



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Summer II 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our last half term of the year and it already looks jam packed with lots of activities going on.

Transition sessions will begin on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, with children spending time getting to know their new teacher and learning the routines of the class. Our new Reception children will also come for their first visit on this day.

Class 4 have already begun rehearsal for their end of year production. I can't wait to see the final performance at the end of term.

Our topic of The Animal Kingdom started with a bang on Wednesday with the array of animals that turned up for school. Thank you for making this day such a success.

On Thursday, 20 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 put on their running shoes and headed to Ridlins Athletics Stadium for a day of competition. And what a day it was! 22 schools from across Stevenage took part in activities such as 50m, 100m, 300m, 600m, javelin, throwing a cricket ball, high jump, long jump as well as relays. We brought home a haul of gold, silver and bronze medals including winning gold as Year 4 winning school and taking the bronze medal for the combined scores for Years 4, 5 and 6. We are extremely proud of how they both performed and conducted themselves on the day.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

*Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

### **Weekly news from FOG**

**Auction of Promises** - Thank you to those who have already had a flutter and put a bid on some of the Auction of Promises lots. We now have 19 lovely promises up for grabs, and more are likely to be added over the next couple of weeks. Don't forget the blue 'back to auction' button at the top of each promise page – it saves a lot of time!

Website address: [auctionofpromises.com/FOGAuctionOfPromises2019](http://auctionofpromises.com/FOGAuctionOfPromises2019)

**Father's Day shop** - The Father's Day Shop will be open next Friday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> June. Presents range in price from £1.00 to £4.00, and the children are able to bring a maximum of £5.00 into school that morning to spend at the shop. We hope that there will be a lot of happy Fathers on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June!

**Happy Bags, uniform and fete donations** - Please don't forget to have a sort out of any uniform, textiles and unwanted clothing and accessories for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform stall at the Summer Fete (Friday 28<sup>th</sup>), and the Happy bags collection the following Monday (1<sup>st</sup> July). We would be delighted if you could take the opportunity to encourage family and friends to de-clutter wardrobes, check the fitting of Graveley school uniform and hunt out unwanted gifts for the fete. We get a good return from the company for every kilo of clothing collected.

**Donations week** - Following the success of this at Christmas, we will once again hold a donations week in the run up to the Summer Fete. The green donations crates and separate boxes for Happy Bags donations will be out each morning (8:45am – 9:00am) and afternoon (3:10pm – 3:20pm) during the week of 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June. Children will receive an entry into the children's raffle for every item donated, and therefore could benefit from a greater chance of winning the £10 voucher. All items can be donated in advance and stored ready for the Summer Fete and the Happy Bags collection.

**Shorts and shades day** - This year, Shorts and Shades day will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June as part of Donations week. Children are able to come to school wearing their own bright and sunny clothing (and shades!) in exchange for a bottle (of anything) donation for the Fete's Bottle Tombola.

#### **Fundraising this term:**

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

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

Cate Ravilious (Chairperson)

## Notices and Reminders

We are now live in local **Tesco** stores with our *Bags for Help* initiative. Remember to pick up a blue token and place it in our appeal box to help fund the regeneration of our playground and outdoor play equipment. Thank you in advance for your support!

**PARKING REMINDER** - Can all parents please be mindful of local residents when parking in the roads around the school. We have received some complaints from neighbours via the Parish Council regarding inconsiderate parking e.g. blocking driveways. **The George and Dragon allow parents to use their car park during drop-off and collection times to ease congestion outside the school.** We appreciate your co-operation and support in this matter.

For everyone's safety, please supervise your children at all times. Children are **not** allowed to use the school play equipment during drop-off and collection times.

## KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019

Week commencing Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics assessments.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30pm – 3:30pm: Summer Rural Schools Athletics at Ridlins (selected pupils).
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>9:30am – 11:15am FOG Fathers' Day Shop open – there will be a selection of gifts for the children to buy. Children can bring spending money in on the day in a named and sealed envelope (max £5.00).</i>
<i>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>FOG Donations Week – please donate items for the school fete. Donations may be placed in the <b>green crates</b> located outside the classrooms during drop-off and collection times.</i>
<i>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Shorts and Shades Day (non-uniform in exchange for a bottle for our Summer Fete Bottle Tombola)</i>
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>From 11:00am - SPORTS DAY and picnic.</i> We will be offering the following lunch menu: <b>Pizza, chips and salad or Cheese roll and salad</b> followed by a cookie. If your child would like to have a school picnic lunch, please send in £2.55 in a named envelope stating the choice of lunch. Payment is not required for children in Classes 1 and 2. <i>1:30pm Open Afternoon.</i>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	ECO DAY.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	FOG Summer Fete. No afterschool clubs on this day.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9:00am – Happy Bags collection. 2:45pm – Kids Connection uniform stall outside school office.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	AM - Intervillage competition (selected pupils).
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Girls' Football Festival at The Thomas Alleyne Academy (letters will be sent out nearer the time).
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	6:30pm – Class 4 End of Year Production (evening performance).
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day. Year 6's out at their new secondary schools.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	AM – Year 6 leavers' service at church.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	12:30pm – Year 6 leavers' lunch and assembly.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1:15pm – Break up for the Summer Holidays.</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.***