

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 3 - Summer Term 1 2022

Dear Parents,

FOG News

The children's school disco is fast approaching. Tickets can only be purchased via Arbor. Please make sure that you have registered. More details can be found within Office News. If you have any difficulties or queries, please contact Nancy or Karen in the school office.

FOG are still looking for volunteers to help set up and decorate the school hall from 2.45pm, prepare and serve refreshments, run the quiet room and to tidy up afterwards. If anybody can offer any help at all (it doesn't have to be the whole event) please email Caroline on fogchairperson@graveley.herts.sch.uk

They would also like to hear from anyone who has any disco lights they can borrow for the disco.

As always, they would also love to hear from anyone who can help run the Sweet Treat Stall one Friday afterschool.

SATS

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs next week. It seems so long since the last round of these tests! All Year 6 children are invited into school from 8.15am to chill out and have some breakfast with Mrs. Hand and Miss Potter. We are all extremely proud of them. The hard work that they have put in over the past year is incredible and there is something we would like to say: The end of year assessments do not tell us who you are! We know there is a lot more than Maths and English to all of them.

Queen's Jubilee

As part of our Jubilee Celebrations, we would like to invite parents in to see some of the children's work and join us for afternoon tea and cake on Friday 27th May. Confirmation of timings will be included on next week's newsletter.



TT Rockstars

Well done to all of those children who have taken part in our TT Rockstar tournament this week:

This week's results:

1st place - Phoebe

2nd place - Tayla-Ann

3rd place - Beatrix

Year group winners - Y5

Numbots

Well done to all of the children that have had a go at Numbots in Class 1 this week.

This week's results:

1st place - Alfie

2nd place - Caitlyn

3rd place - Danny

Sports Day

We have provisionally booked a date for whole school sports day this year on Wednesday 22nd June. We are hoping that we can return to previous arrangements, when parents are invited in to watch the events mid-morning followed by joining their children for a picnic on the field. (Let's hope the weather is kind to us!).

Parking

We do realise that parking along Ashwell Common is extremely difficult at the moment due to the gas works taking place. Please do be mindful of local resident also having to move their cars elsewhere. We are very grateful that The George and Dragon are still allowing parents to park in their car park and we would encourage you to use these spaces.

OFFICE NEWS

Current Department for Education guidance regarding Covid:

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and are well enough to attend.

Please continue to follow any national guidance and keep us informed if you know that your child has tested positive for Covid by emailing admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk

Current guidelines for isolation following a positive Covid test are three days for children and 5 days for adults.

ARBOR

All school communication and online payments are moving from Parentmail/Parent Pay to Arbor. If you have not already done so, please register with Arbor using the following link:

<https://graveley-primary.uk.arbor.sc>

Click on 'Forgotten Password' and follow the instructions. Your **User Name** is your personal email address. If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office on admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk

Class 1 News

The children in Class 1 have really enjoyed writing school poems this week and especially loved reading them aloud to their friends. In Maths, the Reception children have been practising counting accurately beyond 10, and Year 1 have been applying their Maths skills to solve tricky problems. They have also loved being scientists exploring different materials and their properties.

Class 2 News

Class 2 have been fascinated learning all about life in the Victorian era, especially what it was like in school! In English, they have written their own amazing adventure stories, using lots of adventurous vocabulary. In Maths they have continued looking at fractions, exploring ways to find fractions of 2D shapes.

Class 3 News

Class 3 have been looking at a range of Roman myths this week and are continuing to enjoy their new topic. In Maths, they have been learning about perimeter and solving problems. They have thoroughly enjoyed their Thursday sessions with Chris from Fit Kidz and this week relished the extra challenges he brought with him. In Science they have been investigating plants and observing how coloured water gets absorbed upwards in celery.

Class 4 News

In Class 4, the children have been re-telling the myth of 'The Labours of Heracles' in English. In Maths, they have been exploring 3D shapes, including drawing nets. In History, they have compared the Minoans and the Mycenaeans and are really enjoying their new Ancient Greece topic.

Some dates for the diary:

- Week commencing 9th May - Y6 SATS Week.
- Friday 13th May - Year 6 bowling and lunch at Frankie and Benny's (Stevenage Leisure Park).
- Tuesday 17th May - Clothing collection (please bring donations to school at morning drop-off).
- Thursday 19th May - FOG children's disco - starts straight after school and finishes at 4:30pm. Tickets purchased via Arbor (£4.00 per child) in Activities/Trips.
- Friday 20th May - Y1 and Y2 Victorian Day (children to come into school dressed as a Victorian pupil). £2.50 voluntary donation for the Victorian workshop paid via Arbor in Activities/Trips.
- Friday 27th May - Queen's Jubilee Party Day (more details to follow).
- Half term - Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June (inclusive).
- Monday 6th June - Children return to school.

"With God, all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26