



Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we head towards half term it has been great to see the children being very brave for their flu immunisations, KS1 trying really hard in their half termly phonics checks and school council receiving their badges and planning for the next half term meetings. I have been lucky to see lots of amazing writing as children come to the end of their books and plans as well as some wonderful maths work across the school as we finish our addition and subtraction units. Next week we will include the link to our parent questionnaire to gauge how we are doing, successes and our areas for development, so please do take the time to complete it over the half term.

Open Afternoon

After school, on Wednesday 23rd October, you will be able to come into the children's classrooms to have a look at the displays and their books. This is a great opportunity for you to see the hard work the children have put into their schoolwork over the last 8 weeks. Whilst the class teacher will be available in the class, this will be more for general comments as this is a precursor to your parents' evening appointments where progress can be discussed in detail.

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.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you so much for all of your bookings for parents' evening, it is a great opportunity for us to share your children's progress and your continued support means a lot to all of the staff. Below is a reminder of the dates and times.

Robins –	Thursday 7th November – 1pm – 5pm
Kingfishers -	Friday 8th November – 1pm – 5pm Monday 11th November – 4pm – 6:30pm
Owls (Split into Y3 and Y4) -	Tuesday 5th November – 1pm – 5pm Monday 11th November – 4pm – 6:30pm
Eagles -	Wednesday 6th November – 1pm – 5pm Monday 11th November – 4pm – 6:30pm

FOGS

Our wonderful treasurer Nicky Adams is stepping down after 4 years on the committee. FOGS raise essential funds for Gretton School but we cannot run without a treasurer.

What can you do to help ensure FOGS can continue?

We must fill our treasurer role. This can be done by one or more people. You don't need to be an accountant, you just need some skills with spreadsheets, to be organised and good with numbers and ideally to attend our informal meetings 3/4 times a year.

As we are 'Friends of' and not a PTA, committee members don't need to be parents/carers therefore this role could be filled by someone else who fits the bill and would be willing to volunteer.

We are a really friendly team and will support anyone who is keen to take on the role. Please come and find us or drop us an email if you or anyone you know are interested.

friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN CUPS

We hope the children have fun decorating and filling their Halloween cups ready for the sale next Thursday.

Date correction - Please can these be returned to school by **24th October**.

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.

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 **Stanley** and I look forward to wearing the **blue** tie for the week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	14	4 th	15	=2 nd
Langley	11	2 nd	14	=3 rd
Stanley	13	1 st	17	=1 st
Sudeley	12	3 rd	14	=3 rd

Gold Book Nominations (18.10.24)

Robins

Izzy - for excellent letter formation when writing initial sounds for the characters in our story.

Kingfishers

Y1 - Thea for challenging herself in all areas of learning and being an excellent example of how to follow our Golden Rules.

Y2 - Freddie for checking and editing his work to improve it, a great skill to carry forward.

Owls

Y3 - Kai for always being ready to learn, always following instructions and always trying his absolute hardest in every aspect of school life.

Y4 - Henry for contributing so well in lessons and for an excellent poster in English using the four sentence types. Well done Henry!

Eagles

Y5 - Toby - for really pushing himself with maths work on fractions and even having a go at some y6 work to challenge himself.

Y6 - Wren - for producing high quality written work based on our dystopian book 'The Arrival' and sharing good ideas and sentences with the class.

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

Robins – Austin

Kingfishers – Arlo

Owls – Belle

Eagles - Nina

Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

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 School photos Parents' Evening week (See newsletter 11.10.24)
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
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
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