



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 3 Spring II 2019

Dear Parents,

This week we say goodbye to Serena Brooker who has now come to the end of her teaching practice in Class 2. The children have enjoyed the fun activities that she has been providing – including the chocolate cornflake cakes that they all made last week! We will all miss her cheery smile and wish her all the best in her studies.

A reminder that next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> March) is our Annual Fun Run. If you haven't already returned your child's permission slip (and for KS1 pupils – the name of the nominated adult who will be running alongside them), then please return ASAP. If there are any KS2 adults who could lend a hand on the day with the marshalling of the event, please contact the office or Mrs Andrews.

Unfortunately, after Easter we will see an increase in both breakfast and after school clubs. Breakfast club (available from 7.30am) will increase to £4.00. Early drop off (from 8.30am) will increase to £1.50 and all in house after school clubs will also increase to £1.50.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards,

*Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)



### **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**



**FOG Mothers Day Shop** will be open on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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).

**PGL Liddington 2019** – Please settle all **PGL balances** in **FULL** by 9:00am Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the latest.

**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**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> March	9:00am – Fun Run (letters sent out).
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 Parent/Teacher consultations (letters sent out).
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2:30pm – Graveley Food Festival (letters sent out).
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	1:00pm – FOG Mothers’ Day Shop.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1:00pm – Y3 and Y4 Mini Tennis (letters sent out to selected pupils).
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter service at St Mary’s Church. Break up for Easter holidays. 1:15pm – Early finish.
<b>Easter Holidays – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (inclusive)</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school. '40 Days of Giving' donations collection.

## **KEY DATES FOR YEAR 6’s (further information will be provided nearer the time)**

Week commencing Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	PM - Class 4 Production.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for all Year 6’s.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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*