



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Summer II 2019

Dear Parents,

We spent a very wet day at Woburn Safari Park last Friday with Class 3. Luckily the animals were not deterred by the rain and ventured out to see us. We nearly brought an extra monkey back with us as he decided to hitch a ride on top of our coach! Despite the weather, we all had a great day and even got to stroke a snake and a lemur.

Unfortunately our Rural Schools Athletics festival had to be cancelled due to the rain – let's hope the weather improves ready for our Sports Day next Friday. If your child would like a school picnic lunch, please notify the school office by Monday 17th June so Gemma (school cook) can order enough supplies.

We have already booked places for PGL residential 2020. If your child is currently in Years 4 and 5 and would like to come, please return the PGL form and deposit to the school office.

We also heard this morning that Miss Heritage has been shortlisted for Sports Apprentice of the Year at the Stevenage Sporting Futures Annual Awards ceremony. The Year 4 Athletics team have also been shortlisted for the Primary Team of the Year. An amazing achievement! We're extremely proud of them all. The awards ceremony will be on Tuesday 9th July. Fingers Crossed!

Thank you for supporting FOG's Fathers' Day Shop today – we have raised £181.37 which will go towards school funds.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Head teacher)

Celebrating achievements outside school

We would love to hear about your child's successes outside of school which we can share in our weekly newsletter. Please email us at admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk.

Izzy (Year 4) – "I came 1st for Grade 5 at gymnastics. I won a trophy at regional finals for age 9 against 15 others. My score was 65.000 out of 70.000. I scored top on bars, range and floor and for all the other pieces, I got a 13.000 or more."

Weekly news from FOG

Auction of Promises - 3 new prizes have been added to the auction of promises this week – all with the aim of occupying children during the summer holidays! Website address: auctionofpromises.com/FOGAuctionOfPromises2019
The auction will close on Monday 1st July.

Donations week is next week! Please bring in any donations and place them in the green crates during drop off (8:45am – 9:00am) or pick-up (3:10pm – 3:20pm). 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 £10.00 voucher. Any donations that are unable to be stored at home for the Happy Bags collection can be handed in next week too and we will store them for you.

Shorts and Shades day will be held on **Tuesday 18th 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:

- It's Summer! The FOG 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, please email: fogadmin@graveley.herts.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Cate Ravilious (Chairperson)

Notices and Reminders



Shorts and Shades Day on Tuesday 18th June – children may come into school in their summer clothes in exchange for a bottle for the FOG Summer Fete Bottle Tombola.

Join us for Sports Day on Friday 21st June from **11:00am**, followed by a picnic lunch on the school field and **Open Afternoon** at **1:30pm**.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- **Early Spring Bank Holiday** next year will be on **FRIDAY 8th MAY 2020** (not Monday 4th May 2020).
- We have also now fixed our extra **INSET DAY** which will be on **Friday 20th March 2020**.

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!

Breakfast Club – for health and safety reasons, please ensure that you bring your children to the Junior door when dropping off.

Sickness – if your child is unfortunate enough to have a sickness bug, please ensure that they remain off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness.

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.

KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 17 th June – Friday 21 st June	FOG Donations Week – please donate items for the school fete. Donations may be placed in the crates located outside the classrooms during school drop-off and collection times.
Tuesday 18 th June	Shorts and Shades Day (non-uniform in exchange for a bottle for the FOG Summer Fete Bottle Tombola).
<i>Thursday 20th June</i>	<i>AM – Year 6 Rounders (letters sent out).</i>
<i>Friday 21st June</i>	<i>From 11:00am - SPORTS DAY and picnic.</i> We will be offering the following lunch menu: Pizza, chips and salad or Cheese roll and salad 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 th June	ECO DAY.
Friday 28 th June	FOG Summer Fete. No afterschool clubs on this day.
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 (selected pupils).
Thursday 4 th July	Y3/4 Girls' Football Festival at The Thomas Alleyne Academy (letters will be sent out nearer the time).
Wednesday 10 th July	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.**