



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Spring II 2019

Dear Parents,

We certainly have had a busy week at school. Thank you to those parents that popped in to speak to the SIAMS inspector on Tuesday. She commented that she had a lovely day at the school. Our report should be with this us in about 2-3 weeks and we look forward to sharing that with you.

On Wednesday, Miss Heritage and her dance crew, accompanied by Mrs Heritage and Mrs Andrews travelled to St Albans to take part in the County Dance Festival. All the children produced a fantastic display, thanks to the choreography and hard work from Miss Heritage – you should all be very proud.

It was so lovely to see the children all sharing some of their favourite bedtime stories on Thursday. We had bodies sprawled everywhere as they snuggled up with teddy bears listening to each other read!

It is good to see that items are already appearing in our '40 Days of Giving' boxes within the classrooms. Feel free to donate towards the collective boxes, or if you prefer donate a family box after the Easter break. As always, thank you for all your support.

Just a reminder that next Friday is Comic Relief – the theme at Graveley is 'Dress up or Dress down.' We are asking for a donation of £1.00 which will go into the fundraising pot alongside our Annual Fun Run which takes place on the following Friday (22nd March).

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS



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 and 4).



Comic Relief Day on Friday 15th March - Our theme this year is 'Dress up or Dress down' for a £1.00 donation. We look forward to seeing all the creative outfits!



FOG Mothers Day Shop will be open on **Friday 29th March** after lunch in the school hall. There will be a wide selection of gifts to purchase. If you would like your child to buy a gift, please send them into school with money in a named envelope on the day (maximum £5.00).

PARKING REMINDER - Can all parents please be mindful of local residents when parking in the roads around the school. There has been some recent damage to the border fences in Grinders End. Please remember that The George and Dragon kindly allow parents to use their car park to ease the disruption to our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

SOME KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2019

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| 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. |
| Friday 15 th March | Comic Relief Day – 'Dress Up or Dress Down'. Suggested donation of £1.00. |
| 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). |
| <i>Tuesday 26th March</i> | <i>Class 1 Parent/Teacher consultations (letters sent out).</i> |
| <i>Thursday 28th March</i> | <i>2:30pm – Graveley Food Festival (letters sent out).</i> |
| Friday 29 th March | 1:00pm – FOG Mothers' Day Shop. |
| Thursday 4 th April | 1:00pm – Y3 and Y4 Mini Tennis (selected pupils). |
| 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. |

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 6's (further information will be provided near the time)

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| Wednesday 10 th July | PM - Class 4 Production. |
| Thursday 11 th July | Transition Day for all Year 6's. |
| Thursday 18 th July | Year 6 Leaver's Lunch and Assembly |

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