

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 1 - Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of the first half term - it seems to have been an extremely long one! I think the staff and children are very much looking forward to a rest and to be able to re-energise ready for the run-up to Christmas.

It has been a busy start to the school year. Year 1 and 2 visited Pizza Express and had great fun making their own pizzas. Year 6 have been learning how to keep safe by their visit to Crucial Crew. We have had various sporting events - Crystal Maze (Year 1 and 2) and tag rugby and cross country festivals for some of the children in years 4, 5 and 6. We have also been lucky to have had visits to the school from Hitchin Museum who delivered an Anglo Saxon workshop to Years 3 and 4. Fitkidz returned to deliver some fitness training to Foxes and last week Year 3 took part in a yoga session.

It has been lovely to see so many parents attend school for the events that we have run this half term. We started the year with a Booknic - although it was a bit chilly for blankets on the field! Hedgehog and Squirrel parents were invited in to find out more about our phonics programme. Our Harvest Festival was full and it seemed to be standing room only! This afternoon, from 2.30pm, we welcome you to come and see some of the learning that has been happening in classes so far this year.

I am sure that next half term will be just as eventful. Badger Class parents are invited to come in to watch their Remembrance assembly on Monday 11th November. Please arrive for a 10.45am start.

Please see the attached list of events already confirmed and watch out for more in the coming weeks.

Today, we say goodbye to Karen in the office. From her welcoming smile, that greets everyone on a Thursday and Friday to all the tireless work behind the scenes, juggling a multitude of tasks, she will be greatly missed by all of us. We are lucky enough that Amanda Otto has increased her hours in school and will be stepping into her shoes after half term.

Harvest

Thank you for all the Harvest Festival donations to support the Food Shed. Elaine, one of our long-standing governors, volunteers there each week and delivered the items straight there. They were extremely grateful for the generosity of all of our parents.



FOG News

Great fun was had by all of the children (and staff) last night at the Spooky Disco. House teams, wrapped our 'mummy' volunteers. Well done to Green Emerald who were the eventual winners.



There is a clothing collection booked for 13th November, please hold on to any donations if you are having a sort out over half term. We will also be running our Christmas Photo shoot this year. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Have a lovely break and we will see you all on Monday 4th November.



Some Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 31 st October	Secondary School application deadline for Year 6 pupils. To apply - https://live.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Hertfordshire/Synergy/secondary/
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school. Nasal flu vaccinations. Please complete the online consent form: https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire
Tuesday 5 th November	Special Bonfire Lunch Menu: Banger jacket potato topped with cheese and fried onions/ Pizza Catherine wheels with firecracker wedges with sides of beans and corn. Dessert - hot chocolate sponge and chocolate sauce.
Monday 11 th November	10:45am - Badger Class Armistice Day Assembly (parents invited).
Wednesday 13 th November	8:50am - FOG Clothing collection. Please bring in donated items during morning drop-off.
Thursday 14 th November	After school - Bake sale in aid of Children in Need. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes (nut-free)- please hand these into the school office during morning drop-off. Thank you in advance for your support.
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day. For a donation of £1.00, children may come into school dressed up in their pyjamas or their own clothes.
Tuesday 19 th November	4:15pm - 6:00pm - New Reception 2025 Open Afternoon.

MESSAGE FROM FOG (Friends of Graveley Primary School)

Thank you to all our members and parents for this half term's fundraising efforts. The Spooky Disco was a great success raising over £200. Sweet Treats sales raised over £170 which will go towards the school. Thank you to everyone!

Our next clothing collection is at morning drop-off on Wednesday 13th November (please see attached poster for more information). We are also thrilled to announce that Claudia Griffin Photography is back again this year and we will be hosting a Christmas Mini Photo Shoot at school on Sunday 24th November for families (please see attached poster for more information).

No sweet treats on sale today due to the Open Afternoon.

Have a lovely half term break!

Kind regards,

The FOG Team



MINI *Christmas* SESSION



10 min session



1 digital image & a 5x7 print



24th November

Now Booking!

For more info and to book your slot, please email:

Fogchairperson@graveley.herts.sch.com

*claudia griffin
photography*



£13 for up
to 2 kids
£18 for 3 or
more kids/
family





CLOTHING COLLECTION

Please donate any unwanted, preloved, used clothing, shoes & bags that are in a good condition.

Please bring these items in carrier/bin bags.

13 NOV

**MORNING DROP
OFF**

**We cannot accept:
bed linen, underwear,
pyjamas or dressing
gowns.**

**Please hand in any school uniform
at the office for the FOG preloved
uniform shop.**



Thank you for your support!

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