



### DIARY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM (AUTUMN 1)

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day (please bring £1.00 in on the day).
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	8:50 - FOG Coffee Morning in the school hall.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Afterschool - Travelling Books in school for the week. AM - school photos.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS this week. Free Reading Week. 2:30 - Open Afternoon PM - FOG Quiz night.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM	

*\*New events shown in italics.*

### CELEBRATION BOOK



The following children for their fantastic learning this week:

Class 1: Pennie-Lei Class 2: Jacob M Class 3: Ellie Class 4: Charlie

The following children received the Headteacher's Award for demonstrating this week's Value (Tolerance):

Class 1: Charlie Class 2: Maisie-Lee Class 3: Eva Class 4: Ruby M

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for making my start here at Graveley so welcoming. It has been nice getting to say hello to many of you in the mornings as you drop off your children. The children are all settling well into their classes and it has been great to see so many happy faces as I pop into classrooms.

Class 3 looked amazing on Monday and brought back many memories for me as they danced along to 'Footloose' on their Big Bang 80's disco!

Year 6 were also out and about this week visiting Bowes Lyon Centre to attend the annual Crucial Crew safety awareness session. Having attended the session myself on several occasions I know how invaluable these days are in preparing the children for the wider world.

Kind regards,

*Nicky Hand*

### NOTICES & REMINDERS

**Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**PARKING** - once again the school has received a number of complaints regarding speeding along Ashwell Common and inconsiderate parking by parents outside the school during drop-off and collection times. Please be mindful of your speed outside the school to ensure the safety of the school community and ensure you park with consideration at all times. This includes not blocking/partially blocking resident's driveways and ensuring that residents can drive in and out of their property with ease. We have informed our local PCSO about these issues and they will be doing patrols in the area. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation and support.

**Moving on to Secondary School in September 2018** - the online application system opens for children in Year 6 applying to secondary schools. The closing date for applications is on 31/10/2017. For further information about your child's move to secondary school in September 2018 and to apply online, please visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

As the weather turns colder and colds and viruses are more prevalent, if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please keep them at home for at least 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is in line with guidance from the school nursing team.

Following the e-Safety and Information Evening, the e-Safety presentation slides are now available to view on the school's website.



**Nuts reminder** - we have several children with nut allergies in school. Please **DO NOT** use nuts or nut products (e.g. peanut butter or chocolate spread) in your child's packed lunch or as a snack. Thank you for your co-operation.

We will be having a **Harvest Festival** on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am**. We are looking for helpers with decorating the stage with flowers, bread etc. Please let Ms Gauld know if you or anyone else can help.

### HELP WANTED

for keen gardeners to tame our Outdoor Classroom. Please let Ms Gauld know if you can spare an hour or two. Many thanks in advance!

### Friends of Graveley (FOG) News

There will be a **FOG Coffee Morning** - FOG are eager for people to come along and help in raising funds for the school. Unfortunately with budgets within education becoming tighter, this support is invaluable in enriching the curriculum for your children. We will be holding an open coffee morning on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - straight after school drop-off. Please come along if you can, to find out how you can help or share any ideas on how we can raise funds for the school.

**FOG QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** in the school hall - £10.00 per person including a fish/chicken/veggie and chips supper. Maximum 6 people per team. Bring your own drinks. More information will be added to the Friends of Graveley Facebook page.

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/>

Half termly value: **FELLOWSHIP**

Value this week: **TOLERANCE**