

Graveley Primary School NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 Newsletter No. 1 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year and a particularly warm welcome to any new parents and children that are joining us at Graveley. I hope that the children have settled in and are already making friends.

I am very proud to have been appointed Headteacher of this village school where the children are at the heart of all learning. All of the adults within the school work closely together, making the school a special place to learn and create a warm, friendly atmosphere as soon as you walk through the door. I am looking forward to working closely with them and in partnership with you and our governors to ensure all of the children in our care achieve their full potential.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions meeting with Mrs Massey, the staff and pupils. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Mrs Massey for the fantastic job she did last term to ensure the transition to my appointment was a smooth one.

I have worked in education for the past 25 years; the past 13 years at Lodge Farm Primary School in Stevenage. I currently live in Bedford with my husband and younger son; however, I have lived in Stevenage for many years and know the area well.

There will be changes ahead and I would like to get your input into how you would like to see Graveley School in the future - watch this space for more information on how you can have your say.

There are a few changes initially that I wish to make you aware of. Instead of parents coming into school on a Friday to attend Celebration Assembly, we would like to invite you to a class sharing assembly on a termly basis. These occasions will give you an insight in to what the children have been learning. Parents are obviously a key part of a school being successful and we do not wish to discourage you from coming in to the school so we are open to discussion about we can integrate your support.

I'm sure this term will be an extremely busy one; the teachers have been planning and preparing some exciting times ahead. I look forward to meeting you on the playground in the mornings and after school and I hope to see many more of you at the upcoming Esafety and Class welcome meetings later this month (Thursday 14th September at 6:00pm).

If you do wish to come and speak to me on a more formal matter, then please contact the school office and a suitable time can be arranged.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Hand

DIARY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM (AUTUMN 1)

Week Commencing	Date	
Monday 11th September	Monday 11 th September	PM - Crucial Crew (Bowes Lyon Centre) - Y6 only.
Thursday 14th September	Thursday 14 th September	6:00 - Information & eSafety Evening (letter going out today - please check your child's bookbag).
Monday 18th September	Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day (please bring £1.00 in on the day).
Monday 9th October	Thursday 12 th October	Afterschool - Travelling Books in school for the week.
	Friday 13 th October	AM - school photos.
Monday 16th October	Monday 17 th October	NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS this week.
	Friday 20 th October	Free Reading Week. 2:30 - Open Afternoon
Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	HALF TERM	

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.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22nd September - children can wear jeans to school in exchange for £1.00 which they can bring in on the day. Children are not required to wear uniform on this day. All the money raised will go towards helping children with genetic disorders.

We will be holding an **Information and eSafety Evening** for all parents and carers to attend on **Thursday 14th September** - letters will be going out today so please check your child's bookbag.

Vacancy - we are currently recruiting for a cleaner to come and work at Graveley School. This is a term-time only appointment, from 3.30pm-5.30pm daily. If you are interested please contact the school office for more information.

Half termly value: FELLOWSHIP

Value this week: FELLOWSHIP