

Graveley Primary School NEWSLETTER

Autumn II Week 5 2016



DIARY DATES

Week commencing	Date	
Monday 5 th December 2016	Monday 5 th December	Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for a bottle of drink.
	Wednesday 7 th December	2:45 - Walking Bus Forum in the school hall.
	Thursday 8 th December	FOG Christmas Bazaar.
	Friday 9 th December	2:45 - Celebration Assembly.
Monday 12 th December 2016	Monday 12 th December	Free Reading Week. NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK (with the exception of football club).
	Wed 14 th December	2:00 - Class 2 Church Service to parents. 3:30 - 5:00 - Film Club (£3.00 per ticket)
	Friday 16 th December	2:00 - Class 1 Nativity to parents. NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY.
Monday 19 th December 2016	Monday 19 th December	NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK. PM - FOG Christmas Panto - Peter Pan.
	Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Lunch. 2:15 - Christmas Carol Service. (50p per ticket).
	Wednesday 21 st December	1:15 - Break up for Christmas holidays. Medicines (if any) and P.E. kit to be returned home.

Please note - more events may be added as the term progresses. We try hard to give as much notice as possible for events but sometimes this is beyond our control.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

As part of their monitoring role the governors visited the school last week for the day to see the school in action. As usual it was a delight to be there to see the great work being done by all the classes and to see how the priorities from the School Learning Development Plan were being implemented. Personally I had great pleasure in helping the children from Class 2 make their Viking longboats, as part of their Transport project this half-term, and I also got to hear several children read in Reception. After school Miss Potter spent a great deal of her time explaining how English was being developed across the school and how important it is for parents to have an understanding and be part of the process.

I would like to thank Mrs Massey, the staff, and the children on behalf of all the governors for making us very welcome and for showing us what great things are happening at Graveley, in what is always a busy time of the year.

Albert Swinson (Chair of Governors)

Guest Editors

Iris (Class 1): "I enjoyed making a picture of a bus. I stuck down shapes and labels."

Amarah (Class 2): "I am writing a story about 'The Jolly Postman'. He delivers letters to Father Christmas, Mr Snowman and Little Red Riding Hood's Grandma."

Jane (Class 3): "I really enjoyed doing Maths this week because we have been learning about inverse. Inverse can be used to check answers e.g. $64+72 = 136$. $136 - 72 = 64$."

Aimee (Class 4): "Our topic is the Victorians. We acted out parts of the Crimean War to experience what it was like back then."

Notices and Reminders

Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 5th December in return for a bottle of drink (preferably alcoholic) for the school fete.

A huge **THANK YOU** to FOG for part funding our new school stage with a £2,000 donation.

Film Club - Wednesday 14th December 3:30pm - 5:00pm. We will be showing Arthur Christmas. If you would like your child to stay for Film Night, please send £3.00 in a named envelope by Monday 12th December 2016.

Dodgeball afterschool club is now **FULL**, however there are still spaces for Table Tennis on Tuesdays afterschool.

Parent Forum to discuss the future of the Walking Bus. If you have ever used or would like to use the Walking Bus, please come to the forum on **Wednesday 7th December at 2:45pm in the school hall.**

Parking - we have had a few complaints from neighbours regarding parking by parents. Please park with consideration during drop-off and collection times. Please do not block driveways and park on corners. Many thanks for your support and co-operation.

Reception 2017: applications opened on 7th November 2016. Applying online is very easy: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions **Please do not forget to apply by 15th January 2017.**



Friends of Graveley (FOG) News

To keep up to date with FOG news, please join **Friends of Graveley Facebook** page. Please click on the following link and request to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1782218655348034/>



Christmas Bazaar on Thursday 8th December - we would appreciate your help with donations for the following: ***Hamper Boxes** - any unwanted gifts, chocolates, wine, biscuits, crackers, jam, coffee etc. ***Teddy Tombola** - any unwanted teddies. ***Lucky Crackers** - please could you send in some toilet rolls. Also if you have any unwanted plain ***Christmas tree baubles**, please could you send these in too. ***Cake Stall** - please send in cake donations on the morning of **Thursday 8th December.** We would also be grateful for any help you can give on the day. Please contact a FOG member if you are able to help. Many thanks in advance!

Half termly value: **CREATIVITY**

Value this week: **CREATIVITY**