



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 4 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank-you for your kind donations on our 'Jeans for Genes' day. A total of £98.50 was raised for Genetics Disorders UK. All the children across the school learnt about what the charity is raising money for and a little about how some people are affected through genetic disorders.

On Monday, we were visited by Katie Wright from the Willows Foundation who explained to the children a little bit about the charity and how through their fundraising efforts they are able to give special days, creating memories to those suffering with serious illnesses. They will be holding a fun run on Sunday 7th October 2018. More information can be found at willowfoundation.org.uk/willow10k or pop into the school office to pick up a flyer. It is open to all age groups and you can compete in either a 1k, 5k or 10k race.

This weekend we will begin the demolition of the old playground equipment. If you have kindly offered to help, we will be starting at about 9:00am. Our new outdoor classroom will be installed later in October so this area will be out of bounds for children up until this time. Can we please ask that you help us by keeping children away from the area before and after school. Thank you for the donations that we have already received on our *Just Giving* page, we are truly grateful for your generosity and support.

We have welcomed Mrs Michelle Lingwood into our team here at Graveley. She has already been popping in to get to know staff and children and will begin her official role as Learning Support Assistant on Monday in Class 1.

We would like to send huge congratulations to Mrs McLauchlan, our Admin Assistant on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon, who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Fraser. We are all looking forward to her popping in to see us with Fraser and having a cuddle!

Next Thursday afternoon at 2:45pm, I would like to offer any parents new to Reception or the rest of the school, a chance to pop in and meet me for coffee and cake. This is just an informal time for us to get to know each other and ask any questions you may have now your child has settled into school. I look forward to chatting with you.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS



You are all welcome to join us for our **Harvest Festival** 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.

Happy School Bags Collection – we will be giving out Happy School Bags on Monday 1st October. Please fill the Happy School bag with unwanted (clean) clothing. Monies raised will go towards school funds. Please let the school office know if you would like extra bags. The bags will be collected on the morning of Wednesday 17th October. Please bring your bags in on the morning of collection. Unfortunately we cannot accept bags before this date due to lack of storage space in school. As always, many thanks for your support.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

<i>Thursday 4th October</i>	<i>Census Day Lunch – please note the following menu change (Fishcake with chips; cheese and tomato pizza; jacket potato; egg roll). 2:45pm – Drop in session (with coffee and cake) with Mrs Hand for existing Reception and new parents.</i>
Friday 5 th October	9:00am - School Harvest Festival. All welcome! <i>Please note menu change – chicken pie with creamed potatoes; vegetarian hotdog with potato wedges; jacket potato; ham roll.</i>
<i>Thursday 11th October</i>	<i>PM – Y5/Y6 Cross Country (letters sent out to participants).</i>
Friday 12 th October	AM – Individual photos.
<i>Wednesday 17th October</i>	<i>9:00am - Happy School Bags clothes collection. Please bring in your filled Happy School Bags on this day only. Happy Bags will be given out on Monday 1st October.</i>
<i>Thursday 18th October</i>	<i>PM – Halloween Disco (more details nearer the time).</i>
Thursday 25 th October	1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations. (letters sent home today).
HALF TERM and INSET DAY	Monday 29th October – Monday 5th November (inclusive)
Tuesday 6 th November	Children return to school. Afterschool clubs starts.
<i>Friday 9th November</i>	<i>FOG Coffee Morning (more details nearer the time).</i>
Thursday 15 th November	PM – Flu vaccinations (more details nearer the time). <i>Evening – FOG QUIZ NIGHT (more details nearer the time).</i>
<i>Friday 16th November</i>	<i>Children in Need Day (wear a spotty outfit in exchange for £1.00)</i>
<i>Thursday 22nd November</i>	<i>9:30am – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.</i>
<i>Monday 26th November</i>	<i>Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fete.</i>
<i>Tuesday 4th December</i>	<i>1:30pm – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.</i>
<i>Thursday 6th December</i>	<i>PM – Class 2 Christmas Journey at St Nicholas Church (more details nearer the time).</i>
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.
<i>Tuesday 18th December</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch Day.</i>
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.
<i>Thursday 10th January</i>	<i>1:30pm – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.</i>

Recently added events shown in *italics*.

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