| House Name | Previous Total Number of Discs | This Week's Result | Current Total Number of Discs | Current Position |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Cleeve     | 9                              | 1st                | 13                            | =1st             |
| Langley    | 10                             | 4th                | 11                            | 4th              |
| Stanley    | 10                             | 2nd                | 13                            | =1st             |
| Sudeley    | 11                             | 3rd                | 13                            | =1st             |

## Gold Book Nominations (23.02.24)

### Robins

Bradley - for fantastic effort with his letter formation during phonics this week, we are very proud of you!

### Kingfishers

Emma - for writing an amazing explanation of the human life cycle. Well done for including lots of time adverbials.

Barney - for trying extremely hard in maths when solving word problems about money. Super job Barney!

### Owls

Sydney - to the gold book for some lovely writing using prepositions.

Will - for consistently working hard in Maths.

### Eagles

Y5 - Dougie Stephens for helping his group create a great timeline of the historical periods in ancient Greece.

Y6 - Daisy Wood for working really hard in her maths and always willing to help others.

## Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Show Good Manners

Robins - Ines - for always displaying excellent manners to grown-ups around school

Kingfishers - Ava - for always being a super friend. Ava always makes sure that everybody is involved in different games on the playground. You are a superstar Ava!

Owls – Walker - for consistently being polite and showing good manners.

Eagles – Jayden - for always being polite and showing excellent manners to every adult in school.

## TTRS Certificate –

Elsie for putting in a huge amount of effort to learn her 2 times tables.

Ollie, Lottie, Belle and Kian for practicing their times tables at least 5 times in the last week



## Spring Term 2024 Diary Dates

|                                |                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb       | Wildlife Quiz                        |
| Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb       | Cross country Fun Run – Vineyards    |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar        | Assessment Week                      |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar      | World Book Day – Fancy Dress         |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar       | Science Week                         |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar      | Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 6pm       |
| Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar       | Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 6pm       |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar       | Tag Rugby Tournament (Newlands Park) |
| <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b> | <b>End of Spring Term</b>            |