



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 3 Autumn 2 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who supported the Children in Need charity last Friday – we raised £72.50 for this worthy cause.

Today we have held another non-uniform day, this time in return for chocolate which will help fill our chocolate tombola stall at next week's Christmas fete. In order to help with the queues to see Father Christmas, we have been asking some parents to sign up to a time slot. You will be able to find the clipboard at the Class 1 gate at the start and end of day.

As part of International Education Week, we have been focusing our learning on The Global Goals project that Miss Potter is leading through her partnership with Reliance International Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal. In Class 1 and 2, the children looked at the flags of both Nepal and Great Britain. Class 3 focused on the goals of 'life on land' and 'life below water'. The children in Class 4 spent time researching the 17 goals that leaders across the world that would lead to a better future by 2030. The whole school spent time watching some of the videos that Miss Potter took back in September during her visit and looked at the differences and similarities between our school and life in the UK compared with that of a child in Kathmandu.

On a more local level, Poppy in Class 1 has been doing her bit for the environment. She decided that for the afternoon she wanted to go out litter picking - her idea entirely and so she got dressed up in warm clothes and went out around the village with mum. She didn't do this for recognition but to make sure the environment is suitable for the animals (her words). Well done Poppy, we are very proud of you!



Have a good weekend and I hope to see many of you at the Christmas fete next Thursday after school.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)



Happy Bags Thank you for all the Happy Bag donations so far (the black donations bin has been overflowing!). The donations are being **collected first thing on Monday morning (25/11/19)**, so please bring any bags in at morning drop off.

Christmas Fete (28/11/19) Thank you for all your generous donations last week (any late donations can still be made via the office). We have some lovely items for hamper prizes and have also secured some nice voucher prizes (like free meals in our local pubs). Please return any raffle tickets you have sold and if you would like more, please ask in the office.

Please get in touch if you are able to help on the day at all. Even if it's just for half an hour to help set up/clear up or man a stall.

Quiz Night A very enjoyable and successful quiz evening was held last Friday. It was great to see a selection of mums, dads, grandparents, friends, governors and villagers all coming together to have fun and test their knowledge. Thanks to all those who organised and attended the event, which raised a fantastic £200.00.

Notices and Reminders

Year 2 Christmas Journey (Wednesday 27th November) Permission Slips – If you haven't already done so, please return the permission slip for your Year 2 child to attend this event by 9:00am on Monday 25th November. Thank you to those who have already returned permission slips.

Message from our Reading and Writing Ambassadors

Firstly, thank you for the items you have given for our Christmas Fete. We hope you enjoyed the non-school uniform day today. Next Thursday will be our Christmas Fete. Feel free to come and enjoy all the activities, such as Santa's Grotto, money tree, tombola and much, much more! It starts at 3:30pm and ends at 5:00pm. Please come along!

Roshni and Gracie-Mae

Key Dates for Autumn Term II 2019

Monday 25 th November	9:00am 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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