

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 3 - Autumn Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause yesterday. Through monetary donations and the cake sale, we raised £137.50 for Children in Need.

School Lunches

If your child is in Y3 - Y6 and they have school lunches, please check their Meal Account in Arbor for any outstanding balances and top-up accordingly.

Reverse Advent

During Monday's assembly, we had a visit to school from Kenny Arnold who explained to the children about the reverse advent calendar collection we will be participating in this year.

Your generous donations make a huge difference to local families, providing them with essential meals for the colder months.

We will be delivering all donated goods to them during the first week of December. Collection boxes will be placed outside of the school office each morning.

Items most in need include:

Tinned meat, tinned vegetables, pasta sauces, jam, instant mashed potato, tinned fruit, long life milk, tinned fish, squash, biscuits, coffee, toiletries, crisps, coffee.

They have asked that they are unable to give out items containing alcohol, so please be mindful if you are buying Christmas cakes and mince pies.



TT Rockstars and Numbots

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

This week's results:

Reception/Year 1 - Rosie, Ronnie, Reign.

Year 2 - Caitlyn, Alfie.

Year 3 - Tom, Sera, Scarlett.

Year 4 - Poppy, Roxanne, Jasmine.

Year 5 - Rachael, Emily.

Year 6 - Phoebe, Kirk, Beatrix.

Christingle Service

St Mary's Church will be holding their Christingle service led by The Bishop of St Albans on Sunday 11th December at 11.30am. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Anti-Bullying Week

Our anti-bullying ambassadors have been busy planning activities to promote friendship and kindness next week. Just a reminder that all children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday for the launch. (School uniform still to be worn).

Kind regards,
Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Hedgehog Class

This week in Hedgehog Class, the children have enjoyed reading and exploring the book 'Halibut Jackson' and writing sentences using adjectives to show how the character is feeling. They have loved exploring their new 'Drapery' role play corner linked to this story. In Maths, Reception have been developing their understanding of 'more than' and 'fewer than' and the Year 1 children have been exploring addition. In P.S.H.E. they have continued to learn about similarities and differences in their Jigsaw topic 'Celebrating Difference'.

Squirrel Class

In Maths, we have been learning to prove that addition is commutative and subtraction is not. We have also been counting backwards in 1s and 10s. We have linked our Art and English this week. We have been learning about still life and artists who painted in the style. We have used pencils for sketching, water colours for painting and wrote about the art. We used real objects to observe and sketch our own still life drawings and then added paint. We also used clay to sculpt a still life 3D model.

Foxes Class

Foxes Class have carried on looking at Norse Myths in English. We have retold a myth called 'Thor fishing for Jormungand'. The children have worked hard to embed inverted commas for direct speech and adverbs in their writing. In Maths, we have continued to develop strategies to add mentally, such as the 'think 10' method. In Geography, we have used compasses to direct and read maps. During our R.E. lesson this week, we wrote our own prayers and in P.S.H.E. we practiced solving problems together. With Mrs Stead, Foxes Class looked at the inner ear and labelled the different parts.

Badger Class

This week, Year 5 and 6 have been exploring how the abolition of slavery came about (it took 111 years for it to be banned in Britain!) and what happened afterwards - this will then feed into our non-chronological reports about the Windrush generation. In Maths, we have been investigating different methods for multiplying and efficient ways of spotting if a number is a multiple of another. We started our D&T unit this week by trying out different breads and we shall eventually be making our own.

Some dates for the diary:

- Monday 21st November - Odd Socks Day (to launch Anti-Bullying Week).
- Wednesday 23rd November - Squirrel Class Parent Consultations (telephone).
- Friday 2nd December - school closed for INSET DAY.
- Monday 5th December - school closed for Occasional Day.
- Friday 9th December - Non Uniform Day in exchange for a chocolate donation for Christmas Fete.
- Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper and FOG Christmas Fete.
- Friday 16th December - Whole School Carol Concert and Nativity (more details nearer the time).
- Wednesday 21st December - break up for Christmas holidays (early finish - time to be confirmed).

"With God, all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26