



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Autumn II 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good break last week. We have had a very busy start to this half term. On Tuesday, the whole school divided up into groups and ventured out into the village in search of hidden treasure; this launched our new topic of 'Explorers.' Class 1 extended this on Wednesday when they all arrived as pirates, spending the day finding out about famous pirates, drawing treasure maps and obviously lots of role play in the pirate ship made by Miss Tooley and Mrs Lingwood. The rest of the school enjoyed learning all about Diwali. Mrs Sarkar brought in some saris, which some of the staff enjoyed modelling and also cooked us some treats! The children in Class 4 made chapattis and Class 2 and 3 used clay to make divas.

Next week sees the start of National Anti-Bullying Week. The children have been working with Mrs Andrews to design a programme of activities for all to engage in. We ask that all children come to school on Monday in odd socks to support this initiative (we are not asking for any donation and school uniform should be worn as normal). We will end the week with Children in Need, where we are asking for 'spotty' costumes, be as imaginative as you like. Donations of £1.00 will go towards this worthwhile charity.

There has been a reported incidence of head lice in school. Please ensure you are regularly checking your child's hair. I have attached a natural remedy (please see Notices and Reminders below) that can be used as a cheaper alternative to some of the more expensive varieties purchased in the chemist.

Finally, if you haven't already bought your ticket for the Quiz Night, please see one of the FOG team or pop into the office. If you have, I will be spending the weekend compiling the questions and will see you on Thursday evening.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

PARKING – we have been informed by local residents that there have been cases of inconsiderate parking by parents outside the school during drop-off and collection times. Please park with consideration **at all times** and do not block/partially block resident's driveways and ensure that residents can drive in and out of their property with ease. We have informed our local PCSO about the situation and they will be doing some patrols. To ease congestion outside school, you are welcome to park in The George and Dragon car park and walk up to school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Reception 2019 - applications for Reception places (for children starting school in September 2019) opened on Monday 5th November. Applications should be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019. For further information, please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Baby Lotion/Olive Oil cure for head lice:

- ✓ Cover your child's hair with baby lotion/olive oil and wrap the entire head with cling film.
- ✓ Hold this in place with a woolly hat or swimming cap and leave on overnight.
- ✓ In the morning, your child can bend their head over the bath while you remove the clingfilm. The lice will all fall out having suffocated.
- ✓ Comb through with a lice comb to remove any eggs.
- ✓ Add shampoo directly to oily hair so that the hair is well-washed.
- ✓ If necessary, repeat the following weekend.

Snacks in school – please only provide NUT FREE snacks for your child during their time at school (this includes afterschool club). Nutella products contain nuts so please ensure your child do not bring these into school.

Easy School Christmas Card Orders – please return your orders to the school office by Wednesday 14th November.

FOG HALLOWEEN DISCO – £145.04 was raised from our recent Halloween Disco which will go towards school funds. Thank you for all your support.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN II TERM 2018

Monday 12 th November	<i>National Anti-Bullying Week. Children may come into school wearing odd socks (no donation required).</i>
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.

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*.