



Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week Year 1 and some pupils in Year 2 have done an excellent job of completing their Phonics Screening Check with Miss Cross, she was very impressed with their maturity and the amount of effort the children put in. I was very lucky to take Year 4 to the 'In the Net' production at Isbourne Valley, a very insightful and fun way to talk about internet safety, the children were a credit to the school throughout their visit and were a great audience. The children had their last swimming lesson and enjoyed themselves immensely, their ability is excellent and next year we will be looking to see what swimming events we will be able to enter.

Following on from my letter regarding next year's plans below are a couple of clarifications –

Mrs Penson

Mrs Penson will sadly be leaving us at the end of the year, she has secured a job working at Bishops Cleeve for September. All of us here would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Penson for the hard work, dedication and support she has provided this year, not just in the progress made in Kingfishers but also the fantastic feedback from Ofsted about Maths. Good luck Mrs Penson.

Classroom changes

There has been a couple of enquiries around room changes, so I thought it was best to address them here. The reason for the room changes are as follows –

Firstly, it was not my preference to have our younger children outside – separate from the school but also with a walk to and from the toilets. The move to the indoor classroom allows the younger children to be zoned as a Reception and KS1. It allows the children easier access to the toilets, no external cloakroom and better access to the hall for lunches and assembly.

Secondly, the split between Year 3 and 4 required two classrooms adjacent to each other hence using the Elliot building and finally our Eagles class being the most grown up can handle the stairs and the upstairs classroom.

In the future we are pulling together plans and costings for replacing the Elliot building outside with two modern eco – classrooms which will provide outstanding provision and facilities to a class and interventions.

My teaching role

In order to ensure the progress and success of our children there were costly plans put in place, to try and mitigate some of these for the benefit of the whole school it is necessary that I go back in to class two days a week. At the moment I am already teaching half a day, whilst this is an increase and will mean I have two roles; we have worked tirelessly to establish a wonderful team. My teaching days will be Monday and Tuesday; on these days the team will cooperate on various aspects of the SLT roles. However, I can reassure parents that my commitment to both roles will

be clear and neither will be impacted by the other. Throughout the year we will be reviewing options to try and evolve the role where we can.

Once again, thank you for your positive and kind words about how hard we are working, please feel free to talk to me at any point if you have any questions.

GOLDEN RULE FOCUS FOR THIS HALF TERM: We Are Honest

Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 have cycling proficiency starting on Monday, can I please remind Year 6 parents to bring their bikes and helmets in to school on Monday morning. Thank you.

Sports Day

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day in a few weeks' time on Wednesday 3rd July. I just wanted to provide you with a few details to help you plan for this special event.

Sports Day will begin from around 1pm and will finish by 3pm. The children will then be walked back to school for collection as usual at 3.10pm. We would kindly ask that you refrain from collecting your children straight from the field as this makes keeping track of all the children much more difficult.

The children will compete in small groups, within their houses, in a carousel of activities for the first hour (siblings will be put in the same group) before taking part in individual races against children in their classes. We would encourage you to follow your child round and cheer them and their team along during the carousel of activities before taking your place in the spectators' area to watch the races.

Children will need to come dressed on the day in a t-shirt in the colour of their house group.

Finally, we would also welcome any volunteers to help out with supervising a few of the activities. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Mr Bridges

Paris Olympics

To celebrate the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we are encouraging families to get active and embark on a virtual journey to Paris with us!

Path to Paris uses the inspiration of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, to challenge children across the country to virtually travel to Paris by getting active. Starting from Athens, the birthplace of the modern Olympic Games, children will get active and virtually travel kilometres to power their team bus around the world. Path to Paris also award prizes to active teams! They run a regular prize draw where they randomly select a team who have logged activity during the period. So even more reason to get moving, do more and have fun!

Dancing in the kitchen, after school clubs, walking in the park or playing tag - it all counts towards our journey to Paris! After getting active, you can log your activity to our team via the website using our team pin. Every minute logged will automatically be converted into virtual kilometres. Our progress can be tracked via the Team Tracker page or the Dashboard.

Visit [Get Set | Path to Paris - Log Activity](#), enter our unique code: 1234 and then select Gretton Primary School to start logging your activity!

