



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another exciting week comes to an end. We have had No Pens Wednesday and it was wonderful to see the creative ideas on show; a netball tournament that Mrs Holt was very impressed with and some wonderful sporting activities at break times. I have seen advent calendars opened today which means we are also on the countdown to Christmas, with our Christmas meal and performances just round the corner.

A big thank you to Anne Hanson, our current chair of Governors, who will be stepping down on Monday. She has very kindly bought the school a Buddy Bench for the playground which has been well received by all of the children. I am sure the community will join me in saying a big thankyou to Anne for her dedication to the school over the last 7 years. We look forward to seeing her in school in a more informal way as I am sure she will struggle to stay away.

As mentioned last week, I am very keen to investigate the possibility of using our loft space for extra rooms / library and am hoping a structural engineer and architect in the community would help with some advice - please email head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk or phone on 01242 602679

Anne Hanson

It's been a privilege to be associated with such a lovely school. I'm a little sad to be leaving during these exciting times for Gretton School - but it has been 7 years. I'm very pleased and confident that School is in good hands.

Anne

Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 28th November Jack, Bea, Doug, Jayden and Sarah all went to a friendly Netball Festival in Tewkesbury. We played 5 games; winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1. Mrs Holt said that she saw some of the best netball in her career when I trusted Jayden enough to throw the ball into a space and knew she would get to it. It was a very fun experience and Jayden was awarded a Passion bracelet. By Jack Wright



Science Club - KS2 parents

Remember to book your places on the Science club website for after Christmas, it is filling up fast!

<https://tinyurl.com/grettonks2>

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day.

We are holding our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th December; we will tie this in with our Christmas jumper fundraiser. If your child/children are joining in with the Christmas jumper festivities and you have the ability to donate a little to Save the Children, please follow this link -

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230001511>

Poppy Appeal - A message from the Royal British Legion

Thank you. Your support had made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community. Without your efforts, we could not do the work we do. Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. You raised £84.70. To find out more about how your donation helps please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal

Christmas Carol Service

The yearly Owls Carol Service will be held at Christ Church on Thursday 21st at 9:15am. Parents from Owls class are welcome to attend.

Crib Service at Christ Church

The annual crib service will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 23rd December at 2pm and is ideally aimed at Reception/KS1 children, however Mr Carter has said that all children are welcome to attend.

FOGS update

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

Please save the date for the children's Christmas party - we will be sharing the details early next week and you will be able to buy tickets on our website.

© We are looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas cup sale after school, don't forget it's £1 a cup.

If you didn't order a school tea towel but would like one, we will have some of these to buy too.

Early Birds

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8:10am to 8:30am every morning. Please continue to book in the usual way via ParentPay and pay £2.50 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.



THE BIG AMBITION

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part.



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



Gretton Hub

eat - drink - chat - play



With the support of Tewkesbury Borough Council's Warm Spaces Community Fund the GVA is pleased to confirm the Winter dates for the Hub in the Village Hall.

We offer free food and refreshments for all in a warm friendly environment. A book swap and table tennis are now available. Opening dates are as follows:

Sundays 10.00 – 12.30 for hot breakfast, cake, tea and coffee:
 12th Nov (after Remembrance Service),
 10th Dec
 14th Jan
 11th Feb
 10th Mar

Christmas Eve for festive refreshments 5.00pm – 7.00pm
 Thursdays 2.00 – 4.30 for afternoon tea, scones and cake
 23rd Nov
 14th Dec
 18th Jan
 22nd Feb

If you have any questions, please get in touch at gvabookings@gmail.com

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 again, but our winning house this week was Stanley and I look forward to wearing the blue tie next week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	8	3rd	10	3rd
Langley	8	2nd	11	2nd
Stanley	9	1st	13	1st
Sudeley	7	4th	8	4th

Gold Book Nominations (01.12.23)

Robins

John- for great focus and enthusiasm in PE this week.

Jagger- for excellent letter formation in phonics!

Kingfishers

Year 1 - Juno for showing amazing resilience during our nature walk. Well done for trying so hard Juno!

Year 2- Dominic - For producing some amazing writing. You are a superstar Dominic!

Owls

Kian for making a real effort to concentrate and stay focussed, particularly in Maths.

Albert for excellent contributions to our research on countries in Europe.

Blake for working hard in his Maths work on multiplication and division.

Eagles

Delilah for superb resilience in our heart dissection lesson. Alfie for always getting so involved in our Guided Reading sessions.

Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates

Mon 4 th Dec	"Life Education" activities in school today Meeting of the Governing Body
Thurs 7 th Dec	Robins trip to Smart Trees
Weds 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!
Fri 15 th Dec	FOGS Christmas Party
Mon 18 th Dec	KS1 Performance (School Hall - 2:15pm)
Tues 19 th Dec	KS1 Performance (School Hall - 9:30am)
Thu 21 st Dec	Christmas Service at church (Owls Parents - 9:15am) End of Term 2 for pupils
Fri 22nd Dec	Inset Day
Mon 8th Jan	Inset Day (Staff Training)
Tues 9 th Jan	Start of Term 3
Thu 18 th Jan	NSPCC Workshops