



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 3 Autumn II 2018

Dear Parents,

I had a lovely day on Tuesday accompanying the Year 5 and 6 children to Hatfield House as part of their topic on The Golden Age. Although very cold and wet, we had a great time travelling by train to meet 'Queen Elizabeth I' and 'Sir Walter Raleigh.' I am always proud of the way that the pupils at Graveley Primary School behave but I was especially delighted to receive the following message from a member of the public. *'I was on the train to London this morning, when a group of your pupils boarded at Stevenage for a school trip. They all seemed very excited about their outing but they were all well behaved and did everything they were asked to by staff. They are a credit to the school and should be proud of themselves.'*

FOG have been extremely busy planning the Christmas Fete. Thank you to those parents that have already donated items for the raffle or various prizes for stalls. Just as a reminder, on Monday the children may come into school in non-uniform in return for a donation of a large bar or box of chocolates for the tombola. Our willing band of volunteers will be out and about again next week to continue collecting donations of money envelopes, raffle donations or raffle ticket purchases.

Winter seems to be on its way so could I please ask that children come into school in appropriate clothing (warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves). It does get extremely windy on the playground at lunchtimes and children are out for a length of time. As it can also be frosty in the morning, children do need to take extra care on the surface around the gazebo which can get slippery.

Have a good weekend and I hope to see many of you at the Christmas fete next Thursday after school.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

### **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**



**Children in Need update** - we raised £94.50 from our recent Non Uniform Day. Thank you for taking part in this great cause.

**For those in the school choir** – the visit to Halcyon Days care home will now be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, not Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Request for Local Child Minders** - please inform the school office if you can recommend some local child minders. We have some prospective Reception parents who are seeking child minders.



We have a **non-uniform day** on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** in exchange for a box/large chocolate bar for our Christmas Fete. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Message from FOG** - Thank you for all of your donations for the Christmas Fete this week. The crates will be out again on Monday and Tuesday for anyone else who wishes to donate. We would also be grateful if you could lend us some tinsel, short light strings or general Christmas decorations for our Christmas Fete next Thursday. Please drop these into the school office. Many thanks in advance.

**Quiz Night update** – following a fun night for all, we raised £234.40 which will go towards school funds. FOG would like to thank all those who took part and the Quiz Masters.

Today your child will be coming home with a **child-friendly Anti-Bullying Policy** created by a working party of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. It is the culmination of last week's Anti-Bullying Week and we hope will support all children in their understanding around bullying.

## KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN II TERM 2018

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a box of chocolates/large bar of chocolate for the FOG Christmas Fete.
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 (letters sent out).
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – School choir visit to Pine Lodge Care Home (letters sent out).
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 2 Christmas performance to the school.
<i>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>PM – School choir visit to Halcyon Days Care Home (letters sent home).</i>
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. 2:00pm – Carol Concert – all welcome!
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*.