



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 5 Summer I 2019

Dear Parents,

The lovely weather this week has meant that we have been able to make full use of our wonderful outdoor space, including the new equipment, gazebo and outdoor classroom. Pupils have enjoyed pond dipping, nature trails, team games, junk modelling and other outdoor art activities. We've had regular updates from PGL, reporting a fantastic time being had by all – the sun has certainly helped! The adventurers (and their bags of dirty washing!) will soon be on their way back home. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for travel updates. We will also keep you updated by ParentMail, if necessary.

It is with much excitement that I have been, this week, beginning to plan next half-term's sporting events. We have three athletics competitions, a rounders festival, a girls football festival, swimming for Class 3 and of course our annual Sports Day. Following the success of last year's event, we will again be combining Sports Day with a family picnic on the field and Open Afternoon. Sports Day will start at 11:00am (finishing at approximately 12.30pm). You are then invited to join us for a lunch time picnic, where you may bring your own food or order a packed lunch from the school kitchen, followed by informal fun and games on the field. At approximately 1.30pm, we will then give you the opportunity to visit your child's class and share with them their learning from the last term. Further information about Sports Day and the other events will be sent out nearer the time.

Finally, the teachers have been looking ahead to next half-term's 'Animal Planet' topic! Our whole school Big Bang will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of June, where everyone is invited to come into school dressed as an animal of their choice. Staff are excitedly planning their outfits already.

Hoping you all have a great half-term break and that the lovely weather continues into the Bank Holiday weekend. See you on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Andrews* (Deputy Head)

### Notices and Reminders

The **school will be closed** for Half Term from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** (inclusive). **Children return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

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. As always, thank you in advance for your support!

**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.

For everyone's safety, please supervise your children at all times. Children are **not** allowed to use the school play equipment during drop-off and collection times.

*Weekly news from FOG:*

## **Graveley School's Auction of Promises is now live!**

Food hamper  
Window cleaning  
Sport coaching  
Complementary tickets  
Man with a van  
Tour guide  
CV writing help  
Lawn mowing  
Meal for two  
Decorating  
Pet care  
Computer help  
Babysitting  
Car valet  
Lift to the airport  
Garden vegetables  
Holiday accomodation  
Language lesson

Happy bidding! A number of promises have already been pledged for you to bid on. Keep checking as more will be added over the next few weeks.

### **What can you promise?**

You are invited to pledge your promises on the school auction page by following the 'contribute a promise' link. (It's very easy to do!)

Just for fun, a prize will be awarded to the contributor with the most creative and interesting promise...

### **Happy Bags, uniform and fete donations:**

We would be delighted if you could take the opportunity over half term to badger family and friends to de-clutter wardrobes, check the fitting of Graveley school uniform and hunt out unwanted gifts for the fete. The green donations crates and separate boxes for Happy Bags donations will be out on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, and during donations week (17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June). All items can be donated in advance and stored ready for the Summer Fete and the Happy Bags collection.

### **Fundraising this term:**

- Father's Day shop (14<sup>th</sup> June)
- It's Summer! The Summer Fete is our biggest fundraising event of the year! (28<sup>th</sup> June)
- Happy Bags collection (1<sup>st</sup> July)

If you would like to get in touch with us, we now have an e-mail address:

[fogadmin@graveley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fogadmin@graveley.herts.sch.uk)

Cate Ravilious (*Chairperson*)

## **KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019**

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school. Afterschool Clubs start.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am – New Reception 2019 Parents information morning. AM – weekly swimming lessons for Class 3 commence.
<i>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Whole School Big Bang (Animal Planet) – children to dress up as an animal of their choice.</i>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5/6 Primary Athletics Festival at Ridlins (selected pupils).
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 trip to Woburn Safari Park (letters sent out).
Week commencing Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics assessments.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30pm – 3:30pm: Summer Rural Schools Athletics at Ridlins (selected pupils).
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	FOG Fathers' Day Shop (more details nearer the time).
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>From 11:00am - SPORTS DAY and picnic.</i> We will be offering the following lunch menu: <b>Pizza, chips and salad or Cheese roll and salad</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	ECO DAY.
<i>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>FOG Summer Fete.</i> <i>No afterschool clubs on this day.</i>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9:00am – Happy Bags collection. 2:45pm – Kids Connection uniform stall outside school office.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	AM - Intervillage competition (selected pupils).
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Girls' Football Festival at The Thomas Alleyne Academy (letters will be sent out nearer the time).
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Shorts and Shades Day. 6:30pm – Class 4 End of Year Production (evening performance).
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day. Year 6's out at their new secondary schools.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	AM – Year 6 leavers' service at church.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	12:30pm – Year 6 leavers' lunch and assembly.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1:15pm – Break up for the Summer Holidays.</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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*.