



Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another wonderful week despite the weather, thank you for all of the lovely comments that have been passed to me by the staff and parents. Any visitors to the school this week, of which there has been a few, have been really impressed with the behaviour and manners our children have shown and we are super proud of them for that. The school has come a long way in a year and we are looking forward to the changes we are making leading up to January and then the positive impact Primary QuEST will have after January, thank you as always for your continued

support.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the first 4 weeks has been 96.6%, whilst this is above expectations it is only just and will dip below quite easily for any bouts of illness. Please can you ensure that children are here for registration; lates count towards this figure and it is monitored by the local authority and regularly checked. A letter regarding national attendance changes is coming out with this newsletter.

Healthy Snacks

Can I please remind you that snacks brought into school need to be a healthy piece of fruit or similar, recently we have had sweets and crisps and this is not suitable for school.

Book Fair 2024



Our annual book fair has arrived! Last year, you spent a whopping £645.71 which meant that, thanks to you, our school was given £258.28 to spend on books for our class libraries! We will be opening the fair today after school in the hall and it will continue the following Monday and Tuesday. The preferred method of payment is to pay online using your card. Like last year, there

will be QR codes around the hall to scan and pay online. Please check that we have received confirmation of your payment with a member of staff before leaving the hall. We can accept cash but please note that we will need it to be the exact amount as we may not be able to offer change. We only receive a select number of copies but if there is a particular book that you require then please let me know and I can order it to be delivered to school for you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Cross

PSHE

The scheme that we use in school to teach personal, social and health education is called SCARF. SCARF is designed to help children be their best – physically, mentally, emotionally and academically – through the SCARF values of **Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship**. This term our whole school unit is called 'Me and My Relationships.' The children are exploring feelings and emotions, developing skills to manage conflict and identifying people who are special to them. They are also learning to recognise the qualities of healthy friendships and how to manage them.

SCARF also offer ideas to help support your child at home. SCARF at Home gives you tried and tested activities to help children keep happy and healthy and supports your child's work at school. With SCARF at Home, you can continue the learning and have fun together! Please click [here](#) to find some fun and free activities related to this terms unit.

Mrs Dodd

FOGS

Year Group Cake Sales

Last year, we arranged cake sales for each year group, which worked so well and the children raised a huge £535 for the school! 🙌 We will start these up again next Friday, kicking off with Eagles, followed by Owls on 8th November. We'll confirm dates for Kingfishers and for Robins at the beginning of the new year. The class who raise the most money wins a prize! (This is worked out per child and not per class so it is fair to Robins!)

Eagles - Next Friday 4th October

Please can Eagles bring in cakes (homemade or bought) next Friday morning and drop them off in the main hall.

Everyone is welcome so please come along to the cake sale after school next week! £1 per cake (cash or cards accepted)

*** Freezer wanted! ***

FOGS are already thinking ahead to next years ice cream sales and are on the hunt for a small freezer. Do you have one you are planning to get rid of or know of anyone else locally? If so, please do let us know!

FOGS email: friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com

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

There is just over a week to go until this years Apple Rock event, the weather is looking good so fingers crossed it will be another amazing year! There are lots of things planned for the day, including games, races, apple smashing, live music, bar and bbq, as well as a Rodeo Bull competition for adults and children, with the first ever “Apple Cup” being awarded to the champion!

All children will be designing an autumnal poster this week at school, with the prize for the winner announced on the day! There will also be a prize for the best Apple bake - you can make a pie, tart, crumble, cake - the options are endless as long as it includes apples - bring it with you on the day. Mr Sallis will be there on the day to sample all the creations and to choose a winner, before the bakes can be taking home for a donation.

All monies raised from Apple Rock, including from the games, bar and food are shared between Gretton School PTA and the Gretton Village Association, so please come and help us raise as much money as possible. This year, FOGs are funding the Reading Nook and GVA are raising money to improve the facilities available at the Hall and Playing Field!

We are still looking for teddy donations for the teddy tombola - if you have good quality soft toys going spare, please leave in the school lobby by next Wednesday pick up!

See you on the 5th October, fun starts from 3pm and don't forget to bring your apples!!!

Free School Meals funding

Did you know that 'Free School Meals' doesn't just mean free school meals for your child? Any parent can apply for this funding and, for anyone eligible, the school receives additional funding, known as Pupil Premium funding, which enhances provision and improves progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal. This includes parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who get universal free school meals when in these year groups.

To find out if you're eligible, please go to -

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

You will receive an instant response. If you're told that you are eligible, please screenshot the page and email it to the office.


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.

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



APPLE ROCK



MUSIC-FOOD-FUN

GRETTON VILLAGE HALL

5 OCTOBER, 2024

- BAR & BBQ FROM 3PM • TEA & CAKE TENT •
- LIVE MUSIC FROM THE MASHERS STARTS 6.30PM •
- APPLE SMASHING - BRING YOUR APPLES & CONTAINERS •
- TEDDY TOMBOLA • APPLE BOBBING • GLITTER TATTOOS •
- APPLE PICKING RELAY RACE • APPLE PIE BAKE OFF •

☆ PLUS RODEO BULL RIDING COMPETITION ☆

3PM TILL LATE
FREE ENTRY!



House Point Trophy

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

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

Gold Book Nominations (27.09.24)

Robins

Albie - for showing great perseverance and determination when practising his cutting skills this week!

Kingfishers

Y1 - Elijah – Elijah has demonstrated excellent listening skills this week and has really pushed himself in his written work about Jim and the Beanstalk, using conjunctions. Well done Elijah!

Y2 - Ava – Ava is not only kind to others but has also produced some lovely writing this week. Ava always tries her very best and this has resulted in some great work to read. Great job Ava!

Owls

Y3 - Robyn for writing a fantastic biography using conjunctions, descriptions and interesting information.

Y4 – Penelope for an outstanding biography based upon the class text – The Matchbox Diary. Well done!

Eagles

Y5 - Hamish - always a massive helper and many teachers have been really impressed with his effort and attitude this week.

Y6 - Bella - Someone who has always worked hard in Eagles and has been a fantastic role model at the top of school since starting in Y6.

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

Robins – Lottie

Kingfishers – Tilly

Owls – Gwen

Eagles - Grace

Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 30 th Sept	Start of Book Fair Meeting of the Governing Body
Sat 5 th Oct	Apple Rocks
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 6th Jan	Start of Term 3
Thurs 30 th Jan	Y6 height and weight measurements