



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Autumn II 2018

Dear Parents,

All of the children have been participating in activities this week promoting an anti-bullying message here at Graveley. On Monday, many children and staff arrived in odd socks celebrating our individuality and what makes us unique. Each day has pursued a different theme ending today with Friendship Day. We hope the children are now more aware of how it feels to be bullied and what they can do if they feel either themselves or others are in that situation.

Thank you to those that attended our Quiz Night yesterday and those parents that have been busy organising prizes, raffles, the food and the selling of tickets. I will inform you of the amount raised when all the proceeds have been counted.

Next Thursday we will be holding our Open Morning for prospective Reception 2019 parents. If you do know of any families who are currently looking at provision for September 2019, please let them know.

If you have been collecting for the Reverse Advent Calendar, you should be halfway through by now. Leah will be collecting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you just want to make donations to a class, then please send in any items to your child's class teacher.

Finally, staff have all been looking through the artistic creations of how the children felt the new school emblem should look like. We have narrowed it down to 3 winners from different age groups.

EYFS and KS1 – Kirk                  Lower KS2 – Taylor                  Upper KS2 – Aidan

Well done to all those that entered – the winning entries are now being sent off to a publisher who will hopefully take aspects of all 3 to produce our brand new emblem!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

### **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

**Everbridge School Notification System** - in the event of severe weather, a public emergency or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for the school to close. In order to ensure parents/carers are informed as quickly as possible of anything that may have an impact on a normal school day, this notification system has been put in place to enable messages from the school to be sent immediately via text message.

If you have not already done so, please take 5 minutes to register your details with Everbridge so that you can receive immediate information and updates: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

**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.

**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.

## KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN II TERM 2018

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.
<i>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a box of chocolates/large bar of chocolate for the FOG Christmas Fete.</i>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	3:30pm – 5:00pm: FOG Christmas Fete.
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).
<i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>PM – School choir visit to Pine Lodge Care Home (letters sent out).</i>
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.
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>PM – School choir visit to Halcyon Days Care Home (letters sent home).</i>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 1 Nativity to parents.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch Day. <i>2:00pm – Carol Concert – all welcome!</i>
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*.