



Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



A warm welcome back for the Summer term. All of the children have turned up this week full of beans, keen to learn and looking forward to the warm weather.

We had our welcome back assembly on Tuesday and talked about our new Golden Rule focus – we listen carefully. I also completed some classroom visits to look at our routines and behaviours, which I shared with children. We were very proud of how the whole school listened to their teachers and engaged in discussion but we agreed that this term we need to focus on how well we concentrate and put effort in when we are working independently on our activities. We agreed that I can come round more often to see this in action.

GOLDEN RULE FOCUS FOR THIS HALF TERM: We Listen Carefully

Spelling updates

Over the spring term, we focussed on embedding our Literacy Tree scheme for writing which has been an overwhelming success. The children and staff have responded brilliantly to the texts and we have seen fantastic progress across the school. As such, we have started the summer term in KS2 by also teaching spelling through the Literacy Tree scheme. This programme is linked to the book that is being read in class and focusses on teaching spelling patterns and words in context. As a staff team, we have decided that we will no longer be sending spelling lists home or carrying out weekly spelling tests. The reason for this is as there is little evidence to suggest that this has a long term impact on improving children's spelling. However, we will have spelling quizzes in class during the year which will be based on the age related spellings. We will also provide, through our class pages on the website, the year groups spelling lists. This is completely for your awareness, if you would like to use them at home to support children's writing at all.

For Key Stage One, from September, we want to make a clear distinction between phonics and spelling. In September, Robins and Year 1 will learn phonics through Little Wandle; Year 2 will move on to learning spellings through Literacy Tree. We will also continue to run Little Wandle phonics booster groups for those children who have gaps in their phonics knowledge.

I hope that this all makes sense but please do let me know if you have any further questions.

Easter Egg – Sudeley Castle



A big thank you to Miss Cross who organised decorating a giant Easter Egg for the Sudeley Castle Easter Egg hunt. Here is the egg in situ, a wonderful setting for the peering eye!

Owls Isbourne River walk



Owls started off their term with an epic 7 mile walk on Monday, finding the source of the River Isbourne and following its course down to Winchcombe, before trekking all the way back to school. There were lots of smiles throughout and an outstanding attitude was shown by all to complete the distance. We were helped by some good weather and were thanking our lucky stars that the walk was on Monday rather than Tuesday! A huge well done to all the children and thank you to all parents who came along and helped - it was much appreciated.

Mr Bridges

A huge thank you to Mr Bridges, Mrs Phillips and all of our parent volunteers who took part.

Class photos

Thursday 18th April is Class photos, can all children come to school in school uniform and wear jumpers or cardigans please. Kingfishers and Robins please arrive at school in uniform but bring Forest school outfits ready to get changed after photos.

Swimming

A reminder for Owls and year 5 parents that swimming starts on Tuesday 23rd April. Please refer to your letters for details.

<https://grettonprimaryschool.ovw9.juniperwebsites.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=202&type=pdf>

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

ROBINS Cake Sale - **19th April**

We are holding a cake sale after school next **Friday 19th April** and this time it is our lovely Robins turn to bake!

Movie Nights- 26th April (KS1) and 17th May (KS2) 15:10-17:00

Fogs are holding our movie nights on 26th April and 17th May! We will be sharing more information very soon including how to book, but please save the date in your diaries.

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



NEURODIVERSE TRAINING / SUPPORT / MENTORING

by Julie Wales & Tracy Gordon

WORKSHOP DETAILS

- NEURODIVERSITY EXPLAINED
- HOW DO WE WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH NEURODIVERSITY?
- INTEROCEPTION - WHAT IS IT?
- WHY ARE INTEROCEPTION SKILLS IMPORTANT?
- PRACTICAL STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES



INFORMATION ON UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

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House Point Trophy

Our winning house this week was **Cleeve** and I look forward to wearing the **Green** tie next week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	0	1st	4	1st
Langley	0	4th	1	4th
Stanley	0	2nd	3	2nd
Sudeley	0	3rd	2	3rd

Gold Book Nominations (12.04.24)

Robins

Elijah - for fantastic enthusiasm in maths this week when naming 3D shapes.

Kingfishers

Year 1- Juno for producing some outstanding writing in English and always being independent when making corrections to her work. Well done Juno!

Year 2 - Noah for trying really hard to complete his writing tasks to an excellent standard. Well done Noah. Keep up the hard work :)

Owls

Harry for showing outstanding citizenship by, without prompting, picking up litter and disposing of it correctly on our walk. Top man!

Hamish for coming up with some great ideas in his writing to show the contrast between what a character is saying and what they are thinking. Well done!

Eagles

Y5 - Molly - for excellent focus all week and producing super work in both maths and English.

Y6 - Eddie - for always working hard and completing a great brochure on The Stonewall Inn.

Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Listen Carefully

Robins - George - for always demonstrating superb listening skills on the carpet.

Kingfishers – Amalie-Rae always listens well to instructions in class. She is a great talk partner as she listens well to her friends ideas.

Owls – Belle for consistently being ready to learn, listening to adult's advice on how to improve her work and acting upon it- you are a star!

Eagles - Lily - For always listening carefully to the adults in the classroom and getting on with her learning more effectively as a result.

TTRS Certificate –

Boys vs Girls Challenge - Who will complete the most questions correctly? Starts 12.04.24 for 1 week!

Ollie, Alfie and Jack for completing the most amount of sessions in the past week.

Summer Term 2024 Diary Dates

Weds 17 th April -	FOGs Meeting – Royal Oak
Thurs 18 th April –	Class Photos
Tues 23 rd April -	Swimming Y3, Y4 and Y5 start Tewkesbury Tag Rugby Tournament
Weds 24 th April -	Y5 Matilda performance – Winchcombe School
Tues 7 th May -	Mini tennis tournament – Tewkesbury School
Mon 13 th May -	SATs Week
Mon 20 th May -	Bellboating practice
Weds 22 nd May -	Robins new starter meeting – 6pm
Fri 24th May -	Last day of half term
Mon 3rd June -	Inset
Tues 4 th June -	Term Starts
Weds 5 th June -	Cricket tournament – Tewkesbury C.C
Tues 11 th June -	In The Net Y4 – Isbourne Valley
Mon 17 th June -	Y6 Bikeability
Tues 18 th June -	Tewkesbury Athletics – Tewkesbury School 6pm – 8:30pm
Weds 19 th June -	Stanway Rounders 5:30pm – 7pm
Mon 24 th June -	HSBC class talks
Weds 26 th June -	Kingfisher Slimbridge Trip
Thurs 27 th June –	Bellboating Regatta
Tues 2 nd July -	PC Curtis in to see Eagles
Fri 19th July -	End of Year