



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Spring II 2019

Dear Parents,

If you are not already aware, we have our SIAMS inspection on Tuesday next week. Mary Westley, our inspector will be in school all day. Please see the previous letter for more information.

Last half term we informed you of the changes to how we are sharing the Christian values to the children. This half term, we will be focussing on Compassion. Please see the attached sheet on how you can support with this at home.

Following discussion with a range of stakeholders of the school, we have also revisited our vision statement, which was launched with our pupils this week. We hope it is one that will be shared by all members of Graveley Primary School and what we all aspire for our pupils here.

On Thursday, KS1 spent the afternoon at Marriotts Sports Centre taking part in a football skills festival hosted by Sporting Futures. The children enjoyed learning new ball skills alongside children from other schools across Stevenage.

As Lent begins next Thursday, can I remind you of our '40 Days of Giving Appeal' that we informed you of last half term. Boxes for donations will be available in your child's class. However if you would like to create your own, please bring them in on Tuesday 23rd April – our first day back to school after the Easter break. I have attached the previous letter as a reminder of what you could donate.

Next Thursday is World Book Day. We have a theme of 'Bedtime Stories' so are asking children to wear their pyjamas and bring along their favourite bedtime story and teddy. There is no donation required on this day.

On Friday 15th March is Comic Relief. Our theme this year is 'Dress up or Dress down'. You may interpret this as you wish. We are asking for a donation of £1.00. On Friday 22nd March, the children will be taking part in our Annual Fun Run. If you are new to the school, this is an opportunity for us to sponsor children across the world via Action Aid through our fundraising. Children may come dressed in fancy dress suitable for running in or just wear their sports gear.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS



WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7th March: children are welcome to come into school in their pyjamas to mark World Book Day. They may also bring in a copy of their favourite bedtime story and a teddy bear/cuddly toy. No donation required.



FOG QUIZ NIGHT – Thursday 14th March at 7:15pm. Teams of up to 8; £10.00 per person which includes a chilli supper with either jacket potato or French bread. Tickets are available from the school office or Lisa Burgess (parent in Class 3 or 4).

Parking outside the school – we have had a few complaints from our neighbours regarding parking during school drop-off and collection times. Please ensure you park considerately i.e. not in front of driveways or on corners during these busy times. Our local PCSO is aware of the situation and will be doing patrols. To ease traffic congestion, you are welcome to park in The George and Dragon car park and walk up to the school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

SOME KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 4 th March	Reception height, weight, hearing and eye tests.
<i>Thursday 7th March</i>	<i>World Book Day – Bedtime Story Theme (come to school in pyjamas and bring in a favourite bedtime story and teddy bear).</i>
Thursday 14 th March	7:15pm - FOG Quiz Night in the school hall. £10.00 per person (includes a bowl of chilli and a chocolate fountain dessert). Teams of up to 8. Please contact the school office to reserve a place.
<i>Friday 15th March</i>	<i>Comic Relief Day – ‘Dress Up or Dress Down’. Suggested donation of £1.00.</i>
Monday 18 th March	1:00pm – 2:30pm: Year 6 Easter Journey at St Hugh’s and St John’s Church in Chells (letters sent out).
Friday 22 nd March	9:00am – Fun Run (letters sent out).
Friday 29 th March	1:00pm – FOG Mothers’ Day Shop.
Thursday 4 th April	1:00pm – Y3 and Y4 Mini Tennis.
Friday 5 th April	Easter service at St Mary’s Church. Break up for Easter holidays. 1:15pm – Early finish.
Easter Holidays – Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April (inclusive)	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school. ‘40 Days of Giving’ donations collection.

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

40 Days of Giving

*Not sure what to give up for Lent?
Want to give back to your local community?*

For Lent this year (which starts on Wednesday 6th March), Graveley Primary School has created the "40 Days of Giving" challenge. We are reaching out to our families and friends to ask them to support us in this challenge.

How the Challenge works.

Start with a large box and for each day throughout Lent (40 days in total); add something to the box that you wish to donate. These donations could be:

- Food items such as tins, bags of pasta, jars of coffee etc.
- Toiletries such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, shower gel
- Personal items such as packs of sanitary pads, lip balm etc.
 - Pre-loved clothes for men, women and children
- Pre-loved generic uniform items such as trousers, skirts and shirts
 - Pre-loved toys and books in good condition

Once you have completed your 40 Days of Giving challenge, please bring the boxes into school on **Tuesday 23rd April** where Mrs Stead and the People For People team will distribute all your wonderful donations to those who need them.

If you feel the 40 days challenge is not for you, you may prefer to just donate one or two of the above items to the challenge box located in your child's classroom.

Many thanks in advance for you kind and generous donations.

Mrs Stead

Graveley Primary School VISION:

With God, all things are possible.

(Matthew 19:26)

*Our core Christian values of
Fellowship, **Creativity** and
Harmony shape*

Graveley Primary School.

*Everyone is encouraged to become the
BEST version of themselves: following
the wisdom and example of Jesus,
through life's joys, storms and
uncertainties.*

*We want children to leave with their
understanding deepened, minds
enriched and hearts inspired.*

