



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 5 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

Can I please begin by reiterating my sentiments of this morning by saying a huge thank you to those that donated to our harvest table today. We were overwhelmed with the amount of contributions that arrived yesterday and today. Leah, from 'People for People' attended our celebrations this morning and collected the food and toiletries and will distribute to those in need through The Food Shed. The flowers will also brighten up the residents of Halcyon Days care home when they are delivered there later this afternoon.

The theme of this morning was about giving thanks and I would like to again thank those parents and members of the local community that have continued to support our fundraising efforts this year. A willing team of volunteers arrived on Saturday morning and made quick work of dismantling the old climbing frame in the school playground.

Next Wednesday is World Mental Health Day. Looking after your mental health is just as important as looking after your physical health. The children will look at ways they can start to think about how they can support themselves in understanding when their mental health needs a bit of TLC. If you would like to find out more about how you can support your child, the following leaflet offers some tips and suggestions. <https://www.annafreud.org/media/7228/tmh-parent-leaflet-final-all-approved-laid-out-for-web.pdf>

Today was the last day for entries to our 'designing a new emblem for Graveley Primary School' competition. If your child has forgotten to bring their design in, we will extend the closing date for entries to Monday 8th October.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS



Halloween Disco - Thursday 18th October (3:30pm – 4:30pm) – tickets prices are:

£2.00 (includes a snack and a drink)

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If you would like your child to attend, please send payment into school (in a named and sealed envelope) by Tuesday 16th October. Tickets will be given out to the children on the day of the disco.

Tempest Photography (school photographer) will be taking individual photographs of children on the morning of **Friday 12th October**.

To make an appointment for **Parent/Teacher consultations** on **Thursday 25th October**, there will be a table outside the school office **from 3:00pm on Thursday 11th October** and **Friday 12th October** where you can make bookings. If you are unable to book a time in person, please email the school office (admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk) from 3:00pm on Thursday 11th October with your requested time(s). To ensure fairness, we will only consider emailed requests after this date and time.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

<i>Thursday 11th October</i>	<i>PM – Y5/Y6 Cross Country (letters sent out to participants). 3:00pm – bookings for parent/teacher consultation outside the school office.</i>
Friday 12 th October	AM – Individual photos. <i>3:00pm – bookings for teacher/teacher consultation outside the school office.</i>
<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.</i>
<i>Thursday 18th October</i>	<i>PM – Halloween Disco.</i>
Thursday 25 th October	1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations. (letters sent out).
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 (letters and consent forms sent out). <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>Tuesday 20th November</i>	<i>Class 4 trip to Hatfield House (letters sent home today).</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>Thursday 29th November</i>	<i>PM – FOG Christmas Fete (more details nearer the time).</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.