



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been focussed on the Literature Festival in Cheltenham and KS2 came back so excited about their day and KS1 left very excited for their trip today. Thank you to Miss Cross for organising the event, the teachers and also our parent volunteers for making the days so memorable for the children. In school we have started to talk about playground equipment and what we can order for the children to enjoy at breaktime and plans are in place for a reading nook to be built.

## Parents' Evenings

Bookings for Parents' Evening will be available through the website from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. This year, as mentioned previously, our parents' evenings are changing as we feel it is important for all stakeholders to make appointments 15 minutes each. In order to fit this in to our working week we have made some appointments available during the school day, each class will have one afternoon 1pm – 5pm and then Kingfishers, Owls and Eagles will share an evening the following week from 4pm – 6:30pm. Whilst we understand that for some a day time appointment is difficult, this is one of only two organised opportunities to talk about progress with your child's class teacher, so we would appreciate trying to book the day time appointments where you can. Can we also stress, unless for extenuating circumstances can we please try to make one appointment per child in order to fit to time, if this is not possible, please contact me directly to discuss. Robins class, due to having 12 children, will hold their parents' evening over one afternoon. Furthermore, we will split year 3 and 4 to be with their core teacher for feedback but Mrs Sollis will discuss with Mr Bridges anything needed from the foundation subjects or afternoons that they want to share.

**Robins –**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 1pm – 5pm**

**Kingfishers -**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 1pm – 5pm**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm – 6:30pm**

**Owls (Split into Y3 and Y4) -**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 1pm – 5pm**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm – 6:30pm**

**Eagles -**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 1pm – 5pm**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm – 6:30pm**

## Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Partner to work with specific children in school, if this is of interest and you would like to join the wonderful team please follow the link below to the website and for more details –

<https://grettonprimaryschool.ovw9.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=56>



## **Calm Boxes**

This week, each class has started to use their newly refreshed Calm Box. FOGS kindly donated £150 for us to purchase new resources for all 5 boxes and they are brimming full with resources to help children feel regulated and ready to learn. Teachers have spent time this week, talking to the children about when and how each resource can be used. A huge thank you to FOGS for your donation. The boxes will certainly be well used across the school.

Mrs Dodd

## **FOGS**

### **\*BOOKINGS NOW OPEN\***

**🎄 Christmas Wreath Workshop ☐ Friday 22nd November - 18:30-20:30 🍷 £35**

You can now book your tickets for the Christmas Wreath Workshop on Friday 22nd Nov! Why not invite friends and family, so you can all enjoy a fun evening and come away with a beautiful Christmas wreath for your front door!

Please see the poster for more details.

You can book using the link below and will have the option to choose a traditional or a frosty wreath.

[https://fogsfundraising.square.site/product/wreath\\_workshop/30](https://fogsfundraising.square.site/product/wreath_workshop/30)

🎁 We are planning our raffle for 2025 and wondered if anyone is able to donate a prize, whether it is from your workplace or personal. This can be anything from vouchers, gift hampers, tickets, lessons, items, etc. All donations large or small are very much appreciated and your support will really help to make next years raffle a great success.

Please speak to or email FOGS if you or anyone one you know are able to contribute.

friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com

**The FOGS AGM is taking place on Wednesday 16th October at 7.30pm at School. Everyone is welcome, please do come along.**



GRETTON  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

MAKE YOUR OWN  
*Christmas  
Wreath*

Friday 22nd November 2024  
6:30PM - 8:30PM AT GRETTON VILLAGE HALL

£35pp

with all profits supporting Gretton Primary School

Includes all materials, mince pie and a glass  
of mulled wine or prosecco



Scan to book



**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.

## Ground force day

In anticipation of open mornings and driving the school forward I would like to ask for your support. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk) or the office [admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto: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 **Sudeley** and I look forward to wearing the **yellow** tie for the week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	12	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	1 <sup>ST</sup>
Langley	10	4 <sup>th</sup>	11	4 <sup>TH</sup>
Stanley	10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	13	2 <sup>ND</sup>
Sudeley	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	12	3 <sup>RD</sup>

## Gold Book Nominations (11.10.24)

### Robins

**Joseph - for excellent engagement in our phonics lessons and applying his knowledge into his blending! We are so proud of you!**

## Kingfishers

Y1 - Bradley for trying his best in his letter and number formation this week.

Y2 - Elsie for always demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning and trying new things.

## Owls

Y3: Jude for applying his knowledge of addition and subtraction in Maths to help him find answers and solve problems.

Y4 - Kieran for the outstanding progress he made in our Place Value maths unit including the brilliance he showed with Roman Numerals - Great job Kieran!

## Eagles

Y5 - Will for diligently getting on with any task I give him and for growing in independence.

Y6 - Rosie for excellent creative writing, as various characters, in The Arrival.

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

**Robins – Seren**

**Kingfishers – Harlee**

**Owls – Freya**

**Eagles - Sofia**

## Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu immunisations
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parents invited to visit classrooms after school
<b>Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Last day of term for children</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start of Term 2 School photos Parents' Evening week (See newsletter 11.10.24)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ground force day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open Morning
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	"Life Education" activities
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas performance (Robins and Kingfishers) 2:15pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas performance (Robins and Kingfishers) 10am
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>End of Term 2 for pupils (1:30pm Finish)</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Term 3
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 height and weight measurements