



Dear Parents/Carers,

Reports from PGL have been of an action packed few days, full of new adventures and laughter. It looks like the weather has been kind to them, although hearing of what they've been up to I'm glad I don't have one of those suitcases to unpack. As I write this, they are getting ready to set off for home – we will keep you posted of their ETA, but please check our Facebook page for live traffic updates!

Back here at Graveley the remaining Key Stage 2 children have been busy exploring the outdoor environment and making the most of the great weather. Class One was full of pirates and mermaids yesterday for their topic's Big Bang. The children worked really 'aaaard' on a range of pirate and mermaid activities and I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon treasure hunt with them!

We are delighted to inform you that on Monday we successfully interviewed and appointed a new teacher for Class 1 in September. Miss Laura Geary (although following her wedding in the summer - Mrs Forster!) will be popping in over the half-term to meet the children and staff, including our new Receptions. We'd like to welcome her to the school.

In other exciting news, I'm pleased to announce that Mrs McLaughlin in the office, is expecting a baby in September. Huge congratulations to her and her family. We are currently looking to recruit someone to cover her maternity leave from September.

And finally, on Tuesday I was thrilled to receive an email, informing us that Dylan and Jack (Year 6) have been shortlisted for the Stevenage Primary Schools Sports Ambassadors of the Year! They will be attending the Stevenage Sporting Futures Annual Awards ceremony on 26<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them the very best of luck and are so proud to have their hard work leading sport in school this year acknowledged. Well done boys!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

*Mrs Andrews*

**(Deputy Head)**

### **NOTICES & REMINDERS**

**Special picnic lunch menu for Sports Day (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June)** – cheese wrap (veg option); ham wrap (meat option); cucumber and carrot sticks; popcorn/crisps; cookie. If you or your child would like to have a school picnic lunch, please send in £2.45 (cost of child's lunch) or £3.35 (cost of adult lunch) into the school office by 9:00am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Please note that the **vegetarian option** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** will be Quorn garlic kiev's (not Quorn fillet).

**Childminders:** Do you know any local childminders who may have spaces from September? We have had a couple of enquiries from our new parents and if you have any contacts please let the school office know.

**Infant Drop Off:** For safeguarding reasons, we must ask that all children in the infants are escorted to their classrooms in the mornings by an adult. Please do not allow them to walk across the school site by themselves.

## KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2018

W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Afterschool Clubs start.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>PM – North Herts Rural Schools Athletics Competition at Ridlins.</i>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 P.E. enrichment trip to Fairlands Valley Park.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am - Sports Day followed by a picnic and Open Afternoon.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Shorts and Shades Day in exchange for a bottle for our Bottle Tombola.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	3:00pm – Kids Connection (uniform supplier) selling school uniform at school.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	AM – Cake donations welcome for the Summer Fete. PM - School Summer Fete.
<i>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Class 2 trip to Mount Fitchet Castle.</i>
<i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Class 1 trip to Woodside Animal Farm.</i>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Intervillage (more details to follow). <i>1:30pm – Class 4 Production matinee.</i>
<i>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>6:30pm – Class 4 End of Year Production.</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day. Year 6's out at their new secondary schools.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	1:00pm – Talent Show (school only).
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	AM – Year 6 assembly at church (school only).
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	12:30pm – Year 6 leavers and lunch and assembly.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1:15pm – Break up for the Summer Holidays.</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school.

**New events shown in *italics*.**