

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 2 - Autumn Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Queen's State Funeral

As I am sure you will have heard, the official date for the Queen's state Funeral is Monday 19th September. This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on bank holidays have been instructed to close as a mark of respect. This includes schools and so we will be closed to all pupils and staff on this day.

The state funeral may be the first funeral that your child has seen and it may open up discussions about bereavement. Winston's Wish is an excellent charity supporting bereavement and this is a link to some specific resources you may wish to look at to discuss the Queen's death with your child.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/supporting-children-death-of-queen/>

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day is an annual fundraising campaign for the genetic disorder community. The monies raised provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and events which bring together affected children and their families. Graveley pupils will learn more about this in assembly on Thursday 22nd September - children may come into school in jeans for a donation of £1.00.

FOG Update

Sweet Treat Friday starts again today. Doughnuts and cookies will be on sale priced at £1.00. If you are able to help out one week, please do contact Caroline via FOGchairperson@graveley.herts.sch.uk This week, you should all have received an invitation to the FOG AGM that will be taking place at school on Thursday 6th September at 9:00am.

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 6

School orchard

We still have some fruit left on the trees in our small orchard. Please bring along a bag or box and help yourself to apples and plums after school.

Sports Update

Mrs. Andrews has been busy filling the diary with lots of exciting sports events, for all classes this autumn term, starting with the Year 5/6 Stevenage Cross Country Festival on 29th September. Unfortunately, with the spiraling cost of coaches, we wanted to give advance warning that we may need to ask parents to support with dropping off and collecting children from events this year. We were quoted £200 for a coach one-way to Fairlands for Cross Country (£14 per child!), which is clearly a huge cost to pass on to parents. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have 1 parent governor vacancy on our Governing Board. Letters will go out next Tuesday and applications will need to be back in the school office by Wednesday 5th October. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)



Class 1 News

It has been delightful to see all the new Receptions settling into life in Class 1. They have done amazingly! In Maths this week, they have been exploring shapes, whilst in Year 1, children have been developing their number skills, with lots of counting games. In English, the children have been practicing their handwriting and beginning to look at autobiographies. All the children have really enjoyed Science, focusing on how to keep healthy and especially learning about healthy diets.

Class 2 News

In Maths this week, children in Class 2 have been exploring position and movement, looking at left, right, up and down. In English they have been writing sentences about themselves and beginning to look at autobiographies. The children have also enjoyed beginning their 'Movers and Shakers' topic, where they will be finding out all about historically significant individuals.

Class 3 News

Class 3 have started their exciting topic 'Invasion' this week. Linked to this, in English, they have been reading the re-telling of 'Beowulf' by Rob Lloyd James. They have explored the origins of the story and enjoyed unpicking some of the Olde English language. In Maths, they have explored place value, looking at larger numbers and this afternoon, in Computer Science, they will become Cyber Security experts, writing code in Scratch to find secret numbers and learning about the importance of having strong passwords.

Class 4 News

This week, Class 4 completed their letters of condolence to the Royal Family, following the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II. They also explored the correct tense, person and vocabulary used in newspaper reports. In Maths, the children have been learning to count on, and back, in powers of 10 and revising rounding. They have also been excited to begin their Maafa topic and have been learning all about the kingdoms and empires in the continent of Africa.

Some dates for the diary:

- Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday (school closed). Children return to school on Tuesday 20th September.
- Thursday 22nd September - Jeans for Genes Day (children can come into school wearing jeans for a donation of £1.00).
- Thursday 6th October - FOG Clothing collection. Please bring in your donations at morning drop-off.
- Thursday 6th October - FOG AGM in school hall (starts 9:00am).
- Week commencing Monday 17th September - NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK.
- HALF TERM - Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October (inclusive).
- Monday 31st October - children return to school.

"With God, all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26