

Class Reference Information:

Reception
Robin and Wren
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)

Key Stage 1 (KS1)
Year 1: Swift, Nightingale
Year 2: Woodpecker and Kingfisher

Lower Key Stage (LKS2)
Year 3: Osprey, Falcon,
Year 4: Buzzard and Skylark

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)
Year 5: Kestrel, Red Kite
Year 6: Owl and Eagle

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to see lots of smiles this week as the children (and staff) have returned to school – full of news about summer holidays; feelings of excitement, as well as some nerves about being in new classes; feeling fresh and bright after a break; and pleased to catch up with their friends and meet new teachers. They have managed very well with the very hot weather! Hopefully there are more opportunities to enjoy it over the summer.

In our assembly this week, we thought about how valuable each member of our school is and that every child **belongs** here. Wearing school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, but it is easily lost! Please make sure that all the children's belongings are **named**. Lost property is moved to the front office, so please do look for lost items of clothing.

The news has raised concerns about the safety of school buildings; Stephen Munday, who is the CEO of the CAM-Academy Trust, shared the following with us: *'One immediate piece of reassurance given the scale of the news item on school buildings and some very serious issues for some schools. We are told that none of the schools in the Trust, following the appropriate surveys, has so called RAAC, the type of concrete that is apparently crumbling in some school buildings.'*

Next week, we are having **Meet the Teacher** events for parents. Please see the dates below. This is an opportunity for you to say hello to your child's class teacher and to see the classroom where they are spending their days this year! It might only take a few minutes, so parents with more than one child, should be free to meet more than one teacher. Children will be free to leave with parents afterwards – but please do inform the class teacher. Please can I remind parents that while in the school building, they should **not** be using **mobile phones**. This is part of our safeguarding procedures. We understand that some parents may be working or have other arrangements and will not be able to visit, please let your child know that you won't be there, to avoid disappointment. If you would find it helpful, speak to the class teacher about another time which is convenient for both of you when you could meet.

We have a school council which will be meeting for the first time soon. In our school council, we will be discussing **playground games!** Why don't you tell your child about some games that you played when you were at school.

Reminders:

- Set a reminder to order school dinners
- No dogs allowed on site.
- No cycling or scooting on the school grounds

Book Fair:

We love reading at GVP and are very pleased to be hosting *Next Page Books* again. See the attached flier for more information about our Book Fair. If the weather is suitable, we will use the Key Stage 2 playground, as well as the assembly hall. Come and have a browse and get some ideas for birthday presents!

Coming Up

Wednesday 13th September: Year 5 & 6 – Meet the Teacher @ 3pm in classrooms

Thursday 14th September: Book Fair in Assembly Hall @ 3:15pm

Friday 15th September: Years 1 – 4 Meet the Teacher @ 3pm in classrooms.

Wednesday 4th October: Year 5 & 6 Careers Convention

Monday 16th October: Individual photos