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Gretton Termly Newsletter - December 2023

Message from Mr Sallis

The first full term has been a whirlwind and an absolute pleasure. The children have constantly risen above any expectations and we are very proud of them all. Whether it be forest school, PE, performances, carol services or generally upholding our Golden Rules they have made us all very proud.

Staffing

As you are all well aware, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Holt, and wish her luck for all of her endeavours in the future. We also say a big thankyou and goodbye to Mel Painter, our mid-day supervisor who has moved on

In the new term, we will also welcome Mr Stinchcombe to the team who will be a real asset to the school.

A thank you

FOGS deserve a big thank you from the school for this term, they have organised a fantastic end of year show/disco, they have supported us at cake sales, made Christmas cards/tea towels and also supplied some wonderful wreath making kits. The support from FOGS is essential for school to be able to develop and provide opportunities in the curriculum. So far this year, they have funded Spring term's 100+ books needed to make Literacy Tree a success and have funded the visit of CORAM education who give us valuable life lessons; they have also allowed us to spruce up some tired areas of school with new decoration and signs. So a heartfelt thankyou from the staff and children.

New Resources

The new books arrived for our Literacy Tree scheme; they cover a range of topics and support both our writing and our reading in school. The teachers are all very keen to start and we look forward to the training in the new term.

Our new entry system has started and the lanyards all look very fetching in school, we have also got the new iPads out and ready to use.

Outdoors

The team in Robins have started developing the outdoor area for learning opportunities, including a very exciting digger, and we will be reviewing Kingfishers outdoor area for development next term

Website

The website was launched this year (YAY!), it was a labour of love and will be under development all year but we are all very proud to have this as our external face of school. Over the next few weeks we will be developing and adding to the curriculum pages and the open day page to show off our forest school and PE offer which we are very proud of.

Student

We also welcomed our 3rd year degree student to work with Kingfishers. Hannah has been a superb addition to the team and this was confirmed with a very positive visit from her tutor, so well done Hannah.

CPD

As a school we have been spreading our network and have worked this term with a trust called Primary Quest who are supporting us with curriculum leadership and development as well as training opportunities over the coming months in partnership with Oakhill. This will allow us as a school to access a much wider and exciting range of input from a range of external professionals. This is as well as working with the Tewkesbury District Partnership and the Cleeve Hill Cluster to support our offer for the children and staff.

Thank you

As always thank you once again for all of the support.
I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team