



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 4 Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents,

Our Harvest Festival on Friday 11th October is fast approaching and this year we have a slight change to the timetable. The performance will begin at 1.30pm where you will be able to listen to the songs the children have been learning alongside some work that will be shared from each class. Following this, we invite you to accompany your child into their classroom and look at the learning they have been doing so far this term. We will be collecting donations for Stevenage Foodbank. Please send items in to school before Friday 11th October. Below is a list of items that would be much appreciated:

Tinned items: *chicken in sauce; chilli con carne; meat stews; curries; minced beef; meatballs; sausage and beans; macaroni cheese; tinned ham; corned beef; spam; tinned pies; tinned fish; tinned vegetables; baked beans; tinned soup; tinned custard and rice pudding; tinned fruit.*

Toiletries: *toilet roll, toothpaste, shampoo; body wash and soap; sanitary items.*

Store cupboard items: *pasta; rice; pasta sauce (tomato based); biscuits; tea; coffee; porridge oats; breakfast cereals; jam; marmalade.*

Unfortunately, they are unable to accept any fresh items e.g. milk; bread, vegetables; meat etc.

Thank you to those people that have been buying raffle tickets for our football fundraiser this afternoon. I look forward to seeing all the fun later.

Our next Happy Bags collection will be on Monday 25th November. There will be a wheelie bin placed outside of the junior door one day each week beginning Tuesday 1st October, for you to donate any old clothes as you start sorting out the summer clothes in time for autumn.

We have had several cases of head lice reported recently and we do not want to reach the stage where it becomes understandably frustrating if your child has repeating bouts. Please could **everyone** take a few minutes this weekend to do a thorough head lice check and treat children's hair accordingly? An early check and prompt treatment will help to stop the spread. Thank you.

Finally, can I please ask parents not to let the children play on the playground equipment either before or after school for health and safety reasons – children have also been reminded about this in assembly today.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand (Headteacher)



Key Dates for Autumn Term 1 2019

Thursday 3 rd October	2:30pm FOG Coffee Afternoon in the school hall.
<i>Thursday 10th October</i>	<i>12:30pm – 2:30pm Y5/Y6 Cross Country (selected pupils).</i>
Friday 11 th October	AM – Individual photos. 1:30pm School Harvest Festival and Open Afternoon.
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 (letters sent out).
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.
<i>Monday 25th November</i>	<i>Happy Bags collection.</i>
Thursday 28 th November	FOG Christmas Fete.
Wednesday 11 th 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*.