



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 2 Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you (and staff) for all of your support in providing such wonderful costumes today to celebrate International Roald Dahl Day. The children have loved reliving old favourites and discovering new stories over the past two weeks. I can't wait to see the finished displays that will show off all of their hard work later today.

At the curriculum evening last week, I asked if there were any parents that are interested in forming a working party to give their input into how we will teach the new health and relationship objectives that will become statutory from September 2020. Please do get in touch if you can help or would like to find out more.

We will be holding a FOG (Friends of Graveley) coffee afternoon on Thursday 3rd October at 2.30pm. If you would like to come along and find out what events take place through the year, give your opinion on what you would like to see in the future or if you are able to help in any way, pop in for a coffee and meet our new team of volunteers. By coming along, you are not committing to anything.

Finally, can I remind parents not to give children nuts or nut based products for lunches or snacks in school. These include some cereal bars, satay snacks and some of the Kinder bars that often contain chocolate/hazelnut spreads.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)



Notices and Reminders



We will be holding our annual **Jeans for Genes Day** on **Friday 20th September**, children may come into school wearing jeans (non-uniform) for a suggested donation of £1.00. All the money raised on the day will go towards supporting children in the UK who have genetic conditions. Thank you in advance for your support!



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 4th November. Thank you in advance.

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 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 31st 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.

Key Dates for Autumn Term 1 2019

Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform day) – children can come into school in their jeans for a suggested donation of £1.00.
W/C 23 rd September	Class 4 – Bikeability (letters sent out).
<i>Friday 27th September</i>	<i>3:15pm – 4:00pm Graveley Football Fundraiser on the school field.</i>
<i>Thursday 3rd October</i>	<i>2:30pm FOG Coffee Afternoon in the school hall.</i>
Friday 11 th October	AM – Individual photos. 1:30pm School Harvest Festival followed by Open Afternoon (more details nearer the time).
Tuesday 22 nd October	Flu nasal spray for Reception – Year 6.
Wednesday 23 rd October	PM – FOG Autumn disco.
Thursday 24 th October	1:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent and Teacher consultations (more details nearer the time).
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY – school CLOSED.
HALF TERM	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November (inclusive)
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school.
Wednesday 6 th November	Book People stall in the school hall all week.
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance assembly.
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day.
Tuesday 12 th November	New Reception (2020) information session.
Wednesday 13 th November	Y3/Y4 Mini Olympics.
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need Day.
Thursday 28 th November	FOG Christmas Fete.
Wednesday 11th December	PM – Class 2 Christmas performance to parents at church.
Thursday 12 th December	3:15pm Film Night.
Friday 13 th December	PM – Class 1 Nativity to parents.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Lunch. 2:00pm – Carol Concert.
Friday 20 th December	1:15pm – Break up for the Christmas holidays.
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January 2020 (inclusive).
Tuesday 7 th 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.

Recently added events shown in *italics*.