



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 7 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been with great excitement that we have all watched the construction of our new outdoor gazebo this week! The installers from Pentagon Play have been fantastic, working flexibly around the children's break and lunch times. We're hoping to have this phase of the outdoor project completed by Monday!

To help our playground project progress, I've been busy this half-term writing letters and grant applications to secure additional funding. Last week we received a cheque for £1000 from the Stevenage Community Trust and also secured £500 from our Local Councillor's local needs pot! Residents of the village have also been enormously generous and we have received donations totalling £800 from them. Mrs Hand submitted our Lottery Grant application this week – so watch this space! I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support, towards our fundraising goal via our *Just Giving* page; every penny helps!

In other news, you will notice a new logo at the bottom of our letters from now on. On Tuesday, myself and Miss Heritage met with representatives from Stevenage Sporting Futures and Sheffield Hallam University to secure our Bronze 'School Games Mark' Award (we were one of only two schools in the local area to be 'randomly' selected for a moderation visit). This is in recognition for the school's efforts last year in P.E. and Competitive Sport.

Only one week to go of what has been an action-packed and extremely long half-term! We're nearly there everyone!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Andrews

Deputy Head



NOTICES AND REMINDERS

There will be **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS** next week, with the **exception of Pottery on Tuesday 23rd October and Netball Club on Thursday 25th October**. These sessions are to make up for the sessions missed during this half term.



FOG (Friends of Graveley) would like to invite you to a coffee morning on **Friday 9th November** at **9:00am** in the school hall. You are welcome to offer ideas or feedback, or if you are able to be involved in any way, please have a chat with one of us. We would greatly appreciate any support you can offer. We look forward to seeing you then!



Back by popular demand – WHO will be the next brains of Graveley?

Join us for our **Quiz and Chips Night** on **Thursday 15th November 2018** at **7:30pm** in the school hall. The cost is £10.00 per person which includes a fish and chips supper. Up to 6 people per team. Bottle raffle on the night. Please contact one of the members of FOG or the school office if you would like to take part.

Thank you for donating your Happy Bags – we have raised £143.40 which will go towards school funds.

School photographs by Tempest were given out today. Please send your orders and payment into school by Friday 9th November.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 23 rd October	<i>PM – Pottery afterschool club on.</i>
Thursday 25 th October	AM – Year 6 Height and Weight checks (school nursing team). 1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations (letters sent out). <i>PM – Netball afterschool club on.</i>
Friday 26 th October	<i>2:00pm – Open Afternoon.</i>
HALF TERM and INSET DAY	Monday 29th October – Monday 5th November (inclusive)
Tuesday 6th November	Children return to school. Afterschool clubs starts.
Friday 9 th November	9:00am - FOG Coffee Morning – all welcome! 2:30pm – Remembrance Assembly - all welcome!
Thursday 15 th November	AM – KS1 Mini Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre (letters sent out). PM – Flu vaccinations (letters and consent forms sent out). 7:30pm - FOG QUIZ NIGHT.
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need Day (wear a spotty outfit in exchange for £1.00)
Tuesday 20 th November	Class 4 trip to Hatfield House (letters sent out).
Thursday 22 nd November	9:30am – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.
Monday 26 th November	Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fete.
Thursday 29 th November	PM – FOG Christmas Fete (more details nearer the time).
Tuesday 4 th December	1:30pm – Information session for prospective Reception 2019 parents.
Thursday 6 th December	PM – Class 2 Christmas Journey at St Nicholas Church (more details nearer the time).
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 Jumper and Christmas lunch Day.
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.
Thursday 10 th 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.