

The Greysbrooke Grapevine



The fortnightly newsletter that keeps you up to date with what is going on at Greysbrooke.



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER NO.3

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Dear Parents

3 October 2018

What a busy half term it has been and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our KS2 Harvest Assembly on Friday 5 October. This year, KS2 children will be performing and we hope to commence the celebration at 9.15am. ***Any donations of packaged and tinned foods will be forwarded to the Lichfield Food Bank and contributions may be brought into school (and placed in the box in the school entrance hall) from Monday 1 October.** Please note that due to space and health and safety restrictions, **we can only accommodate a maximum of 2 adults per KS2 family** and hot drinks should not be brought into school. In order to comply with current safeguarding practice and to fulfil the wishes of some of our parents, may I respectfully ask that you only take photographs of your own child(ren) at the end of the performance. No photographs taken in school should be published on social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter. Thank you for your understanding of this sensitive issue.

***Lichfield Food Bank - items urgently required**

Milk (UHT or Powdered)
Sugar (500g)
Fruit Juice (Long-Life Carton)
Tinned Sponge Pudding
Tinned Vegetables
Cereals
Tinned Rice Pudding
Instant Mash Potato
Jam
Custard
Chocolate
Biscuits or Snack Bars
Toiletries (Child and Adult)

Well Done! To Y2 children and Mrs Glandfield for their most informative and entertaining class assembly on the theme of 'Hansel and Gretel' which incorporated a drama, music and acting focus. This was the first class assembly of the new academic year and Y2 have certainly set a very high standard for the rest of the year...congratulations Y2! Well done also to our new Reception children who sat through their first performance impeccably - a fantastic start and Mrs Wharton is rightly very pleased with them.

Recent activities

On Monday 1 October, Y5/Y6 pupils were attentive listeners as they engaged in workshops delivered by the NSPCC. We were again reminded of the valuable work undertaken by this organisation.

Reception Parents - Macmillan Coffee & Cake Morning Cancelled

Unfortunately, the above event has been cancelled tomorrow due to low numbers.

Recorder Tuition

There are places available for Y3 who would like to learn to play the recorder at a new lunchtime club. The cost of lessons will be £2.50 per session and the pupils will work in small groups (maximum 4 per group) for 15 minute sessions. Each child will need a recorder and music, which Mr Barrett can supply. Lessons will start on Tuesday 9 October and continue until 4 December (8 sessions). If you would like your child to take part then please return the slip that was recently sent home, along with payment by Friday 5 October. Please make cheques payable to A Barrett (returned in an envelope marked - A Barrett - Recorder Tuition).

Aston Brooke Co-operative Learning Trust - Multicultural Week

The week commencing Monday 15 October will see both Greysbrooke and Little Aston Primary schools engage in the celebration of a range of cultures, whilst developing new skills and participating in enjoyable teaching and learning experiences. Wednesday and Thursday of this week will culminate in cross Trust collaboration with Greysbrooke children visiting the Little Aston site and vice versa. Little Aston school will be offering workshops around the Indian culture - traditional stories and drama, music, masks, art whilst Greysbrooke will be hosting a celebration of African culture including - African drumming, African art, African dance, fact files and flags. Thank you to Mrs Hibberd for co-ordinating this event.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation evenings are to be held in school on Monday 22 October (3.30-6.30pm) and Thursday 25 October (3.30-6.00pm). We will continue to operate our **online booking system** which allows you to choose your own appointment times and you will receive an e-mail confirming your appointment. The booking system will be available from Thursday 11 October at 6.30pm until 6.30pm on Thursday 18 October. Whilst we hope that most parents are able to utilise this system, the school office will be happy to assist if you do not have internet facilities.

School Places

Demand for places remains pleasing at Greybrooke and I have already started to show groups of prospective YR pupils for 2019 around. The school now has 204 pupils on roll and a waiting list in operation for several classes.

Congratulations to our Y4 children who recently completed an enjoyable visit to Lunt Fort, Coventry as part of their studies of the Romans. They came back with painted faces to distinguish them as Celts or Romans and again, their behaviour on the trip was exemplary.

Musical Recognition

The staff and I are delighted that our school has recently been recognised, by Entrust Music Services, as a Music Mark school which acknowledges the efforts made to ensure that pupils access and engage with a high quality music curriculum. It recognises the value that we place on music and the creative arts and I would like to thank Mrs Speed for her co-ordination of this subject and all pupils, parents and staff who have supported developments in this area.

