



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 6 Spring II 2019

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, the children were on the hunt for Easter eggs. Thank you to FOG for the chocolate egg donations. Further fundraising took place this week with children staying for film night and last week I hope you all enjoyed the various Mother's Day gifts brought home. The lucky winners of the film night raffle were Ronnie in Class 3 and Pennie-Lei in Class 2.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Forster, who will be starting her maternity leave. Let's hope that she has a chance to put her feet up for a few days before baby Forster arrives! After Easter we welcome Ms Khanom into Class 1. This week we have also welcomed a new student into Class 4, Mr Walker will be completing his last placement with us before qualifying as a teacher in the summer.

4 children from Year 4 took part in a tennis competition at Lister Tennis Club. All the children enjoyed taking part and were all successful in winning at least one of their games – well done!

On Friday 26th April, we will launch our next topic with 'Den Building.' We ask that children come into school in old clothing suitable for being outdoors all day. If anybody has any old rope or tarpaulin they are able to donate we would be extremely grateful.

We have recently had 2 sets of keys handed into the school office that have been found on Ashwell Common. Please pop in if you think they may belong to you.

Just a reminder that children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April and that afterschool clubs will begin that afternoon.

I hope that we see some warmer and drier weather to enjoy over the break. Happy Easter!

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)



Update from the Governing Body

As Easter approaches, the governors reflect on another busy term. We have had our regular meeting with the Full Governing Body and smaller committee meetings for Learning & Curriculum and Finance & Resources. These meetings update us with what is happening in school - keeping track of the budget, understanding progress and attainment and identifying any upcoming changes that could affect the school. Next term, we have governor visits scheduled, which is an opportunity for us to come into the classrooms, talk to the teachers and children and see the school in action. Each governor normally focuses on a core subject and a year group.

We are very proud of Graveley as a successful and friendly school and work hard to keep an inclusive and Christian ethos. Some of the governors were called to speak with the SIAMS inspectors earlier this term. The SIAMS team inspect all Church schools (much like OFSTED) and the process can be quite daunting for governors and teachers alike! I am pleased to say that the feedback was very positive and a copy of the report can be viewed at:
<http://www.graveley.herts.sch.uk/assets/files/Graveley%20SIAMS%20Report%202019.pdf>

I've been a Parent Governor for 5 years now and really enjoy being part of the team. It's varied and interesting and unlike anything else I've done! We have two vacancies for Parent Governors at the moment, so if you would be interested in applying or finding out more about what's involved, please speak to Nancy in the school office.

Happy Easter!

Nicola Taylor (Vice-Chair of the Governing Body)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 and afterschool clubs start.

FOG fundraising update - £184.31 profit was made from the Mothers' Day shop and £78.75 from the Film Club last week. Thank you for all your support!

SOME KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019

Date	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school. 9:00am – ‘40 Days of Giving’ collection. Afterschool Clubs start.
Thursday 25 th April	12:00pm – 3:00pm: Y3/4 Girls Team-Up Festival at Nobel School (letters sent out to participants). 1:00pm – 6:30pm: Class 2, 3 and 4 parent consultations.
Friday 26 th April	Den Building Day – children to come into school in suitable outdoor clothing. PM – FOG Quiz Night in the school hall. £10.00 per person, teams of up to 8 people. Ploughman’s supper included. Please bring own drinks. To purchase a ticket, please contact the school office.
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 7 th May	1:00pm – KS1 Maypole at The Leys.
Friday 10 th May	Class 1 and 2 trip to Knebworth House (letters sent out).
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 – SATS.
Wednesday 22 nd May – Friday 24 th May	PGL Liddington.
Wednesday 22 nd May	Class 3 Bell Boat Festival (more details to follow).
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school. Afterschool Clubs start.
Tuesday 4 th June	9:30am – New Reception 2019 Parents meeting. AM – weekly swimming lessons for Class 3 commence.
Thursday 6 th June	12:00pm – Y4/5/6 Primary Athletics Festival at Ridlins.
Tuesday 11 th June	1:30pm – 3:30pm: Summer Rural Schools Athletics.
Friday 21 st June	SPORTS DAY
Wednesday 26 th June	ECO DAY.
Thursday 28 th June	FOG Summer Fete.
Monday 1 st July	9:00am – Happy Bags collection. 2:45pm – Kids Connection uniform stall outside school office.
Tuesday 2 nd July	AM - Intervillage competition. KS1 Adaptive rounders.
Thursday 4 th July	Y3/4 Girls’ Football Festival at The Thomas Alleyne Academy.
Wednesday 10 th July	Shorts and Shades Day. 6:30pm – Class 4 End of Year Production (evening performance).
Thursday 11 th July	Transition Day. Year 6’s out at their new secondary schools.
Tuesday 16 th July	AM – Year 6 leavers’ service at church.
Thursday 18 th July	12:30pm – Year 6 leavers’ lunch and assembly.
Friday 19th July	1:15pm – Break up for the Summer Holidays.
Tuesday 3 rd 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*.

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 6th 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 23rd 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