



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

Can I begin by thanking the staff for providing an informative curriculum evening last week. I hope you now have a better understanding of what is on offer for your child this year and the expectations of their learning. Thank you for those that attended, if you were unable to come along and have not received the information that was shared on the night then please contact the school office for a copy.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. This is an opportunity to offer your skills and services in promoting high standards of educational achievement and directing the conduct of the school. If this is something you would be interested in finding out more information, then please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Albert Swinson (Chair of Governors) for an informal discussion.

You will see that your child has a template in their book bags today. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to be involved in creating a new emblem for Graveley Primary School. Our current emblem shows the school building without extensions and conservatories, so is rather out of date. We would like the design to reflect our local community. You may wish to include words or a slogan. The design must fit inside the border template. Colours are encouraged. We would like all entrants in by Friday 5th October. The winning entry will see their design appear on letter headings and signs around the school.

Lastly, can I make a plea for you to check your child has the correct school cardigan or jumper. We have several named items go astray this term already.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Our Harvest Festival will be on **FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER at 9:00am**. Once again we will be supporting Stevenage Food Bank so are asking for donations of:

- tea/coffee
- tins of vegetables such as beans, peas
- tins of fish (such as tuna)
- pasta
- toiletries such as shampoo or shower gel.

Please bring these items in on the day.

We are also looking for donations of flowers and greenery to decorate our harvest table. Please pass these onto Mrs Stead on Thursday 4th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Jeans for Genes Day - on **Friday 21st September**, children may come into school wearing jeans in exchange for £1.00. All the money raised on the day will go towards supporting children in the UK who have genetic conditions. Thank you in advance for your support!

Uniform Policy reminder - please ensure your child's hair is tied back and they are not wearing large hair accessories (such as Jo-Jo bows).

Everbridge School Notification System - in the event of severe weather, a public emergency or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for the school to close. In order to ensure parents/carers are informed as quickly as possible of anything that may have an impact on a normal school day, this notification system has been put in place to enable messages from the school to be sent immediately via text message. Please take 5 minutes to register your details with Everbridge so that you can receive immediate information and updates:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

PGL 2019 – payment booklets will be going out today to all those taking part in PGL 2019.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

Friday 21 st September	Jeans for Genes Day. Children may wear jeans into school in exchange for £1.00.
Friday 5 th October	9:00am - School Harvest Festival.
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.
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need Day.
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.