



Dear Parents,

It seems we are in for a nice warm bank holiday (let's keep our fingers crossed). Please remember to send your child in to school with a cap or hat and sun-cream applied in the morning if we are lucky enough to see this weather continue into next week.

I had a visit this week from the attendance improvement officer who was extremely impressed with our overall figures. However, we are always looking at ways we can improve. I therefore thought I would share with you some figures of what the impact of both authorised and unauthorised absence can have on your child's education.

**Good attendance is deemed to being in school at least 95% of the time. Your child will have the best chances of success if they achieve this.**

- If your child has 10 days holiday a year, they can only achieve 94.74%.
- If your child has 10 days holiday and 5 days off sick a year they can only achieve 92.11%.
- If your child has 15 days off in each school year, they will miss 195 days (more than a whole academic year) during their 13 year education!

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that the majority of our children are having the best chances of success at Graveley School.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,  
*Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

**KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM I 2018**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED.</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 P.E. enrichment trip to Lee Valley Park.
Week commencing Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 - SATS week.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 bowling and lunch – Stevenage Leisure Park (letter given out).
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<i><b>Only Ultimate Multi Sports Afterschool Club on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May.</b></i>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	ECO DAY.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	All day – Class 3 Bell Boat Festival (details nearer the time).
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	All day – Class 4 Dragon Boat Festival (details nearer the time).
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 P.E. enrichment trip to Fairlands Valley.
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June: HALF TERM</b>	

*New events shown in italics.*

**CELEBRATION BOOK**



**WELL DONE** to the following children for their fantastic learning this week:

- Class 1: Rachael**
- Class 2: Frankie-Leigh**
- Class 3: Sophia**
- Class 4: Jeanelle**

The following children received the **Headteacher's Award** for demonstrating this week's Value (**OPEN-MINDEDNESS**):

- Class 1: Isla**
- Class 2: Ruby C**
- Class 3: Jacob L-F**
- Class 4: Thomas H**

**NOTICES & REMINDERS**

**PLEASE NOTE** - the school will be **CLOSED** on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Spring Bank Holiday)**. School will re-open as usual on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**ECO DAY** – On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will be holding our annual ECO Day. This year's event will be focussing on improving our outdoor environment, with plans that include planting a herb garden, painting new signs, creating 'woodland area' and establishing wildlife zones. All the children will be involved, but we are also looking for any enthusiastic adult volunteers (Mums, Dads, Grandparents... are all welcome) to help on the day. Tea and biscuits will be provided throughout the day! If you think you could lend a green-fingered hand, please come and speak to Mrs Andrews.

**Parking outside the school** – we have had a few complaints from our neighbours regarding parking during school drop-off and collection times. Please ensure you park considerately i.e. not in front of driveways or on corners during these busy times. Our local PCSO is aware of the situation and will be doing patrols. Thank you for your support.