



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 8 Autumn I 2018

Dear Parents,

As many of you may be aware, during our Harvest Festival, we have shown our support for 'People for People's' Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.

Christmas can be a difficult time for anyone, but for those already managing on a tight budget, the added expense of increased winter fuel bills will plunge many into crisis.

*What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?* It is where you give an item a day through the month of November. Grab a box (maybe festively decorated) and place any of the suggested items in:

- ✓ Tinned food – beans, tomatoes, potatoes
- ✓ Packet goods – pasta, noodles, stuffing
- ✓ Toiletries – deodorant, soap, unwanted gift sets
- ✓ Toys and books – new
- ✓ Treats – selection boxes, sweets, biscuits

We understand that this may be a difficult time of year for some of our families and we only ask for donations if you feel you are able to help. All boxes will need to be delivered to school on the morning of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, ready for collection and distribution. Thank you in advance for your support.

Can I please raise your awareness of a child we have here who suffers from a nut allergy. It is extremely important that we do not have nuts or nut products within school – either in lunch boxes or as afterschool snacks. This does include chocolate spreads and snacks that contain the spread, particularly items such as Nutella bars.

On the topic of food, could I please ask that break-time snacks should be of the healthy variety - fruit, vegetables, smoothies are suitable items. We discourage biscuits, chocolate or crisps.

Have a good half term, remember we have an INSET day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, we will see you on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.50am when we will be launching our new topic with a whole school scavenger hunt through the village. Please make sure children have suitable shoes and coats.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

### **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

**The school will be closed for HALF TERM and INSET day next week. Children return to school on TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**

**Afterschool Clubs start the first week back from half term (from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November). Please note that clubs are on from **3:15pm – 4:15pm.****

**Please note the following menu changes for cold options** – chicken roll on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November; ham roll on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.



**FOG (Friends of Graveley)** would like to invite you to a coffee morning on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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!



Join us for our **Quiz and Chips Night** on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at **7:30pm** in the school hall. The cost is £10.00 per person which includes a choice of - fish and chips; chicken and chips or veggie burger and chips. 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.

## KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

<b>HALF TERM and INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive)</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children return to school.</b> <i>Whole school scavenger hunt – please ensure children come to school with weather appropriate shoes and coats.</i> Afterschool clubs starts.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am - FOG Coffee Morning – all welcome! 2:30pm – Remembrance Assembly - all welcome!
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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).
<i>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>By 9:00am – Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes in to school.</i>
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.

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