

Graveley Primary School NEWSLETTER

Autumn II Newsletter No. 2 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having to search for the ice scraper to clear my windscreen on Monday morning, means that winter is fast approaching! I hope that snow is not on the forecast any time soon but please ensure that you are fully aware of our snow procedures if it does surprise us.

This week sees the start of parent consultations, if you have yet to sign up to see your child's teacher please contact the school office for an appointment.

On Wednesday, Alex, Luke, Nancy and Ady travelled to take part in the National Young Mathematician Awards competition. Miss Potter was extremely proud of the teamwork and reasoning skills they displayed when tackling the problems. They will find out on Tuesday whether they have made it through to the next round - good luck!

Maths remains a high focus for us this term and next week the children will be taking part in activities to promote ways in working mathematically. There will be 2 maths competitions being held at break-time, hosted by the Year 6 Learning Ambassadors for all children to enter - estimate the weight of the cake and estimate the number of sweets in a jar. There is a 20p entry fee for each. I look forward to seeing and hearing about the different activities.

Finally we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Heritage at the end of the month. She has been a valued member of staff here at Graveley for 10 years and will be greatly missed. She has worked with and supported many children during her time here and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN 2017

Monday 13 th November	Tuesday 14 th November Wednesday 15 th November Friday 17 th November	Maths Week. 3:30 - 5:30: Parent/Teacher Consultations. PM - KS1 Mini Olympics (Years 1 and 2) at Stevenage Leisure Centre. Children in Need and Fill the Hamper Day (see Notices and Reminders below).
Monday 20 th November Monday 27 th November	Friday 24 th November Monday 27 th November Thursday 30 th November	Donate a Bottle Day. 8:50am - Christmas Fete working party meeting at school. PM - FOG Christmas Fete.
Monday 4 th December	Tuesday 5 th December Thursday 7 th December	AM - Class 2 Christmas Journey at St Nicholas Church. 1:00 - FOG Christmas Shop.
Monday 11 th December	Monday 11 th December Tuesday 12 th November Wednesday 13 th December Thursday 14 th December Friday 15 th December	Free Reading Week. No Afterschool clubs this week. PM - Class 2 Church Service to the school. PM - Class 2 Church Service to parents. School Christmas lunch. PM - Nativity to parents.
Monday 18 th December	Monday 18 th December Tuesday 19 th December	PM - Christmas Carol Service. 1:15 - Break up for Christmas holidays.
Thursday 20 th December - Friday 29 th December (inclusive) - Christmas Holidays		

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.

CELEBRATION BOOK



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

Class 1: Tayla-Ann Class 2: Ryan
Class 3: Harry Class 4: Rosie

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

Class 1: Annie Class 2: Albert
Class 3: Ewan Class 4: Emily

NOTICES & REMINDERS



We will be fund raising for **Children in Need** on **Friday 17th November** - children may dress up in something **spotty** in exchange for £1.00. Please bring the money in on the day.

Fill the Hamper on Friday 17th November - we would be very grateful if your child could bring in an item to fill Christmas hampers for the FOG Christmas Fete. Suitable items include: biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, Christmas food items etc. Thank you in advance for your support!

Helpers required for the FOG Christmas Fete! We would be most grateful for help during the **Christmas Fete on Thursday 30th November (PM)**. This involves setting up, tidying up and running the stalls. There will be a **Christmas fete working party meeting** on **Monday 27th November** in school at **8:50am**. We look forward to seeing you then!

PGL Payments Reminder - please ensure you are up to date with your PGL payments. If you are paying monthly, please ensure you **make monthly payments of £40.00 every month** from September 2017.

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