



Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been incredibly busy and an absolute joy. We have had scarecrow making (a very good likeness, I think, by Eagles and a big thank you to Mrs Fowler who supported the children and managed the straw!), lots of harvest singing practice and the very exciting book fair. Staff have also been busy this week with Mrs Sollis attending a Young Voices day, Mr



Bridges leading Forest School, Mrs Perry visiting Primary Quest Schools and Miss Cross leading the book fair. I have also spent the week monitoring behaviours and attitudes around school and it has been a lovely opportunity to celebrate the hardwork and endeavour of the last 13 months, and also to say a big thank you to the staff, parents and children who have supported the school in achieving such a positive learning environment and attitudes so quickly.

School Council

We have democratically elected our new school council for the year; who will have their first meeting next week –

- Year 1 – Arlo
- Year 2 – Hugo
- Year 3 – Florence
- Year 4 – Belle
- Year 5 – Effie
- Year 5 – Toby

To select the children in year 6 the interested parties gave a presentation to their class and teachers. Bella, Nina, Lily and Rosie did an excellent job but only 2 could be selected. The presentations were well thought out, beautifully put together and mature. Bella and Lily were wonderful in accepting the result. Well done girls!

- Year 6 and co-chair – Rosie
- Year 6 and co-chair - Nina

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

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair this year, you spent £752 which meant that we received £300 to spend on new books for our classrooms! The children were thrilled to have brand new books in their book corners. We really are very grateful for your support and we hope you enjoy reading the books that you purchased!

Miss Cross



Literature Festival

We are all very excited for our trips to the Literature Festival next week! Please remember that the children will need to wear school uniform and bring along a **coat** in case of bad weather. They will also need to bring a **packed lunch** and a **bottle of water**. Please note that this year, we ask you kindly not to send the children with spending money on the trip. Please collect your child at the usual school pick up time on these days. We look forward to telling you all about it!

Miss Cross

Cross Country

Well done to the children who took part in the first cross country race this year, it was a beautiful evening and they all did well to accommodate the change in course due to flooding. It was wonderful to see their smiles and energy throughout the evening and they all did incredibly well in their finishing positions. So well done to – Molly, Nina, Holy, Christina, Kieran, Toby, Harry, Bella, Aubrie and Wren.

Junior Park Run!

Did you know that there is now a weekly Junior Park Run at Winchcombe Park on a Sunday morning?

This is free and a great opportunity to get your children moving more (and you as well if you wanted to!) It is a contained 2km run around the path in the park and all children receive their results afterwards including time, place and whether they have got a PB.

I will be going as often as I can...so maybe if I see you there as well there might be some dojos rewarded the following week 😊

Running is good for the mind and to keep our bodies fit and healthy.

To attend you must register your child/ren at www.parkrun.org.uk

I hope to see you there soon!

Mrs Sollis

County Request

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education). If you are interested please follow the link below to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

FOGS

Save the date 🎄 Friday 22nd November - 18:30-20:30 🍷 £35pp

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding our first Christmas Wreath Workshop on Friday 22nd November! More details and information on how to book to follow but please save the date and spread the word!

Eagles cake sale after school

Please come and support the Eagles cake sale after school and get yourselves some yummy treats! £1 per cake - cash or card accepted.

Apple Rock 2024

The weather is looking good for tomorrow - yay! There will activities and games from 3pm and live music from 6.30pm - food and drinks available throughout and don't forget to limber up for the Rodeo Bull competition - adults and kids can all have a go which starts at 4pm.

The children have all designed an autumnal poster this week at school, with the prize for the winner announced on the day! Posters will be on display at the village hall. 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!

See you all tomorrow - don't forget to bring your apples!!!

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.

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.

Flu Immunisation – Monday 14th October

It is important that you **consent** or **decline** the flu vaccination as soon as possible. Please refer to the letter sent out at the beginning of the week. Many thanks.


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 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	8	1st	12	1st
Langley	9	4th	10	2nd
Stanley	7	2nd	10	2nd
Sudeley	6	3rd	8	4th

Gold Book Nominations (04.10.24)

Robins

Frankie - for showing excellent listening skills this week on the carpet and around the classroom.

Kingfishers

Y1 - Harry - for excellent effort this week, particularly in challenging himself to stretch further in his written work.

Y2 - Noah - for a brilliant piece of writing in English, retelling the story of Jim and the Beanstalk.

Owls

Y3 - Florence for writing an interesting, exciting and descriptive biography that includes speech marks and apostrophes. An incredible piece of writing!

Y4 - Jack for some excellent problem solving on Maths. Great work Jack!

Eagles

Y5 - Effie - For being a great helper all week and for working extremely hard finding multiples and factors in maths.

Y6 - Lottie - For writing a brilliant extended blog as the character Leila and for always contributing good suggestions in class discussion.

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

Robins – Sonny

Kingfishers – Ines

Owls – Lucy

Eagles - Poppy

Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

Sat 5 th Oct	Apple Rocks
Mon 7 th Oct	Harvest festival (Recorded and shared on Showbie)
Mon 14 th Oct	Flu immunisations
Weds 16 th Oct	FOGS AGM
Weds 23 rd Oct	Parents invited to visit classrooms after school
Thu 24th Oct	Last day of term for children
Fri 25 th Oct	Inset
Mon 4 th Nov	Start of Term 2 Parents' Evening week (dates and times TBC)
Fri 8 th Nov	Owls Cake Sale
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
Fri 22 nd Nov	Wreath Making Event at the Village Hall – Mulled wine and Prosecco
Weds 4 th Dec	Open Morning
Fri 6 th Dec	“Life Education” activities
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thurs 12 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Film Night
Fri 13 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Film Night
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