



Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another fantastic week at Gretton has come to an end. This week we have had the pleasure of exciting Science lessons, some wonderful published writing and some OFSTED CPD at Oakhill for the staff. The feedback from the advisor about the journey that Gretton Primary School is on and the achievements so far were incredibly positive and it was great to be reassured that we are moving in the right direction. A special mention to Miss Cross who was very highly regarded by the advisor for her fantastic work in Robins. As a team of staff we are focussing our attention on the behaviour within school. The Golden Book for great work and the stickers for upholding our half termly golden rule will now sit alongside a brand new behaviour policy which will be shared with parents once ratified and new classroom rules to make everything clear and understandable for all. In the very near future we will also be looking to open our Dojo Shop for children to spend their Dojo points, watch this space. Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to Hannah Chadwick, our University Placement Student who had an outstanding final placement observation and has been a massive asset to the school. Hannah has two more weeks with us and then will start on her own teaching journey. Well done Hannah and good luck with your career.

GOLDEN RULE FOCUS THIS HALF TERM: We are Kind and Respectful

National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week takes place next week from the 27th January to the 4th February. This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. In school, we will be celebrating by taking part in a live virtual storytelling event on Thursday 1st February. Use the web link below to see how you can celebrate National Storytelling Week from home.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/celebrate-storytelling-week-at-home/>

Wraparound Childcare Survey 2024

You will be aware that the Government is aiming to ensure that all local authorities and schools have adequate wraparound childcare options from September 2024 onwards. For this reason we need all parents to complete a survey that will provide data for analysis so that any gaps in provision can be identified.

We would be grateful if you would complete the Schools survey by 6pm on Friday 23rd February 2024.

Link below:

[Parents Survey](#)

Midday Supervisor Position

We are currently looking to recruit a midday supervisor, starting in January. The hours are 11:45am until 1:15pm and this is suitable on a part time/full time basis. If you would be interested, even in doing just a few sessions a week please contact the school office.

Early Birds

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8:10am to 8:30am every morning. Please continue to pay 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.

FOGS

Please sign up to Easy Fundraising and look for Friends of Gretton School, as this is a really easy way to raise much needed funds for our fab little school!

After the huge success of last year's Spring raffle, we are planning another for this Spring! Do you work for a company that would be willing to donate a prize to the raffle? Or do you have any contacts that you think might like to donate? Any help would be amazing! Last year we raised £800 which all went towards Gretton School and it would be great to do the same again this year!

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

Well done to **Langley** who came first this week. I will look forward to wearing a red tie next week.

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

Gold Book Nominations (26.1.24)

Robins

John - for his focus in maths this week when learning number bonds for 6,7 and 8.

Kingfishers

Year 1 – Hugo for trying so hard to include lots of detail in the list of things that he loves.
Year 2 - Abel for using his phonics to help him write some fantastic sentences in English.

Owls

Holy for joining in with a great answer in our English discussion about themes of books.

Rufus for stepping up and challenging himself to multiply some huge numbers!

Eagles

Y5 Lily - for improving her gymnastic skills, showing excellent control and balance when moving.

Y6 Eddie - for creating a really funny, well-written traditional tale that made the whole class laugh.

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

Robins – Tabitha - for always looking out for and helping her friends.

Kingfishers – Ava for always showing lots of respect towards all of her friends and making sure everybody is included at playtimes.

Owls – Milo for showing excellent manners and politeness at all times.

Eagles - Bella - for adhering to the golden rules by helping others and always being kind.

Spring Term 2024 Diary Dates

Thu 1 st Feb	My Plan Meetings with Mrs Dodd (1pm – 6pm) Vision and Measuring YR & Y6
Mon 5 th Feb	Children’s mental health week
Thu 8 th Feb	Cross country Race 4 – Vineyards
Mon 12th Feb	Half Term
Mon 19th Feb	Spring Term 2
Thu 22 nd Feb	Cross country Race 5 – Vineyards
Thu 29 th Feb	Cross country Fun Run – Vineyards
Mon 4 th Mar	Assessment Week
Mon 11 th Mar	Science Week
Tues 12 th Mar	Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 6pm
Thu 14 th Mar	Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 6pm
Wed 20 th Mar	Tag Rugby Tournament (Newlands Park)
Fri 22nd Mar	End of Spring Term