



Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back! What an amazing start to the year, the school is absolutely buzzing with excitement. The new classrooms are working well and the children have settled in quickly. I have been particularly impressed with the two ends of the school. Robins have made an amazingly confident start and have already attended whole school assemblies and Eagles have shown outstanding maturity and settled really quickly to set the standard to the rest of the school. Once again I am reminded of what a huge honour it is to be able to lead such a wonderful school and be part of such a positive community. A huge thank you to staff and parents for preparing and supporting the children so well.

Welcome to Mrs Perry who has made an excellent start to her teaching career as well, a very exciting future ahead!

New pupils

As a team we have decided to add a section to welcome new pupils to the school community.

A warm welcome to our whole Robins class – Austin, Charlotte, Isabel, Monty, Sonny, Natalia, Pearl-Rose, Joseph, Seren, Albie, Frankie and Rylee.

Also a warm welcome to Elliot and Freya (Year 3) and Emmalyne (Year 5), who have settled in incredibly quickly.

New Class Information

Along with this newsletter will be the class letters from each teacher detailing as much information as possible, copies of these will be added to the class pages of the website. We have arranged class meetings for next week, see dates below. Whilst I know this is short notice we are very aware that we want to give you as much information as early as possible. To support those parents who may not be able to attend the PowerPoints for each class will be added to the class pages along with the topic webs by the end of next week, and as always if you have any questions or improvements please feel free to contact me directly.

Robins – 13th September at pick up (1:10pm)
Kingfishers – 12th September at pick up (3:10pm)
Owls – 10th September at pick up (3:10pm)
Eagles – 9th September at pick up (3:10pm)

Year 6 will also have a follow up meeting to prepare for SATs on 19th September where Winchcombe School will be present to talk about the Year 7 option available.

Homework

This year we have adapted our plan for home work, the expectation from each class is that there will be reading homework each week and that reading records help us to track children's reading opportunities.

For maths, there is a homework book that accompanies the White Rose Scheme that we deliver. Homework is obviously a contentious issue across all schools therefore we would like to give parents the choice, below is a link to the homework book for the year that you can purchase for £4.99 – this matches exactly the teaching in school and can be brought into school for marking when completed or marked at home. This should allow you to track your children's progress and identify areas of support which can help at parents' evenings. This is by no means us handing over responsibility but puts the power back into your hands to support your children how best fits your family dynamic. If there are any problems with purchasing the book please let me know and we will support you as best we can.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/white-rose-maths/s?k=white+rose+maths>

Finally, there may be ad hoc home work for holidays or projects that we will communicate via Showbie. Thank you for your continued support as we develop the best systems.

Clubs

We will this year be offering 2 paid for clubs with active sports on a Wednesday and Thursday which covers the whole school, these will begin week beginning 9th September and can be booked via this link –

<https://sport-active-camps.classforkids.io/>

Further updates on clubs will be offered later in the term, in the first instance with the changes across school we will be offering the paid clubs and Young Voices club until half term.

Early Birds Update

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8am to 8:30am every morning. Please continue to pay in the usual way via ParentPay and pay £3 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.

Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a reliable, caring and enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor to join our friendly team. We are looking for someone who can promote positive relationships, play opportunities and support pupil wellbeing during the lunch break. You should be able to demonstrate a calm and warm personality, show initiative and be a positive role model for children. The main duties include preparing the dining area, supervising the children while they eat their lunches and play outside and dealing with any minor first aid issues. The post is for 7.5 hours per week 11.45am – 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only. Job share opportunities are available so we would still like to hear from you if you are interested in 2 or 3 sessions a week. Please visit the school website via the "About Us – Vacancies" tabs to access the standard application form and a Job Description. Completed application forms should be e-mailed to: admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk.

Gretton Village Events for your diary:

Apple Rock 2024

Gretton Village Association and FOGS are pleased to announce that Apple Rock will be held this year on 5th October. This annual event aims to bring the community together with fun, games, food and music. The event will start at 3pm this year - we hope to see everyone there! More details will follow next week but if you would like to get involved in anyway, please reach out to FOGS either in the playground or on friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com or the Gretton Village Association via Facebook

The Gretton Hub will be open in the Village Hall this Sunday between 10 - 12.30.

