



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Autumn 2 2019

Dear Parents,

The children had a surprise when they came back to school on Monday as a large planetarium had been erected in the hall. All classes had a chance to spend some time inside finding out about the stars, planets and space travel. Billie said it was so cool seeing the stars and planets. Sophia said she liked that the stars were so shiny.

Next Tuesday is our Open Morning for new Reception children. If you have a child due to start school in September 2020 or know somebody who does, please contact the school office to book a place.

FOG will be on the playground next week during drop-off and home time, collecting any donations for our Christmas Fete later this term. If you are able to help at all and haven't let them know, please pop into the school office and we can pass on your details.

The house captains are currently running a poster competition to raise awareness of litter across Stevenage. They will select the best entries at Graveley and take them along to their next Stevenage Schools Parliament meeting at the end of November where the best across the town will be judged and displayed in the run up to a town wide litter pick in the New Year.

Next Friday we will also be holding our FOG Quiz night. Tickets are £5.00 per person – bring along your own drinks and nibbles for the table. Again, drop into the office to let the ladies know if would like to attend. I hope to see some of you coming along to show off your general knowledge skills!

Please see below of all other activities happening in school next week.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Notices and Reminders



Odd Socks Day on **Tuesday 12th November** – Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week, which this year has the theme of 'Change starts with us'. We will be marking this by holding an Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th, where children are invited to wear a pair of odd socks of their choice (no donation required) and carrying out anti-bullying awareness activities in school."



Children may come into school in brightly coloured clothes on **Friday 15th November** for a suggested donation of £1.00 which will go towards **Children in Need**. Thank you in advance for your support.

FOG DONATIONS WEEK (Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November) - A member of the FOG team will be at school at the start and end of each day to collect anything you are kind enough to donate for our Christmas Fete e.g. filled money envelopes, sold raffle tickets, small 'lucky dip' gifts and items to go in the hampers for the raffle.

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. 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>

Key Dates for Autumn Term II 2019

Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week.
<i>Tuesday 12th November</i>	<i>Odd Socks Day – children may come into school wearing odd socks and their school uniform (no donation required).</i>
Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November	FOG Donations Week. A member of the FOG team will be located outside the Junior entrance and school office entrance at 8:40am – 9:00am and 3:10pm – 3:30pm to collect your donations for the FOG Christmas Fete.
Tuesday 12 th November	9:30am New Reception (2020) information session.
Wednesday 13 th November	Class 3 Mini Olympics (letters sent out). <i>Book People stall in the school hall afterschool from Wednesday 13th November – Tuesday 19th November. Your child will be bringing home a leaflet with further information about the book fair today. If you would like to make a purchase but unable to attend the book fair, please complete the order form and return to the school office.</i>
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day – children can come into school in brightly coloured clothes for a £1.00 donation. 7:00pm - Quiz Night (£5.00 per person).
Friday 22 nd November	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a box or large bar of chocolate for the FOG Christmas Fete Tombola Stall.
Monday 25 th November	Happy Bags collection.
<i>Wednesday 27th November</i>	<i>Year 2 Christmas Journey at St Hugh's and St John's Church (more details nearer the time).</i>
Thursday 28 th November	3:30pm – 5:00pm: FOG Christmas Fete.
Wednesday 11 th December	PM – Class 2 Christmas performance to parents at church.
Thursday 12 th December	3:15pm Film Night.
Friday 13 th December	PM – Class 1 Nativity to parents.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Lunch. 2:00pm – Carol Concert.
Friday 20 th December	1:15pm – Break up for the Christmas holidays.
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January 2020 (inclusive).
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Children return to school.

Please note - The above dates may change and additional events may be added during the course of the term. Please refer to the school's weekly Newsletter for any diary updates.

Recently added events shown in *italics*.



THE GRAVELEY SCHOOL

Is proud to announce our

Christmas Fete

Bring your families and join us to enjoy a festive fun afternoon

Homemade cakes and food, raffle, tombola, Santa and much more.

Thursday 28th November
3:30pm-5pm



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