



Dear Parents,

We have had some very busy days this week at Graveley. We had our OFSTED inspection on Thursday. It was a very positive day and we are very proud that the inspector could acknowledge how well the school is doing. There are always ways to improve and we will continue to work towards these. The full report should be ready within three weeks - I will of course share this with you when I have it. Thank you all for your support and kind words. Of course this was then followed by the FOG Quiz Night. A great time was had by all - thank you once again for supporting our fundraising efforts. I think the effects of the long day had taken its toll on the teachers' team who walked away with the wooden spoon! A big well done to 'Moominmamas' who knocked our existing champions off the top spot.

This week also saw the start of our enrichment opportunities that the children are experiencing. Class 1 spent yesterday morning at Courtlands Riding Stables. They all had a wonderful time, learning how to care for horses and having the chance to brush them before the riding session. Next week will see more activities for other year groups.

And finally, thank you again for your patience and understanding during last week's icy conditions. Closing the school is a decision that is never taken lightly as it has a significant impact for many. This is a judgement that many Stevenage schools made, after consulting with each other during the course of the bad weather. I do hope it did not cause too much inconvenience for you. However, the safety of pupils and staff is always our number one priority.

Have a restful weekend – especially all the mums on Sunday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicky Hand
Headteacher



KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2018

Date	
Tuesday 13 th March	Year 3 trip to the Velodrome, Olympic Park.
Thursday 15 th March	Class 2 (AM) Horse-riding at Courtlands Riding Stables.
Monday 19 th March	9:00am – Annual FUN RUN.
Wednesday 21 st March	PM - Year 6 Easter Journey at St Andrews & St George's Church, Stevenage.
Monday 26 th March	NO afterschool clubs this week.
Tuesday 27 th March	PM – Easter Party.
Wednesday 28 th March	1:15 – Break up for Easter holidays.
EASTER HOLIDAYS – Thursday 29th March – Friday 13th April	
Monday 16 th April	Children return to school. Afterschool clubs start.

New events shown in *ITALICS*.

CELEBRATION BOOK



WELL DONE to the following children for their fantastic **ENGLISH/MATHS/TOPIC** learning this week:

Class 1: Sophia **Class 2: Benjamin**
Class 3: Charlie R **Class 4: Johnny**

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

Class 1: Jamie **Class 2: Albert P**
Class 3: Louis **Class 4: Zak**

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Annual Fun Run - if you haven't already done so already, please return your FUN RUN permission slips as soon as possible.

Parking outside the school – we have had a few complaints from our neighbours regarding parking during school drop-off and collection times. Please ensure you park considerately i.e. not in front of driveways or on corners during these busy times. Our local PCSO is aware of the situation and will be doing patrols. Thank you for your support.

PGL reminders have gone out this week – full payment must be received by 9:00am on 28th March 2018.

Afterschool Clubs – there are still spaces left in Gymnastics (Thursdays) and Adventure Club (Mondays). If your child is interested, please visit the Multi Active website (www.multi-active.co.uk)

Well done to **Iris** from Class 2 who was the winner of our **Code of Conduct** poster competition.