

Graveley Primary School NEWSLETTER

Summer I Newsletter No. 5 2017



DIARY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM (SUMMER I)

WEEK COMMENCING	Date	
Monday 22 nd May 2017	Monday 22 nd May Wednesday 24 th May Thursday 25 th May Friday 26 th May	NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS ALL WEEK. All day - Bell boat (Years 3 & 4) - letters sent out. All day - Dragon boat (Years 5 & 6) - letters sent out. 2:30 - Open Afternoon (NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY).
Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June 2017	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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Over the year we receive small amounts of funding through donations and commissions. Every two years we use these to fund a day out so that all the children benefit - this year we are visiting The Natural History Museum and Shepreth Wildlife Park. Long term funding, however, remains a huge issue for all schools. Despite a healthy carry-over of £70,000 this year, increased costs for schools and the new way of funding schools will cause Graveley to be in deficit of at least £50,000 by 2019. Virtually all schools are in the same position. The governors will be looking at what our options will be as a matter of urgency. Please take time to read the letter in your child's book bag this week.

Well-being and mindfulness flowed through Graveley on Friday. Children took part in yoga, sketching, felting and breathing techniques. Calmness drifted through every class.

Have a good (and restful) weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Massey

GUEST EDITORS

Beatrix (Class 1): "I coloured in my name and coloured in a fish. The fish is colourful."

Stanley C (Class 2): "We are making our own felt using coloured wool. I am using orange, purple and dark blue wool. You need to rub the wool together."

Joel (Class 3): "We have been doing yoga. We learnt how to sit properly and did some new positions - dog, cobra, reach for the sun and proud horse."

Joely (Class 4): "We have been planning our debate about zoos."

NOTICES & REMINDERS

PLEASE NOTE - there will be NO afterschool clubs next week (w/c 22nd May 2017).

The school office will be closed **8:30am - 9:15am** on **Wednesday 24th May**. It will **re-open at 9:15am**.

Please take care in the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children. We often have vehicles arriving or leaving - children need to stay with their grown-ups at all times for safety reasons. School play equipment may not be used without the supervision of a school adult - this is for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

Throat lozenges - these may not be brought into school.

Fiddle toys - please do not send children in with fiddle toys (especially magnetic fidget spinners) unless it has been agreed as part of a support plan for a child. They are causing considerable disruptions to lessons.

Animals Past and Present Week (w/c 19th June 2017) - as part of this week children will be making Mod Roc animals. Please could you send in any old newspapers into school over the next few weeks? Many thanks.



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/>

- ✓ **FOG Summer Fete** - PM Thursday 29th June 2017. Letters about the fete went out recently. Please return slips and payment by **Monday 26th June 2017**.

Following the success of the FOG Mother's Day Gift Shop, there will be a **Father's Day Gift Shop** on **Thursday 15th June** (for Class 1 and 2) and **Friday 16th June** (for Class 3 and 4). If you would like your child to purchase some items from the shop, please send in spending money (max £5.00) in a named envelope on the appropriate day.



Half termly value: CREATIVITY

Value this week: CREATIVITY