Any questions, please speak to Miss Cross

Mental health

As adults, we are much more aware nowadays about Mental Health and the impact it has on our daily lives. As teachers we know first-hand the impact mental health struggles can have on a daily basis, lesson basis and in friendships. Below is a poster and link to an app which supports children with low to moderate anxiety, fully funded for all by Gloucestershire families. The app works through a series of games and gives advice about how to manage anxiety and worry. Scan the QR code and work through the games with your child where they have voiced concerns or you are worried about their anxiety and work together on strategies to help engage and reduce their worries.



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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

A **BIG** thank you to those of you who bought raffle tickets - we raised a total of **£478** which will help pay for the new Reading Nook for the children. A **HUGE** thank you to the companies that donated (which include some wonderful parents from school), we couldn't have done it without you!

Here are the list of winners, prizes will be handed out next week at school:

270 High Ropes, Bentham - Lesson for up to 2 - Ken Bird

Batsford Arboretum - Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) - Joanna Townsend

Birdland - Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) - Sarah Branfield

Cheltenham Town FC - 4 tickets to a home game plus football shirt - Emma Sollis

Cotswold Utopia - 60 Minute Facial - Laura Cross

Cotswold Wildlife Park - Family ticket - Paul Hargreaves
 Escape Rooms - £20 voucher - Kathy Evans
 Gifford Circus - Goodie bag - Ruth Townsend
 Gloucestershire Railway - Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) - J Mico
 Jockey Club - 2 Race day tickets (excluding Festival week) - Gemma Proctor
 Cheltenham Lido - Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) - Kate Stebbing
 Motor Museum - Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) - Sarah Smith
 Puzzlewood Forest of Dean - Ticket for 1 adult and 1 child - Amy Harper
 Rococo Gardens - Family ticket (2 adults 3 children) - Joy Mitchell
 Roses Theatre - 2 Tickets to watch a film - Julie Bray
 Royal Oak - Fish and Chips for 2 - Gemma Steve
 Ski Slopes - 2 Skiing Lessons - Kathy Evans
 Slimbridge - 2 children's vouchers - Sarah Branfield
 Sudeley Castle - Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) - Peter Sollis
 The Ivy Cheltenham - Afternoon Tea for 2 - Natalie Murphy
 The Pheasant Inn - £20 voucher - Ken Bird
 The Topsy Egg - Tea and cake for 2 - Rosie Patterson
 Webbs - £10 voucher - Kathy Evans
 Winchcombe Flower Man - Bouquet of flowers - Adam Griffiths
 Winchcombe Indian - £20 voucher - Jacqui White
 Ye Olde Hobnails Inn - £20 voucher - S Bright Kloos

Gretton Village Events for your diary:

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	3	1 st	7	=1 st
Langley	4	2 nd	7	=1 st
Stanley	2	4 th	3	=3 rd
Sudeley	1	3 rd	3	=3 rd

Gold Book Nominations (14.06.24)

Robins

Bradley - for having a fantastic week and showing great enthusiasm and effort in all of our learning. We were particularly impressed with his progress in blending this week! Well done, Bradley!

Kingfishers

Y1 - Harlee for trying extremely hard in her reading. Well done Harlee 😊

Y2 - Barney for producing some excellent writing this week. Keep up the great work Barney 😊

Owls

Y3 - Kian has worked hard in Maths this week and has demonstrated a very good understanding when tackling problems about angles and turns. Well done.

Y4 - Toby has proven to be an extremely helpful learning partner in recent weeks and has also produced a lovely response to our end of unit writing task.

Eagles

Y5 - Bella - for superb independent maths skills and for constantly challenging herself.

Y6 - Eddie - for some great writing describing what it would be like to see a mythical whale creature.

Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Are Honest

Robins - John

Kingfishers – Kai

Owls – Kieran

Eagles - Daisy

TTRS Certificate – Olivia, Ollie and Tommylee.

Summer Term 2024 Diary Dates

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
Weds 3 rd July -	Sports day
Fri 5 th July -	Reports to parents
Sat 13 th July -	Village fete and opening of new play area
Mon 15 th July -	Y6 Treat Day – Ice Quest
Fri 19th July -	End of Year