



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been another exciting week. Kingfishers have started learning the violin; Owls have been getting used to their new classrooms; Eagles have been enjoying their new Literacy tree book and Robins have had a great week staying for lunches. We have been joined by a University of Worcester student in Owls – Miss Goodman and also an apprentice from Move More who will be with us on a Thursday in Owls – Charlie Hince. We were also able to invite Lucy Buckland in this week from Primary Quest who will be supporting us and Oakhill over the course of the year.

Parent meetings were very well attended and I appreciate your support in ensuring that we start the year in the right way. Do not hesitate to contact me if there are any suggestions or further questions.

Clubs

The clubs letter will be sent today to KS2 children. I am aware that there is no offer this half term for KS1 staff clubs. This will be offered in Autumn term 2 as we continue to develop our clubs and we are able to extend our provision.

Eagles' Showbie

There has not been many Eagles parents sign up to Showbie as yet, the code is *HUTGR*. If you are having problems please let Mr Stinchcombe know.

Forest school

The plan is now finalised for Forest School and we would like to thank Mrs Wycherley for once again supporting us this year. We start next Thursday with Robins in the morning and Kingfishers in the afternoon. Owls will be under our newly qualified Forest school lead Mr Bridges who will inform you separately. Can we please ensure that children are in the correct, weather appropriate clothing for these sessions to get the most out of them. Thank you.

Ground force day

In anticipation of open mornings and driving the school forward I would like to ask for your support. On Saturday 9th November I am looking for any parents that might be available to help tidy the playground and bits and pieces around the school. I will produce a sign-up sheet closer to the time but if you could mark this date if you would like to help it would be much appreciated.

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 homework for holidays or projects that we will communicate via Showbie. Thank you for your continued support as we develop the best systems.

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.

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 Kill For Kids Celidh 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
Childrens 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

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, but 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		2 nd	3	2 nd
Langley		1 st	4	1 st
Stanley		3 rd	2	3 rd
Sudeley		4 th	1	4 th

Gold Book Nominations (13.09.24)

Robins

Austin - for being a really fantastic helper around the classroom, especially when tidying up.

Kingfishers

Y1-

Tabitha – for really good listening and always putting her best effort into starting each task. Great work!

Y2 –

Harlee – For trying her very best in writing this week and producing some beautiful work about teddy bears at the beach. Well done Harlee!

Owls

Y3 - Barney - For working hard to put inverted commas into his writing to show dialogue between two characters.

Y4 - Abel S for his hard work and joining in well with discussions around our class reading books for reading and writing. Great work Abel!

Eagles

Y5 - Nuala - A great start to year 5, always being on-task and always offering her own ideas to class discussions.

Y6 Ava - for working really hard all week, contributing some great suggestions to the whole class and improving her presentation too.

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

Robins – Izzy

Kingfishers – Ollie

Owls – Kai

Eagles - Christina

AutumnTerm 2024 Diary Dates

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 7 th Oct	Harvest festival (Recorded and shared on Showbie)
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)
Sat 9 th Nov	Ground force day
Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri 15 th Nov	Open Morning
Weds 20 th Nov	Open Morning
Weds 4 th Dec	Open Morning
Fri 6 th Dec	"Life Education" activities
Mon 16 th Dec	Christmas performance (Robins and Kingfishers) 2:15pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas performance (Robins and Kingfishers) 10am
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term 2 for pupils (1:30pm Finish)
Mon 6 th Jan	Start of Term 3
Thurs 30 th Jan	Y6 height and weight measurements