



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Graveley School. I hope you all had a good summer and are feeling well rested and ready for the term ahead. I should like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks.

Can I remind you to ensure all of the lovely new uniform has been named. Pen does wash off on labels so will need regular marking. We have also noticed that some children have come back to school with nail polish, jewellery and large hair accessories. As per our school uniform policy, children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school unless it is a medical alert bracelet. Hair bands and clips should be discreet designs in the school colours. Long hair on girls or boys should be tied back. Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for P.E. on the grounds of health and safety. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day.

As many of you may already know, Mrs Stead was diagnosed with a non-malignant brain tumour earlier this year – affectionately known as 'Brian.' She will be going in to hospital later this month to have 'Brian' removed and we anticipate she will return to school in the New Year. In her absence, Class 3 will be covered by Mrs Andrews (Monday /Tuesday/ Wednesday) and Mrs Dynes (Thursday/Friday).

Next Saturday, Miss Potter will be travelling to Nepal for a week as part of a global education programme. Alongside 12 other schools in Stevenage, she will have the opportunity to visit our partner school to share experiences and successes in teaching global learning. We can't wait to hear all about what she gets up to. While she is away, Mrs Tierney will be teaching Class 4.

Next Friday we will be joining in the worldwide celebrations for Roald Dahl Day. The children have been looking at his stories and will be creating some displays to brighten up the hall. Children may come into school dressed as one of their favourite characters. Year 6 will be visiting the Bowes Lyon Centre for the annual skills for life session organised by Hertfordshire Crucial Crew on the morning of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Therefore, Year 6 will need to wear their school uniform and can change into a costume when they return to school.

You may have seen in the press that Aldi have launched an initiative for schools to receive free sports kits. Every time you spend £30.00 in store you will be given a sticker to add to our poster. If we manage to collect 300 stickers we will receive a free sports kit and be entered into a draw to win £20,000!

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

### Notices and Reminders



Aldi are running a promotion for schools to win sports kits and the chance to be entered into a competition to win £20,000! For us to enter, we need 300 'Team GB' stickers which can be collected every time you spend £30.00 in Aldi. We would be most grateful if you can send these into school with your child. All stickers need to be in school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Happy shopping!

**Secondary School Applications** - applications for secondary/upper school places (to start in September 2020) opened on **Monday 2nd September 2019**, for children in **Year 6**. Applications should be made via the online application system at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). If you do not have access to a computer, or have trouble in completing an application, please let the school office know. **Applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**.

You should have received the following leaflets - *Moving On 2020 - School Open Events* and *Secondary Transfer 2020*. Please inform the school office if you require further copies.

**Contact details** – please inform the school office of any changes in contact details e.g. mobile numbers, to ensure we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

## Key Dates for Autumn Term 1 2019

Week commencing Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Afterschool clubs start.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day - children can come into school dressed up as a Roald Dahl character. 9:45am Year 6's at Crucial Crew - Bowes Lyon Centre.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day.
W/C 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Class 4 – Bikeability (letters sent out).
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30 School Harvest Festival followed by Open Afternoon (more details nearer the time).
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	AM – Individual photos.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu nasal spray for Reception – Year 6.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Book People stall in the hall. PM – FOG Autumn disco.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations (more details nearer the time).
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school CLOSED.</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (inclusive)</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Book People stall in the school hall all week.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance assembly.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	New Reception (2020) information session.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/Y4 Mini Olympics.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	FOG Christmas Fete.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 2 Christmas performance to parents.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	3:15pm Film Night.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Class 1 Nativity to parents.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Lunch. 2:00pm – Carol Concert.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1:15pm – Break up for the Christmas holidays.
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (inclusive).</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Children return to school.

**Please note** - The above dates may change and additional events may be added during the course of the term. Please refer to the school's weekly Newsletter for any diary updates.