



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Summer I 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year! We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to this term as much as we are. It was so good to see the sun decided to come out, even though it did wait until the end of the holidays!

We have a busy term ahead – Eco Day, Sports Day, PGL, Class 4 production, Class 1 and 2 trip to Knebworth House, SATs, transition to new classes and new schools to name but a few. Today we start with the Big Build – I'm sure there will be photos on our Facebook page to follow. Thank-you to Mr King for dropping off some very generous donations to assist with the den building today.

It was good to see so many of you at yesterday's parent consultations. If you did not manage to make an appointment, please contact the school office to rearrange a convenient time to see your child's teacher.

We said goodbye to Mrs Forster at the end of the Spring term, as yet we have not had any news about the arrival of baby Forster but will let you know when we do. We welcome Mrs Khanom into Class 1 who will cover the maternity leave until Mrs Forster returns.

We were overwhelmed with all of the donations that were made through our 40 Days of Giving appeal. A huge thank-you for being so generous and supporting the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and Food Shed charities.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

News from FOG (Friends of Graveley)

We have been really grateful for your support so far this year and have already raised over £1800.

Many parents have asked about sharing used clothing and so we are planning to start 2nd hand uniform sale at a couple of key points during the year. The first of these will be a stall at the Summer Fete, and we hope to continue with this in other ways such as exchanging fancy dress items for the Halloween Disco. Please start saving any re-useable uniform and any other textiles for a Happy Bags collection on 1st July.

A letter will be coming home in the next few days with details of ways in which you can support us. Please attach it to your fridge/noticeboard etc. to refer to during the year!

We are now beginning to plan the Summer Fete and would be grateful if anyone could offer donations of time, experience, skills, gifts, vouchers etc. that we can use as prizes. Some examples might be:

- ? hours of house cleaning, de-cluttering, general help at home
- Free babysitting/childminding for an evening/afternoon
- A free coaching session (music, sport, tutoring etc.)
- A kilo of chocolate brownies (!), a cake, a batch of biscuits
- Cooking dinner and delivering it to the winner, limited by geographical area
- An experience session/day, or vouchers for one
- Vouchers/gifts from yourself or a business

Fundraising this term:

- Father's Day shop (14th June)
- It's Summer! The Summer Fete is our biggest fundraising event of the year! (28th June)
- Happy Bags collection (1st July)

If you would like to get in touch with us, we now have an e-mail address: fogadmin@graveley.herts.sch.uk

Cate Ravillious (*Chairperson*)

SOME KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019

Date	
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 7 th May	1:00pm – KS1 Maypole at The Leys.
Friday 10 th May	Class 1 and 2 trip to Knebworth House (letters sent out).
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 – SATS.
Wednesday 22 nd May – Friday 24 th May	PGL Liddington.
Wednesday 22 nd May	Class 3 Bell Boat Festival (more details to follow).
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school. Afterschool Clubs start.
Tuesday 4 th June	9:30am – New Reception 2019 Parents meeting. AM – weekly swimming lessons for Class 3 commence.
Thursday 6 th June	12:00pm – Y4/5/6 Primary Athletics Festival at Ridlins.
Tuesday 11 th June	1:30pm – 3:30pm: Summer Rural Schools Athletics.
Friday 14 th June	Fathers’ Day Shop (more details nearer the time).
Friday 21 st June	SPORTS DAY
Wednesday 26 th June	ECO DAY.
Thursday 28 th June	FOG Summer Fete.
Monday 1 st July	9:00am – Happy Bags collection. 2:45pm – Kids Connection uniform stall outside school office.
Tuesday 2 nd July	AM - Intervillage competition. KS1 Adaptive rounders.
Thursday 4 th July	Y3/4 Girls’ Football Festival at The Thomas Alleyne Academy.
Wednesday 10 th July	Shorts and Shades Day. 6:30pm – Class 4 End of Year Production (evening performance).
Thursday 11 th July	Transition Day. Year 6’s out at their new secondary schools.
Tuesday 16 th July	AM – Year 6 leavers’ service at church.
Thursday 18 th July	12:30pm – Year 6 leavers’ lunch and assembly.
Friday 19th July	1:15pm – Break up for the Summer Holidays.
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school.

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*.