



Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you once again for all of your support this week, it is always valued and appreciated by the Gretton Primary School community.

Year 5 enjoyed a performance of Matilda at Winchcombe Secondary school, we started our swimming sessions and some Year 6 pupils took part in a tag rugby tournament. Mr Stinchcombe was able to have a look at the brilliant writing in action across the school and Mrs Dodd completed a session of her new Mental Health Champion Award. The team has also been busy updating our curriculum pages on the website to accurately share with all what we are doing at the moment and what we will be doing in the future.

Next week we are very excited to start our school equivalent to the London Marathon. In school we will be taking part in a mini-marathon where over the course of 2 weeks we will complete 2.6 miles of a playground course. At the end of the event the children will receive a certificate and the school will get a trophy at the end of the year.



We are also very fortunate to welcome another student to the school, Mrs Perry will be working in Owls class over the next few weeks, please say hello if you see her on the playground as she starts her final placement of her PGCE course.

GOLDEN RULE FOCUS FOR THIS HALF TERM: We Listen Carefully

Swimming

A big thankyou to our Owls and Year 5 parents, the children were all raring to go this week and had everything they needed. A very proud team of Mr Bridges, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Phillips returned and said that the children had been excellent in not just their behaviour but also their approach to giving things a go. We had lots of positive and happy children return to school. A reminder that we will be continuing swimming on a Tuesday morning for those groups.

The pool staff have kindly requested that children do not wear rash vests, especially baggy ones, unless there is a particular reason for doing so. They are not very helpful for the children's swimming in a pool. Please speak to Mr Bridges if you have any queries / concerns regarding this.

Tag Rugby

What an event! I was a very proud Headteacher on Tuesday afternoon as a team of Year 6's took on the rest of Tewkesbury at Tewkesbury Rugby Club. Whilst it was not a competitive tournament I could not help but keep score and we finished with 5 wins and 2 losses, which was an amazing result in the face of some brilliant opposition. Dougie was our player of the tournament for his resilience, effort and teamwork but it could so easily have been any of the children. They were superb in both their teamwork, respect and behaviour so a big thank you and well done to -

Alfie, Jake, Daisy, Morgan, Beatrice, Dougie, Sarah and Jack.

And a big thank you to the parents who supported our event as well as the children who came to cheer us on.

Matilda Performance

This Wednesday Year 5 and I were very fortunate to be invited along to Winchcombe Secondary School to watch their students perform Matilda. I am sure the children will agree with me that the Y7-Y9 pupils put on an absolutely fantastic, well-polished show which made us all laugh and sing. Miss Trunchbull was so fantastic that even I was a bit scared!!



I must say how proud I am of our Gretton pupils. From the moment we arrived, to the moment we left, their behaviour was impeccable and their manners absolutely spot on. They were all superstars and represented our school perfectly.
Well done Year 5!

Mrs Sollis

Latin

At Gretton Primary School we have chosen to teach Latin in KS2, starting in the Autumn term 2024, because of the rich opportunities that come with learning this ancient language. As well as being a fascinating language in its own right, knowledge of Latin helps to develop literacy skills. Through Latin, children develop their knowledge of spelling and vocabulary through learning Latin roots of English words and deepen their understanding of grammar. Alongside language learning, the study of Roman and Greek civilisations aids cultural literacy, encourages cultural insights and gives opportunities for wide-ranging thinking across many linked subjects (including history, philosophy, art, maths and science).

Through our Latin curriculum we aim to ensure the pupils have the opportunity to meet the national curriculum requirements as follows:

Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.

Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.

Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.

Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.

Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.

Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.

Write phrases from memory and adapt these to create new sentences to express ideas clearly.

Describe people, places, things and actions in writing.

Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.

Staffing

As part of our preparation for the 2024/25 academic year, we are working on which class adults will be working in. As part of this development, we will be advertising a 3 day a week teaching position that you will see on the vacancy noticeboards. We will announce later in the term the plans for next academic year and where necessary will hold parent meetings to discuss.

Charity Run

Daisy in Year 5 is taking part in the muddy Race for Life on the 29th June to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to contribute to this great cause please follow this link –

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/daisys-race-for-life-14074230>

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.

Village update

Gretton Village Events for your diary:

8th June – The popular “Walk for the Park” is being held again to raise money for the facilities in Gretton Playing Field. This sponsored walk has various routes from the “Extreme 30 mile” to the “Family 2 mile” and this year will include activities for the children on the Family route. The day will close with a bouncy castle, food and drink at the Hall. More details to follow.

13th July – Grand opening of the new Play Equipment and Village Fete. This event will commence at 2pm with the opening of the new Play Area by the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire and be followed by stalls, activities and refreshments throughout the afternoon. The FOGS team are actively involved so please offer your support.

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

In our house points assembly it was very close again, but our winning house this week was **Cleeve** and I look forward to wearing the **Green** tie for the week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	5	1st	9	1st
Langley	5	4th	6	4th
Stanley	5	2nd	8	2nd
Sudeley	5	3rd	7	3rd

Gold Book Nominations (26.04.24)

Robins

Jude - for being a kind and enthusiastic new member of Robins Class and producing some fantastic writing this week!

Kingfishers

Y1- Amalie-Rae for her amazing writing in English this week. Well done for trying your very best with your punctuation!

Y2- Archie for trying so hard to solve different word problems independently in maths. Keep up the super work!

Owls

Walker (Y3) and Tommylee (Y4) for consistently working hard in Guided Reading and supporting each other - you are both being great learning partners - well done!

Eagles

Y5 - Evie - For demonstrating perseverance and resilience with swimming this week.

Y6 - Daisy W - Great sportsmanship in PE learning handball this week and also for performing brilliantly at the tag rugby tournament.

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

Robins - Ines

Kingfishers – Flo

Owls – Sydney

Eagles - Wren

TTRS Certificate –

Milo, Kian and Ollie for your efforts in playing TT Rock Stars every day this week!

Summer Term 2024 Diary Dates

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 3 rd June -	INSET
Tues 4th 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
Sat 13 th July -	Village fete and opening of new play area
Fri 19th July -	End of Year