



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 4 Spring II 2019

Dear Parents,

Year 6 spent Monday afternoon at St Hugh's and St John's Church in Stevenage to take part in activities all focussed around the Easter story. A big thank you to those parents that were able to assist with transport. A coach for this activity costs in the region of £150 and as you can imagine, even with voluntary contributions from parents this would still end up costing the school a considerable amount of money.

A letter will go out today regarding Parent Governor vacancies; we have 2 at present. If you do wish to stand as a governor then please fill out the form attached to the letter. Any more than 2 nominations will result in an election.

Well done to all those that took part in raising funds for Comic Relief last Friday. Donations totalling £100 will be put towards sponsorship from today's Fun Run and split between both Action Aid and Comic Relief.

A reminder to Class 2 parents that they are invited to come into school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1:00pm to see what their children have been learning as part of the Go2 project with Sporting Futures.

There will be a FOG Film Night for children on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> which will start straight after school until 5:00pm. Tickets are £3.00 which includes a snack and drink. If you would like your child to take part, please send into school £3.00 in a named and sealed envelope.

We have rearranged the date for the Quiz Night that we unfortunately had to cancel. This has been rescheduled for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in getting a team together and testing out your general knowledge please contact the school office. Teams of up to 8; £10.00pp and include a ploughman's supper and a chocolate fountain dessert. Bring your own drink. The evening will also include a raffle.

Remember that next Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March) we are planning our first 'Graveley Food Festival' which starts at 2:30pm. Parents are welcome to collect their children and visit the stalls and purchase goods prepared by the classes. There will also be an opportunity to hire a stall at a cost of £5.00 if you would like to sell your own edible goods. Alongside this, we will run the 'Great Graveley Bake Off'. Entrants may bring in their cake on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> March for a fee of £2.00. These will be photographed and cut up ready for tasting in the festival. Anybody wishing to be a taster can enter at a cost of 50p.

Parents and children are reminded that we subscribe to an online learning platform that can be accessed at home. Purple Mash is available for children to use different areas of the curriculum to support learning at school at [www.purplemash.com/sch/graveley](http://www.purplemash.com/sch/graveley) Children have their own log in details. If they have forgotten them, please contact the school office.

And finally, a big well done to Benjamin in Year 3 who achieved a distinction in his recent ISTD Primary Tap exam with a score of 97%!

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**

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 Parent 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.
<i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>After school until 5:00pm - FOG Film Night. £3.00 per ticket which includes a drink and snack.</i>
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**

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 and the school.
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*