Site Safety Reminder

In the interests of safety, **please do not bring vehicles onto the school car park at any time**. **Parents are reminded that the main gated school entrance should not be used as a turning point or for parking when dropping children off**. Access to the school site is via the upper pedestrian gate at all times, not through the double gates, even when collecting children from Wren's Nest and after school activities.

Please also be reminded that for health and safety reasons, dogs should not be brought on to the school site, or tied to any of the school gates or fencing. We have received a number of comments from parents that they are unable to access the school pedestrian gates particularly with buggies, due to people congregating right outside the school gate with their dogs. Many children are frightened of dogs and we ask for your co-operation in keeping dogs away from the school gates.

Parent Volunteers Urgently Required

We require parent volunteer helpers for reading and general classroom support. If you are able to help out on a regular basis each week, please speak to the school office or Mrs Hibberd to arrange a DBS clearance check. Thank you.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by **9.30am** on the first day, giving an indication of the reason and expected length of their absence. School opens at 8.45am and registers are taken at 8.55am. We have noticed that several children are arriving late after the school bell and are consequently missing the valuable start of the first lesson. Remember to 'Be on time, by five to nine!'.

Medical and dental appointments should be made after school time or during school holidays please, however if this is not possible, please send a letter to the class teacher advising them of the time your child will be leaving school. Thank you.

Payment Reminders

Ingestre Hall Deposit (Y3/4)

Please make payment via ParentPay by Friday 5 October.

Young Voices Concert

Please make payment for tickets, t-shirts, etc via ParentPay by Friday 5 October.

Multi-Cultural Week

Please make payment via ParentPay by Monday 8 October.

Flu Vaccinations (YR-Y5)

Flu vaccinations will be taking place on Tuesday 15 January 2019. Information packs will be sent home with your child later this week. Please return completed forms to the school office by Friday 19 October.

Clubs - Reminders

If your child is unable to attend any of the club sessions, please advise the class teacher or school office as soon as possible so that it can be marked on the club register.

There will be **NO** clubs week commencing Monday 22 October.

ECO-Council

Mrs Puzey will be continuing to lead this very important Committee with responsibility for managing tidiness and energy saving around the school site. The group meet fortnightly and this academic year, the following pupils have been elected to post:-

YR: MT & IP

Y1: TQ & EB

Y2: AB & LG

Y3: SC & IM

Y4: OB & HE

Y5: SS & FJ

Y6: CB & EE

YR/KS1 News

A huge thank you to Year 2 from Mrs Glandfield for all the hard work that went towards their class assembly.

Kitchen Corner

A Taste of America - Thursday 4 October

There will be change of menu this Thursday for School Census Day - please see attached flyer. This will replace the savoury beef with rice and macaroni cheese and sweetcorn bake.

New Menu

Our new Autumn/Winter menu will launch after half term on Monday 5 November which will be Week 1.

A copy of the new menu leaflet has been sent home with your child today.

The new menu will now offer a daily 'selection of sandwiches' which will be available at the servery for KS2. KS1 will continue to pre-order their sandwiches; however we will now have a 'set day' for fillings to prevent any confusion and to ensure smooth delivery on the day:

Monday - Jam

Tuesday - Ham

Wednesday - Cheese

Thursday - Ham

Friday - Jam

Please be aware that this will be subject to change and it will take time to establish the best route to ensure children are happy with their meal choices.

Multi-Cultural Week Swap Days - Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 October

Please note that should your child require a packed lunch from school for either of the above dates, can you please let the school office know by Friday 12 October. We are able to offer either cheese or jam sandwiches with a selection of fruit cake/biscuit and a drink.

Menu Cycle

W/c: 8/10/18 - Week 2

W/c: 15/10/18 - Week 3

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9 October	Trust Board Meeting (6.00pm)
Friday 12 October	Sapphire & Topaz Celebration Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 17 October	Governing Body Strategy Group Meeting (4.00pm)
Friday 19 October	Y1 Class Assembly (10.15am)
Thursday 25 October	School Photographer in
	School Closes to Pupils at 3.10pm for Half Term Holiday
Friday 26 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 5 November	School Re-opens for Staff and Pupils

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Holmes
Headteacher

Sadie takes
a trip to

A Taste of

AMERICA

Choose a main meal...

Hot Dog

Macaroni Cheese

on the side...

Chips

Sweetcorn

BBQ Beans

for dessert...

Chocolate Brownie

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurt



Please contact your Catering Manager
for more information.


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