



Graveley Primary School
Newsletter No. 3 Spring I 2019

Dear Parents,

The House Captains and I travelled down to Danestrete on Monday this week for the first meeting this year of Stevenage Schools Parliament. Representatives came from both primary and secondary schools from across the town to discuss ways of improving Stevenage. The children came up with many ideas including organising a fun day, charity fundraisers, a graffiti wall to discourage vandalism and cleaning up key areas. Our first event however, will be 'Love Day', when we will be collecting store cupboard and toiletry items for the food bank. This is likely to be after half term so I will keep you posted. Thank you to those parents that were able to help out with the transport.

FOG will be organising their first event of the year with a Spring Disco, to be held on Thursday 14th February afterschool (3:15pm – 4:30pm). Tickets will be £3.00 – further information will be sent out via your child's book bag next week.

On Tuesday, some children from Year 5 and 6 attended the Rural Schools Indoor Sports Athletics. They took part in a variety of activities including obstacle races, sprints, long jump and relays. Well done to all those that participated.

The children in Class 3 will be saying goodbye to Miss Smyth next Tuesday. She has been with us at Graveley on Mondays and Tuesdays since November while she completes qualified teacher status. I'm sure they will all miss her as will the staff. We wish her all the best and hope she will come back to visit soon.

I wanted to point out to you an app for tablets and mobile phones that some of you may be interested in. <http://www.dinnertimeapp.com/> is a user-friendly app parents can download to remind their children about taking time out from their mobile devices to study, get the sleep they need, and of course, enjoy mealtime as a family. Features include Dinner Time, Bed Time and Take a Break control options.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Cooking afterschool club will not be running on **Wednesday 30th January** due to Mini Olympics. There will be an extra session on **Wednesday 13th February** instead.

SOME KEY DATES FOR SPRING I 2019

Wednesday 30th January	1:00pm – 3:00pm: KS2 Mini Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre (letters sent out). <i>NO Cooking afterschool club.</i>
<i>Week commencing 11th February</i>	<i>No afterschool clubs this week with the exception of Cooking Club on Wednesday 13th February.</i>
Thursday 14 th February	3:15pm – 4:30pm - FOG Spring Disco (further information will be sent out w/c 28/1/2019).
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.
Monday 18 th March	PM – Year 6 Easter Journey at St Hugh's and St John's Church in Chells (more information nearer the time).
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/amended events shown in *italics*.