



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 6 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

Next Monday will see phase one of our playground redevelopment begin. We are all very excited! The works will be happening during the school day, however there still may be disruption to the children's playtimes. We hope to be able to use the field and so request that all children bring in trainers that may get muddy.

We are fast approaching half-term and we are aware that it is later than usual this year, different from many of the other counties. If you do book half-term holidays, please do check in advance our term dates (available on the school's website or contact the school office for a paper copy). I think the same is happening at Easter.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, we will be opening the classrooms for our Open Afternoon. You may come along between 2:00pm and 3.15pm and spend time with your child looking through their learning so far.

Class 4 will be delivering their Remembrance Assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Finally if you have not yet booked an appointment for the parent consultations that will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, please sign up on the clipboards outside of the school office after school today; alternatively email the school office ([admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk)) and we will endeavour to get as close to your preferred slot as possible. Confirmation slips will be given out next week.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

### **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**



**Halloween Disco - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm – 4:30pm) – there is still time to buy tickets for the Halloween Disco!** Tickets prices are: £2.00 (includes a snack and a drink); £2.50 (includes a snack, drink and photo).

Please send payment into school (in a named and sealed envelope) by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be given out to the children on the day of the disco. **Children may bring their costumes into school so they can change into them before the disco starts.**

**Secondary Admissions 2019** - Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary is fast approaching. Parents of Year 6 children will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. However, we would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, as we have been advised by the Admissions Team there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying. Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application from the Admissions and Transport Team by contacting your Process Admissions Officer - [pru.salmons@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pru.salmons@hertfordshire.gov.uk) (Tel: 01992 588129 x 28129).

**School start time reminder** – please ensure your child arrives in school **by 8:50am**, ready for registration. Any lateness's will be monitored and followed up by the school's Attendance Improvement Officer. Thank you in advance for your support co-operation.

In line with our school uniform policy, long hair (on girls and boys) should be tied back. Hair bands and clips should be discreet (not large bows) and in school colours. Some hair accessories may need to be removed before P.E. on the grounds of health and safety.

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

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am - Happy School Bags clothes collection. Please bring in your filled Happy School Bags on this day only.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30pm – 4:30pm: Halloween Disco.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>AM – Year 6 Height and Weight checks (school nursing team).</i> 1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations (letters sent out).
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>2:00pm – Open Afternoon.</i>
<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.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	FOG Coffee Morning (more details nearer the time). <i>2:30pm – Remembrance Assembly (all welcome).</i>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PM – Flu vaccinations (letters and consent forms sent out). Evening – FOG QUIZ NIGHT (more details nearer the time).
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day (wear a spotty outfit in exchange for £1.00)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 trip to Hatfield House (letters sent out).
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:30am – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fete.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PM – FOG Christmas Fete (more details nearer the time).
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 2 Christmas Journey at St Nicholas Church (more details nearer the time).
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.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch Day.
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.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	1:30pm – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.

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.