



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 3 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It is good to see that all of our new children have settled in well to life at Graveley Primary School. New parents, if you do have any questions please feel free to make an appointment (via the school office) to have a chat with either myself or your child's class teacher.

Last Friday, I accompanied Year 6 and Miss Potter to Bowes Lyon House to take part in Crucial Crew. This is a series of workshops or scenarios that teach children how to deal with potentially dangerous situations, understand the role of the emergency services and how they can make a contribution towards crime prevention in the community. This is an extremely informative session that Year 6 children across Hertfordshire have been attending for over 20 years. We would like to thank all those that volunteered their services on the day.

For those that did not attend the Curriculum Evening on 6<sup>th</sup> September when I shared with parents our aims and expectations for the year ahead, I have attached some information - I hope that you find it useful. Also attached with the newsletter this week is the changes to topics that children will be encountering this year, the Big Bang experiences and planned trips and expenditure for the academic year 2018/19.

Mr Swinson, our Chair of Governors, has been busy this year revamping our school website. This has now gone live. Please do have a look. We would really welcome feedback on it. <http://www.graveley.herts.sch.uk/>

Just a reminder that next Saturday (29<sup>th</sup> September) we will be dismantling our old climbing frame ready for the new installation to occur in October. If you are able to assist at all and haven't informed us, then please pop in to let the school office know. You will be rewarded with bacon rolls!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicky Hand*  
Headteacher

### **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**



You are all invited to our **Harvest Festival** on **FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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>

## **KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am - School Harvest Festival. All welcome!
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	AM – Individual photos.
<i>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>9:00am - Happy Bags clothes collection. Please bring in your filled Happy Bags on this day only. Happy Bags will be given out on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.</i>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations (more details nearer the time).
<b>HALF TERM and INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive)</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school. Afterschool clubs starts.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PM – Flu vaccinations.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day.
<i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</i>	<i>9:30am – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.</i>
<i>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fete.</i>
<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>1:30pm – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.</i>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 2 Christmas performance to the school.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 2 Christmas performance at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 1 Nativity to the school 3:30pm – 5:00pm: Film Night.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 1 Nativity to parents.
<i>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch Day.</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	1:15pm – Break up for Christmas holidays.
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (inclusive).</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Children return to school.
<i>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>1:30pm – Information session for prospective 2019 parents.</i>

**Please note** - The above dates may change and additional events may be added during the course of the term.