



Friday 3rd May 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.

An eventful week (and not just with the changeable weather), we had Owl's trip which was a huge success so thank you to Mr Bridges, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Dodd, as well as Mrs Patterson who volunteered to help; we also had huge success at the Wildlife quiz and Year 6 have been working hard preparing themselves for SATs in two weeks time.

Mrs Perry has settled in brilliantly and has made an instant positive impact in Owls class which is very exciting for the next few weeks!

A reminder that Monday is a bank holiday and so there will be no school, we will see you all even more refreshed on Tuesday morning. Have a wonderful long weekend.

GOLDEN RULE FOCUS FOR THIS HALF TERM: We Listen Carefully

Mini Marathon



Due to various weather and logistical issues we have changed how we will complete the Mini-Marathon. On Wednesday 8th May we would like all children to come to school in their PE kits with water bottles, we will then go over to the field (weather permitting) and take part in an afternoon mini-marathon, we will set a number of laps for each class and also have an overall lap winner/s from each year group. All children will receive a certificate and we will also have celebratory squash and biscuits back at school. Fingers crossed for the nice weather promised on Wednesday afternoon.

Wildlife Quiz

On Tuesday afternoon I had the pleasure of watching Rosie, Alfie, Wren and Dougie compete in the second round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's Nature Quiz against Warden Hill. Despite coming up against some incredibly knowledgeable pupils in the opposing team, our brilliant team managed to progress to the next round by ½ a point. There were some very difficult questions and the children showed an expert level of knowledge of British wildlife. Well Done!

Mr Stinchcombe

Owls Trip

We had a great day visiting the Wilson Museum yesterday and then going to the theatre to watch *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. Owls' behaviour was fantastic throughout and we were very proud of all of the children.

Particular highlights were trying on some of the clothing from the Antarctic expeditions, trying to replicate some of Edward Wilson's amazing nature sketches (ours were equally fabulous!)

thought!) and being showered with snow at the end of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe production.

Huge thanks to Mrs Patterson for letting me know about the production and for helping out on the day!

Mr Bridges

Sickness

A reminder for parents that if your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea it is at least 48 hours from their last episode until they can return to school. The link below offers guidance and clarity on the expectations around ill health and school.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

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.

FOGS update



Thanks to those who came to our first movie night last week. The children really seemed to enjoy it! We would love any feedback on this (friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com) so we can improve the next one on 17th May for KS2.

Look out for raffle tickets in book bags next week for our Summer Raffle! There are some great prizes including The Ivy Cheltenham, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Lessons at Glos Ski Slopes, High Ropes and loads more!

The draw will take place on 13th June.

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

Our winning house this week was **Langley** and I look forward to wearing the **Red** tie for the week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	9	3rd	11	=1st
Langley	6	1st	10	2nd
Stanley	8	2nd	11	=1st
Sudeley	7	4th	8	4th

Gold Book Nominations (03.05.24)

Robins

George - for great success when writing a sentence independently this week!

Kingfishers

Year 1 - Ronnie for creating some fantastic art at Forest School.

Year 2 - Kai for doing some excellent writing this week in English..

Owls

The whole of Owls class for their exemplary behaviour when representing the school on trips out. This has now been commented on by the swimming teachers, the coach driver from our trip and the museum staff. Well done everyone - it makes us very proud!

Eagles

Y5 - Daisy - superb handwriting and excellent written work, creating a newspaper report.

Y6 - Jake - For frequently offering really good suggestions during class discussions.

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

Robins - Quinn

Kingfishers – Tilly

Owls – Harry

Eagles - Jayden

TTRS Certificate –

Abel S – Y3 for outstanding effort in playing TT Rock Stars this week.

Summer Term 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 13th May - SATs Week
Mon 20th May - Bellboating practice
Weds 22nd May - Robins new starter meeting – 6pm
Fri 24th May - Last day of half term

Mon 3rd June - INSET
Tues 4th June - Term Starts
Weds 5th June - Cricket tournament – Tewkesbury C.C
Tues 11th June - In The Net Y4 – Isbourne Valley
Mon 17th June - Y6 Bikeability
Tues 18th June - Tewkesbury Athletics – Tewkesbury School 6pm – 8:30pm
Weds 19th June - Stanway Rounders 5:30pm – 7pm
Mon 24th June - HSBC class talks
Weds 26th June - Kingfisher Slimbridge Trip
Thurs 27th June – Bellboating Regatta
Tues 2nd July - PC Curtis in to see Eagles
Weds 3rd July - Sports day
Fri 5th July - Reports to parents
Sat 13th July - Village fete and opening of new play area
Fri 19th July - End of Year