



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Spring I 2019

Dear Parents,

This week, Year 6 accompanied their Reception buddies to Hitchin Library to take part in a workshop. Many of them then received their new library card so are now able to go and borrow books at their leisure. They then took a stroll down to Waterstones to buy some new books for the school library. All children selected a book of their choice to add to our collection.

On Wednesday, some Year 4 children attended a Maths Mastermind Workshop with Mrs Stead at Ardeley St Lawrence School. They enjoyed investigating different Maths areas and working together as a team. On Thursday they came back to teach the rest of their class all the new things they had learnt.

As the wintry cold weather now seems to have arrived, could I please remind you that many P.E. lessons do involve being outside on the playground. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and girls to have spare socks (if they often wear tights to school) in their P.E. bags.

I have attached the proposed term dates for next Academic Year 2019/20. Please be aware that there is still one Inset day to be added.

Wrights Estate Agents have generously supported Graveley Primary School in our fundraising efforts in the past and have now launched a new initiative whereby if any parents or carers are looking to sell their property or have a friend wishing to do so and recommend and use Wrights, they will give Graveley Primary school **£150.00** to use however we wish following completion of sale. I have attached more details with this Parentmail.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

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.

If you have not already done so, 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>

We have also attached a copy of the school's Snow Procedures for your information.



Graveley Primary School Snow Procedures 2019

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).

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.

January 2019

SOME KEY DATES FOR SPRING I 2019

Tuesday 22 nd January	3:45pm – 5:45pm: Rural Schools Indoor Athletics at Fernhill School (letters sent out to selected pupils).
Wednesday 30 January	1:00pm – 3:00pm: KS2 Mini Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre (letters sent out).
Week commencing 11 th February	No afterschool clubs this week.
Thursday 14 th February	PM – FOG Spring Disco.
Friday 15 th February	2:30pm – Open Afternoon.
HALF TERM - Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February (inclusive)	
Monday 25 th February	Children return to school. Afterschool Clubs start.
Thursday 28 th February	PM – Mixed KS1 Football (Barnwell Leisure Centre).
Monday 4 th March	Reception height, weight, hearing and eye tests.
Wednesday 6 th March	PM – Tag Rugby (King George Playing Field).
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Bedtime Story Theme (dress up in pyjamas).
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Day.
<i>Monday 18th March</i>	<i>PM – Year 6 Easter Journey at St Hugh's and St John's Church in Chells (more information nearer the time).</i>
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.

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

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2019 – 2020 Term Dates

PLEASE NOTE – the dates below are in line with the term dates recommended by Hertfordshire County Council.

*****The school is yet to set 1 x INSET Day*****

Autumn Term 2019

First day of Autumn Term 2019	Half Term	End of Autumn Term
Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Monday 28 th October 2019 – Friday 1 st November 2019 (inclusive)	Friday 20 th December 2019 1:15pm finish

Monday 2nd September – Inset day

Friday 25th October – Inset day

Spring Term 2020

First day of Spring Term 2020	Half Term	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Monday 17 th February 2020 – Friday 21 st February 2020 (inclusive)	Friday 3 rd April 2020 1:15pm finish

Monday 6th January – Inset day

Summer Term 2020

First day of Summer Term 2020	Half Term	End of Summer Term
Monday 20 th April 2020	Monday 25 th May 2020 – Friday 29 th May 2020 (inclusive)	Friday 17 th July 2020 1:15pm finish

Monday 20th July – Inset day

Tuesday 21st July – Occasional day