



Graveley Primary School
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Spring 1 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new year. We all hope you had a restful Christmas and New Year and managed to escape the many illnesses that so many of the children had before the break.

The children returned to school on Tuesday and Class 4 were in extra early as they boarded a coach to Warner Bros Studios to spend the day at the Harry Potter Experience. They had the opportunity to look at how the Costume Department designed and created costumes to bring the characters to life as well as the 'broomstick experience' and several hours to walk and explore The Great Hall, Forbidden Forest, Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Diagon Alley as well as spotting the various props, costumes and seeing the special effects that made the films so popular. This trip leads into the Class 4 topic of Special FX.

The official launch of our next topic across the rest of the school happened yesterday. Children spilt into their house groups and spent time exploring mixtures in Class 1 making lava lamps. You may have had one brought home yesterday – you can reactivate it by adding a little bit of salt. In Class 2, they created art work inspired by fire. Class 3 exploded volcanoes and Miss Potter used some 'Potter' inspired magic to inflate balloons. Thank you to FOG for their fundraising efforts that allow us to run events like this at school.

For those of you that have children attending the PGL trip to Caythorpe Court later this year, can I please remind you that final payments are due on 20th March 2020.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Notices and Reminders

Happy Bags were given out to the children this week. Please contact the school office if you would like more bags. The next collection will be on the **morning of Thursday 30th January**. We would be grateful if you could bring donations in by 9:00am on the day of collection. All monies raised will go towards school funds. As always, thank you in advance for your support.

GRAVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL KEY DATES for SPRING TERM 2020

Date	
Thursday 16 th January 2020	AM - Group photos.
Thursday 30 th January 2020	9:00am - Happy Bags collection.
Thursday 13 th February 2020	PM - Spring Disco.
Friday 14 th February 2020	Y5/Y6 athletics at Barnwell School.
Monday 17th February 2020 – Friday 21st February HALF TERM	
Monday 24 th February 2020	Children return to school.
Thursday 5 th March 2020	World Book Day.
Friday 13 th March 2020	Annual Fun Run.
Thursday 19 th March 2020	AM Reception screening. PM - Mothers' Day Shop.
Friday 20 th March 2020	INSET DAY – School CLOSED.
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Stevenage Dance Festival (Class 3 only).
Friday 3 rd April 2020	1:15pm Break up for the Easter Holidays.
Monday 20 th April 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 / amended events shown in italics.