



Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has seen many lovely events including the Robins' trip to Smart Trees, a visit from Coram Education to support the PSHCE curriculum and another show round for prospective parents. There has also been lots of lovely practise of Christmas songs, which has us in the festive spirit for our Christmas dinner/jumper day. Please look at the term dates for the Christmas performances and times.

As mentioned previously, 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

Mel Painter

Mel Painter, our Midday Day Supervisor, has secured a new position and will be leaving us at the end of term. It is very sad for us all to lose our lunchtime centre of calm; however, we do wish her all the luck in her future endeavours.

Midday Supervisor Position

We are currently looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor, starting in January. The hours are 12:05pm until 1:20pm and this is suitable on a part time/full time basis. If you would be interested or would like more details please contact us.

Neurodiversity Assembly

This week, Mrs Dodd led an assembly about Neurodiversity. The children listened amazingly well and asked some interesting questions. We talked about how all of our brains are different and we learnt about some famous people who are neurodiverse. We discovered that Lewis Hamilton has dyslexia, Emma Watson has ADHD and Albert Einstein had autism. We also learned that being neurodiverse is not a negative thing as often people have numerous skills in other areas. The children were also taught that having a diagnosis of a neurodivergent condition does not need to limit or restrict anybody in what they are able to achieve.



Website

Within the next week, we will be launching our new website; this has been a few weeks in development and will be a positive addition to the school offer. I would like to thank Mikki Storey for the former website. It was a pleasure to work with Mikki and we appreciate all that he did for us over the years. If you have any teething problems, notice any issues or have positive feedback please do not hesitate to contact me at head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk

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/ren 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>

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

The Hub on Sunday and Thursday will display the proposed solutions for the improved Play Equipment in the Playing Field. Please come along as we're keen to get your input. Please copy and paste the link below:
<https://fogsfundraising.square.site/product/xmas/27>

🔔 Last chance to buy tickets for the Christmas party!



Xmas Party Tickets - Buy by 8 Dec | Friends of Gretton School (FOGS)
fogsfundraising.square.site

Help needed - We need an extra helper at the Owls and Eagles Christmas party 6.45-8pm. Please can you let someone from FOGS know if you can help!

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.

Village News

Gretton Hub

The Gretton Hub will be open in the Village Hall this Sunday 10th December between 10am - 12.30pm. The Hub welcomes all members of the Gretton Community and provides a space to get together and enjoy free breakfast, cake and drinks. We have a book swap, activities for the kids and a table tennis table! Please come along.

The Hub is also open next Thursday 14th between 2pm and 4.30pm for afternoon tea.

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 **Langley** and I look forward to wearing the **red** tie for the week after half term.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	10	3rd	10	4th
Langley	11	2nd	15	1st
Stanley	13	1st	11	=2 nd
Sudeley	8	4th	11	=2 nd

Gold Book Nominations (08.12.23)

Robins

George - for fantastic effort in our phonics sessions.

Harry - for trying really hard with his blending this week!

Kingfishers

Year 1- Hugo for writing some fantastic sentences. Well done for remembering your finger spaces.

Year 2 - Noah G for trying really hard to complete his challenging maths work. You are a superstar Noah!

Owls

Henry for making excellent contributions to discussions and group work on electrical circuits.

Holy for settling in so well, smiling so much and trying her best all week.

Eagles

Christina and Poppy for settling in so well, Nina for being so helpful and Galahad for pushing himself out of his comfort zone at Forest School.

Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates

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
Mon 5 th Feb	Children's mental health week