



Graveley Primary School NEWSLETTER

Autumn I Newsletter No. 1 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back from all the staff at Graveley! It has been great to see you and your child(ren) back at school – we've missed them. The children have been so keen and happy to be here. Of course, there is always a butterfly or two fluttering around in stomachs (children and staff), but that is healthy. It was also great to see so many parents smiling after dropping children off at school on Tuesday morning! Thank you, as ever, for your efforts in ensuring that they are smart and in full school uniform. Could you please make sure that the children's jumpers and cardigans have been labelled (an indelible marker with their initials on the label is enough).

We would like to welcome Mrs Forster, Class 1 teacher and Mrs Allinson, LSA to our team here. They were popping in last term so have already met lots of the children and got to know the staff. We also welcome new Reception children and parents into Class 1 and Class 3. We hope you will enjoy your time here at Graveley and that your children will thrive. Over the summer we have said goodbye to Ms Revels, who has worked with so many children over the past 5 years. We wish her well in her new job. We are interviewing for her replacement next week and will let you know of the outcome.

I would like to remind you of our curriculum presentations, which will take place this **Thursday (6th September)** evening. We have listened to your opinions and suggestions over the year and have compiled an outline of paid trips that will occur. We have also realigned topic areas and included new ones, so come along and find out what is in store for your child this year. The evening will begin with a presentation in the hall at 6:00pm, followed by 2, 20 minute presentations by class teachers in respective classrooms. This should prevent you having to saw yourself in half if you have children in more than one class. If you are unable to organise childcare, there will be a film room for the children to sit in whilst the talks go ahead.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand
(Headteacher)

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Secondary School Applications - applications for secondary/upper school places (to start in September 2019) opened on **Monday 3 September 2018**, for children in **Year 6**. Applications should be made via the online application system at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. If you do not have access to a computer, or have trouble in completing an application, please let the school office know. **Applications close on 31st October 2018**. You should have received a leaflet titled *Moving On 2019 - School Open Events* during the summer term which details all the open days for secondary schools in the area. Please inform the school office if you would like another copy.

Behaviour - there is a small amendment to our policy this year. In order to make things more manageable, if your child appears in the behaviour book on 3 occasions over a half-term, then a letter will be sent home to inform you. This will be reset each half-term for a fresh start.

Fruit -You may have noticed our boxes of fruit on display at the entrance of the school that the classes have picked. Please help yourself and make a donation towards our fundraising this year.

Plea for Help -we have exciting plans this year to revamp some of our outside learning spaces. You will have noticed that the original climbing frame is looking a bit tired and worse for wear; this is due to be replaced with a wonderful outside gazebo which we hope all children will be able to make use of during playtimes and lunchtimes as well as a further teaching space. In order to keep costs down we have agreed to dismantle it ourselves. Therefore we are asking for any volunteers to help with this process on Saturday 29th September. Please let Nancy or Heather (school office) know if this is something you can assist with.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

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| Thursday 6 th September | 6:00pm – Curriculum Evening for parents. |
| Week commencing Monday 10 th September | Afterschool clubs commence. |
| Friday 14 th September | AM – Year 6 attending Crucial Crew at Bowes Lyon Centre. |
| Friday 21 st September | Jeans for Genes Day. |
| Friday 5 th October | School Harvest Festival (more details nearer the time). |
| Friday 12 th October | AM – Individual photos. |
| Thursday 25 th October | 1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations (more details nearer the time). |
| HALF TERM and INSET DAY | Monday 29th October – Monday 5th November (inclusive) |
| Tuesday 6 th November | Children return to school. Afterschool clubs starts. |
| Thursday 15 th November | PM – Flu vaccinations. |
| Monday 10 th December | PM – Class 2 Christmas performance to the school. |
| Wednesday 12 th December | PM – Class 2 Christmas performance at St Mary's Church. |
| Thursday 13 th December | PM – Class 1 Nativity to the school 3:30pm – 5:00pm: Film Night. |
| Friday 14 th December | PM – Class 1 Nativity to parents. |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Christmas lunch. |
| Thursday 20 th December | Christmas party. |
| Friday 21 st December | 1:15pm – Break up for Christmas holidays. |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January 2019 (inclusive). |
| Tuesday 8 th January 2019 | Children return to school. |

Please note - The above dates may change and additional events may be added during the course of the term. Please refer to the school's weekly Newsletter for any diary updates.