Come along and enjoy breakfast and a chat. There is table tennis, kids activities and a book swap. It's all free of charge.



Hi there, my name is Martin Smith and I am a local resident of Winchcombe. I have been very fortunate that through my work I have been given the opportunity to join a team of amazing individuals undertaking a charity trek up Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak at 19,341 feet.

Our aims are to raise thousands of pounds for Birmingham Children's Hospital; to help the well-being of young lives, and to provide vital support for medical care, research, and resources, leaving an enduring legacy that will benefit generations for years to come.

The support the NHS has given my family over the last 10 years has been beyond amazing. Our children Hamish and Peggy wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for the fantastic consultants and staff at Oxford and Gloucester hospitals. More recently Dundee Hospital and Maggie's helped my Dad navigate life with cancer.

This is going to be my way of saying thank you.

To help raise money I am organising a local Kili For Kids Ceilidh at Postlip Tithe Barn on Saturday the 5th of October. If you would like to join us please see further information on the event poster. Equally if you would like to give a donation please use the following link to access my [Just Giving Page](#).

Thanks, Martin



THE KILI FOR KIDS CEILIDH 2024
All profits to go to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

supporting Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity
Doing more for sick kids

POSTLIP TITHE BARN WINCHCOMBE
5th OCTOBER
ADULTS ONLY, 7.30pm-11.30pm
SCOTTISH DANCING, RAFFLE PRIZES, FOOD, BAR
TICKETS £15 PER PERSON

Contact: Sarah on 07788602095 or Martin on 07557131179



Gloucestershire
Wildlife Trust

TEWKESBURY
NATURE RESERVE



NHS

Nature Nurtures

2024



Connecting children with nature to
improve their wellbeing



Activities include nature art,
foraging, birding,
mindfulness, wildlife games,
making dens and more.

Nature Nurtures aims to
help anxious children with
low self-esteem to promote
confidence, positive mental
health and reduce anxiety.



Tewkesbury
Nature Reserve

Eight Saturday sessions
every week -
7th September to 26th
October. FREE - booking
essential.

Ages 5-8: 9.45am-12.30pm.
Ages 9-11: 1.45-4.30pm.

Contact Georgie to discuss and book: 07485321730
georgina.hoare@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Registered Charity Number 227280

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 – To be started at the end of week 2

Gold Book Nominations (06.09.24)

Robins

All of Robins for settling in so beautifully.

Kingfishers

Y1 – Quinn for making an excellent start to Year 1, challenging himself to make predictions about Humpty Dumpty in our reading comprehension lessons. Well done.

Y2 – Emma for settling in beautifully into Year 2. Emma has tried really hard this week to push herself in maths lessons and has made great progress. Great work.

Owls

Y3 - Elliot for settling in so well to life at Gretton, working hard and being such a good listener.

Y4 - Holy for some excellent writing with well-formed sentences and good explanations. Great work Holy!

Eagles

Y5 - Emmalyne - for making a fantastic start in her new school, making new friends and completing her work to a high standard.

Y6 - Nina - For making a superb start to the year and for creating some fantastic writing from the perspective of Leila, from the story Leila and the Blue Fox.

Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Are Kind and Respectful

Robins – Starting next week

Kingfishers – Olivia

Owls – Sydney

Eagles - Ava

AutumnTerm 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 9 th Sept	Sport Active Camp Clubs start this week Eagles class meeting
Tues 10 th Sept	Owls class meeting
Thurs 12 th Sept	Kingfishers class meeting
Fri 13 th Sept	Robins class meeting – 1:10pm
Mon 16 th Sept	Robins start full-time
Thu 19 th Sept	Winchcombe Secondary to see Eagles parents and SATs (6pm)
Mon 30 th Sept	Start of Book Fair Meeting of the Governing Body
Mon 14 th Oct	Flu immunisations
Weds 23 rd Oct	Parents invited to visit classrooms after school
Thu 24 th Oct	Last day of term for children
Fri 25th Oct	Inset
Mon 4 th Nov	Start of Term 2 Parents' Evening week (dates and times TBC)
Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Tues 12 th Nov	"Life Education" activities in school today
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term 2 for pupils (1:30pm Finish)
Mon 6 th Jan	Start of Term 3