



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 5 Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents,

You may have noticed Miss Trotman adorned in rather more glamorous clothing than usual last Friday. This was so the children could wish her luck and congratulations on becoming Mrs Glanfield on Saturday 28th September – we hope you had a lovely day.

On Tuesday, the House Captains joined other children from around the town at the Council chambers to form the new Stevenage Pupil Parliament. After a group discussion, it was agreed that a common theme that needed changing or developing within the community seemed to be environmental based around litter and recycling. All agreed that a whole town litter pick would be arranged and coordinated across the schools and local areas alongside a town wide poster campaign to ensure that once the litter is removed it is not simply created again. The mayor will arrange for the posters to be displayed in town for a launch in January, in the lead up to the big litter pick.

On Wednesday 23rd October FOG will be holding the Autumn 'Spooky Disco' for children. The cost of £4.00 will include unlimited squash, a biscuit, sweets, a glow band and a photo. The disco will run from 3.30pm – 5:00pm. Children may bring in a change of clothes (or fancy dress) to school on that day and teachers will supervise them in the interim 15 minutes before the disco starts. If your child would like to attend, please complete the permission slip at the end of this Newsletter.

For adults, we also have a Quiz Night coming up on Friday 15th November. Tickets will be £5.00 each – food will not be included this time, but we encourage you to bring along some nibbles.

You will also find a questionnaire in your child's book-bag today from FOG as a way of them finding out what sort of events you would be interesting in attending or helping out at. They would really appreciate the feedback.

Finally, it seems autumn has arrived. Can I please ask you send your child into school with a coat for these chillier days.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Notices and Reminders

Join us for our **Harvest Festival on Friday 11th October at 1:30pm**, followed by Open Afternoon. This year, we will be collecting donations for Stevenage Foodbank. Please send any of the following items in to school before Friday 11th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



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

Individual school photos will be taken by **Tempest Photography** on the **morning of Friday 11th October** – please ensure your child comes in to school in their full school uniform.

Parent consultations will be held on **Thursday 24th October (1:30pm – 7:30pm)**. There will be a table outside the school office from 3:00pm on Monday 7th October, Tuesday 8th October and Wednesday 9th October where you can make bookings. If you are unable to book a time in person, please email the school office (admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk) from 3:00pm on Monday 7th October with your requested time. To ensure fairness, we will only consider email requests after this time and date.

Everbridge School Notification System - in the event of severe weather, a public emergency or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for the school to close. In order to ensure parents/carers are informed as quickly as possible of anything that may have an impact on a normal school day, this notification system has been put in place to enable messages from the school to be sent immediately via text message. Please take 5 minutes to register your details with Everbridge so that you can receive immediate information and updates: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

From the Year 6 English ambassadors: Calling all writers! Graveley, is hosting a story writing competition. The genre is fantasy. The rest is up to you. No story can be longer than 3 sides of A4. All entries must be received by Friday 8th November.

Key Dates for Autumn Term 1 2019

<i>Monday 7th October</i>	<i>Class 3 Art Day – please bring into school an old t-shirt to wear over uniform.</i>
Thursday 10 th October	12:30pm – 2:30pm Y5/Y6 Cross Country (selected pupils).
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	3:30pm – 5:00pm Autumn Spooky 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>PM - Quiz Night (£5.00 per person).</i>
<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*.

Autumn 'Spooky' Disco

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 (3:30pm – 5:00pm)



Child's name..... **Class**

I enclose a payment of £4.00.

(Please delete as appropriate):

I give permission for my child to be included in a group photo.

I do not give permission for my child to be included in a group photo.

Signed..... **Date**.....