

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 1 - Summer Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. I cannot quite believe how quickly this year has gone and we are now on the last stretch before the summer holidays. There is so much to look forward to now that the school is pretty much back to normal post Covid and we cannot wait for all the fun things that are happening. Please check the school noticeboard and newsletters for updates on all the events taking place.

Swimming

This year, both Class 3 and 4 are attending Hitchin Pool for swimming lessons. This means that there is a short turnaround for changing and then returning to school in time for lunch. To help with this, can all pupils in Class 3 and 4 come into school in their PE kits on Tuesdays. Class 4 will have their other PE session on this day; however, Class 3 pupils will also need to wear PE kits on Thursday for their 2nd PE session. Could we also please ask that any children wishing to have a school lunch on Tuesdays to opt for either a cheese or chicken wrap.

FOG News

A reminder that on Monday 13th June, children may take part in FOrGet the Rules Day. A £1.00 donation can be made via Arbor.

Squash in your water bottles

Chocolate/sweets in your packed lunch

Wear no tie

Wear trainers or own shoes

Wear fun, colourful socks

Wear make-up or nail varnish

Have crazy hair and coloured hair accessories

All other school rules still apply.

The FOG Summer Fete will also be returning to its original form later this month. Please see the letter that has gone home with children this week asking for help in either the organising beforehand or on the day. In order for this to be a success, we need as many volunteers as possible. Ice-cream Friday will return today (Friday 10th June) after school. All items £1.00.



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 - Beatrix

3rd place - Tayla Ann

Year group winners - Year 5

Numbots

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

This week's results:

1st place - Alfie

2nd place - Tiri

3rd place - Danny

Sports Day

Look out for more details of arrangements for Sports Day that will be sent out on Monday.

Jubilee

Charlie and Beatrix in Year 5, spent some of their time during the village Jubilee Celebrations raising money for the school by selling drinks, ice creams and crisps. Well done on raising £35.00!

Parking

Just a reminder that the gas works are continuing along Ashwell Common and now into Ashwell Close. Please be respectful of our neighbours needing to park their own cars during this time.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Class 1 News

In Class 1, Reception have been learning about doubling and Year 1 have been focusing on division. In English, Reception have been writing sentences and trying hard on using the correct letter formation. Year 1 have been looking at end punctuation and when to use a full-stop, question mark or exclamation mark. They have all continued to study the Victorians in History and have been trying to remember key facts.

Class 2 News

In Geography, Class 2 have been looking at Ordnance survey maps comparing Stevenage and Graveley now and in Victorian times. In Maths, they have been learning to tell the time in 5-minute intervals on analogue clocks. In English, they have been writing their own stories based upon their favourite book characters.

Class 3 News

Class 3 were excited to be going swimming this week, even though lots were nervous at their first time attending the pool. They have also started their Design and Technology unit on greenhouses. They have spent time investigating the best material to use, built structures using jelly beans and cocktail sticks and have used the hacksaws to cut and make Butt joints.

Class 4 News

This week, Class 4 have been exploring paper art and surrealism. They have made their own paper, collages and decoupage. They have also been enjoying their Computer Science lessons - coding, using Scratch and finding out about Alan Turing and the codebreakers. They also really enjoyed going swimming.

Some dates for the diary:

- Monday 13th June - FOrGet the Rules Day (£1.00 donation made via Arbor (*Payments/Trips/FOrGet the Rules Day*)).
- Friday 17th June - FOG Father's Day Shop (tokens to be purchased in advance in Arbor (*Payments/Trip/FOG Father's Day 2022*)).
- Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day (further details nearer the time).
- Monday 27th June - Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle (for FOG Summer Fete).
- Wednesday 29th June - Class 3 trip to the Verulamium Museum (please pay via Arbor).
- Thursday 30th June - FOG Summer Fete (further details nearer the time).
- Wednesday 6th July - Reserve date for Sports Day.
- Wednesday 13th July - Year 6 Celebration Evening of Song (further details nearer the time).
- Monday 18th July (am) - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at St Mary's Church; (pm) Year 6 Leavers' Lunch and Assembly (further details nearer the time).
- Wednesday 20th July - break up for the summer (early finish - exact times t.b.c.).