



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Autumn 2 2019



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the children that spoke so beautifully and poignantly in last week's Remembrance Assembly. The children in all classes took part in learning activities to raise awareness of why we remember the fallen each year and the significance of the poppies that we buy and wear. I hope that you also had a chance to see the school gates that Miss Potter and Class 4 decorated – what a striking statement it was.

This week we have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. The theme nationally this year has been, '*Change starts with us.*' The pupils have been learning that by making small, simple changes we can all make a difference to creating a safe environment for everyone. Your child will come home today with a copy of our child friendly Anti-Bullying Policy.

Class 3 spent Wednesday morning at the Mini-Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre. They had a great time trying out new sports and activities. Ruby said her favourite was the cheerleading. Ava said she liked the hurdles, even though it was really tricky.

Today we have an array of bright colours and ears as we raise money for Children in Need. Classes will be spending some time today to find out why we raise money and how it helps children across the country.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Message from FOG: FOG Christmas Fete - Thursday 28th November

Thank you for all your generous donations so far. The donation crate will still be out at the end of today (Friday) for any more filled money envelopes, raffle tickets, raffle hamper gifts and lucky dip gifts you have to hand in. Any donations after today can be made via the office or a member FOG. To ensure the success of the Fete, we are still looking for volunteers to bake homemade treats (no nuts please) for the cake/refreshment stall, to help set the fete up (anytime between 1:00pm and 3.15pm), to help man a stall (anytime between 3.15pm and 5pm) and to help tidy up afterwards (from 5:00pm). If you are able to help with any of these things please email fogadmin@graveley.herts.sch.uk or speak to a member of FOG. Thank you.

Notices and Reminders



NON UNIFORM DAY – Friday 22nd November: Children may wear non-uniform in exchange for box or large bar of chocolate (no nuts please) for the FOG Christmas Fete Tombola Stall.

Parking outside the school – unfortunately we have had a complaint from one of our neighbours (via Graveley Parish Council) regarding parking. Please ensure you park considerately at all times outside the school i.e. not blocking driveways, on the pavement or on corners. Our local PCSO is aware of the situation and will be doing patrols. To keep everyone safe and to ease traffic congestion during drop-off and home time, 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.

There will be no Yoga afterschool club or Book Fair on Monday 18th November. The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday 19th November from 3:15pm. Yoga afterschool club will resume on Monday 25th November.

Message from our Reading Ambassadors

First of all, thank you for your generous donations towards Children in Need. We also discussed Anti-Bullying Week. Bullying is becoming a growing problem across the globe. Many children (and grown-ups) face bullying at school, their work place and online. We need to prevent this – the *change starts with us*. We would also like to thank you for your participation on Odd Socks Day on Tuesday.

Key Dates for Autumn Term II 2019

Friday 22 nd November	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a box or large bar of chocolate for the FOG Christmas Fete Tombola Stall. Please ensure the chocolates do not contain any nuts.
Monday 25 th November	Happy Bags collection.
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 2 Christmas Journey at St Hugh's and St John's Church (letters sent out).
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. Class 4 trip to Warner Bros Studios (letters set out).

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*.

Graveley Primary School Snow Procedures 2019/20

When a decision is made to close Graveley Primary School in severe, snowy weather, it is done to ensure the safety of all pupils, parents and staff.

Snowfall Overnight

The decision is made early in the morning and depends on local factors. **If severe weather is expected to last all day we will close the school at 2:30pm** to enable parents and children to get home safely and avoid the heavy end of day traffic. However, occasionally it does not start snowing until the morning which can delay decisions.

You will be informed that the school is closed in the following ways:

1. **Parentmail PMX** – An email message and text message will be sent via Parentmail at the earliest opportunity. Please ensure the school office holds the most up to date contact details for you.
2. **Everbridge School Notification System** - 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>
3. **Twitter:** A tweet will be sent via Twitter at the earliest opportunity.
4. **School Website** – When possible, the website will inform as to whether the school is closed (www.graveley.herts.sch.uk).
5. We will also update our **Facebook page**.

Heavy Snowfall Whilst School is Open

If a significant amount of snow falls and settles, the school will close early. You will be informed as above.

We endeavour to keep school open as we know how much closing impacts on parents' jobs. Please help us by ensuring we have your up to date contact details and your phone with you. When arranging for an earlier closing time we ask that you please adhere to this time and do not come earlier. It is disruptive to learning and classroom organisation when children are leaving throughout the afternoon.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

November 2019



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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