



Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 6 Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents,

The children have been extremely busy this week ready to share their singing and some work with you at our Harvest Festival this afternoon. We do hope you enjoy. Thank you to Miss Potter for stepping into Mrs Stead's shoes and organising the event. Thank you again for all of the donations for Stevenage Food Bank that have been coming in this week. They will be collected next Monday.

Class 3 had a productive art day on Monday. As part of their topic on Modern Britain, the children had an opportunity to try their hand at various art activities. Evie said she liked the soft feel of the fabric. Phoebe said she enjoyed making felt and Ronnie said his favourite activity was marbling, 'it was really cool!' Thank you to those parents that were able to come in and help during the day.



Can I also bring to your attention the importance of being in school on time. Doors open at 8.50am and children then spend the first ten minutes of each day taking part in Maths activities. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of the lesson. Their class teacher may not always be able to re-explain work. 5 minutes late each day, results in 3 days lost across the year! It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop when they are young. We are required to monitor children's punctuality and attendance. On-going lateness (after the register is taken) is classified as an unauthorised absence. If you are experiencing any difficulty and would like to talk to somebody about it, please make an appointment via the school office.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Notices and Reminders

Secondary School Applications - applications for secondary school places are now open. 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.**

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>

The **George and Dragon** will be hosting a **Halloween event** for children on **Thursday 31st October at 3:00pm**. There will be pumpkin carving and each child will be provided with a hotdog and juice and a toffee apple. Tickets are £7.50 per child and can be purchased directly from The George and Dragon.

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 21st October</i>	<i>Class 3 trip to Stevenage Museum (letters sent out).</i>
Tuesday 22 nd October	Flu nasal spray for Reception – Year 6.
Wednesday 23 rd October	3:30pm – 5:00pm Autumn Spooky Disco (please see permission slip below).
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.
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance assembly.
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day.
Tuesday 12 th November	9:30am New Reception (2020) information session.
<i>Wednesday 13th November</i>	<i>Book People stall in the school hall all week.</i>
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**.....