

The Greysbrooke Grapevine



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



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Dear Parents

17 October 2018

Greysbrooke has hosted a variety of events over the past fortnight, commencing with a very enjoyable Harvest Celebration Assembly led by Key Stage 2. I hope that visitors, friends and relatives of Greysbrooke School enjoyed this event and the variety of narration and musical items it contained. Visitors were treated to a vegetable 'tango' and a 'rap' amongst other things! Particular thanks to Mrs Speed for the range of musical arrangements contained within the assembly and to Mrs Ryman for her creation of our beautiful entrance hall display. The assembly enabled the children to focus upon traditional harvest themes, acknowledging the busy lives of farmers and everybody involved in the food production chain. Greysbrooke children certainly considered the local, national and global perspective within the assembly. I would like to thank children and parents for their generous donations and support for the Lichfield Foodbank. The packaged and tinned foods were collected and I am pleased to report that it was quickly available to hungry families in Lichfield, Rugeley and Burton. Thank you to all Greysbrooke parents who have helped to achieve this, your donations were greatly appreciated. The Foodbank collectors commented...

"Another wonderful Harvest! The quantity of food donated by your staff, pupils and parents surely must be your largest collection ever - even excelling your collection at last year's Harvest!...Last month the Foodbank in Lichfield passed another milestone when it recorded that in excess of 310,000 meals had been provided to those in need of food since the Foodbank opened in April 2014. Sadly, demand from individuals and families continues to rise...We are immensely grateful to you all".

On Friday 12 October, pupils from Sapphire and Topaz houses celebrated with a House Assembly. Congratulations to the children who were presented with certificates. It is lovely to see so many of our children making a very impressive start in a new academic year.

Goodbye and Good Luck

The end of this half term marks Greysbrooke having to say goodbye to Mrs Dunn, who has been a higher level teaching assistant at the school for 5 years. During this time, Mrs Dunn has worked across the key stages and made a tremendous contribution to the development of the children in her care. Mrs Dunn will be working in a similar position in a school closer to her home and I'm sure that you will join me and the staff in wishing her every happiness in her new role.

Upper KS2

Y5 girls have recently had a tailored talk from the health professional Wendy Burton, whilst the boys welcomed the opportunity to become reading buddies to our YR/Y1 children. The PCSO talks in Y6 continue to be well received.

Multicultural week

At the time of writing, Greysbrooke and Little Aston pupils are involved in a collaborative Trust focus week in which a range of cultures are being celebrated. Please see attached timetable which evidences some of the work that the children will be experiencing at Little Aston and Greysbrooke.

Pupil Data Collection Information

Data Collection sheets will be sent home with your child this week. Please check, amend, sign and return by Thursday 25 October to enable us to update the school system. Thank you.

Y1 Class Assembly

The Y1 class assembly will be taking place on Friday 19 October. We do hope that you are able to join us for this celebratory event. Due to space and health and safety restrictions, we can only accommodate a maximum of **2 adults per family** and hot drinks should not be brought into school. Please note that buggies need to be left in the cycle shelter. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

I do hope that parents find the forthcoming consultation evenings on Monday 22 October and Thursday 25 October to be informative and useful. They form a vital aspect of the home-school partnership. I always read the teacher notes from these evenings and again, will make contact if there is an issue which requires further explanation. The Parents Evening Booking System will close on Thursday 18 October at 6.30pm. Please note: There will be no Clubs this week, apart from Rocksteady.

Bags2School

The Bag2School bags will be sent home with your child on Monday 22 October for collection on the morning of Thursday 15 November. Please leave your bag(s) in the bike shelter no later than **9.00am on Thursday 15 November**. Please tie the bags up to prevent the clothes getting wet if it rains, as they will not take wet clothing. Black bin bags will also be accepted if you have more than one bag to fill. Thank you.

INSET Day

School closes for pupils at 3.10pm on Thursday 25 October and re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 5 November. Friday 26 October is a teacher training day where staff and I shall join colleagues from Little Aston Primary School to consider aspects of spelling progression and delivery.

School Clubs

All school clubs will recommence the first week back after half term - w/c 5 November.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 12 November - Thursday 15 November (8.25-8.55am & 3.15-3.45pm).

Payment Reminders

Birches Valley (YR) - payment is due by Wednesday 24 October via ParentPay.

Laches Wood (Y5) - Second instalment is due by Friday 9 November.

FROGS

Greysbrooke's PTA have been extremely busy planning events for the next half-term.

The glitter, glue, tinsel and pipe cleaners are all being gathered in preparation for the FROGS Christmas Craft Club which commences after the half term holiday. The first session will be for Reception and KS1 children and take place on Monday 12 November. The next session on Monday 19 November will be for children in KS2. You will be able to collect your child's work at the **School Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 1st December**, which will take place at 12 noon - 3.00pm to coincide with some wonderful refreshments (hot food as well as traditional Christmas items) to be offered. Please enter this date and time into your diaries as I know that it will be a 'cracker' and include amongst other things, a fabulous raffle and of course, the opportunity to meet Santa.

Lost Property

Y3 have a lot of unnamed lost property items in the classroom, please have a look on Parents Evening to see if any of the items belong to your child.

Please may we remind parents that all items of clothing should be named. If your child attends after school sports clubs, could we ask that you check for any clothing that may have been taken home mistakenly and return it to school accordingly. Thank you.

PE Lessons

For children to participate in all PE lessons, please ensure they have the appropriate kit in school. All children should have black shorts, a house coloured t-shirt, trainers and as the winter weather creeps in, suitable joggers and a warm sweatshirt for outdoor lessons. For hygiene reasons, girls should bring socks in for PE and should not be wearing tights in PE lessons.

Be Bright, Be Seen!

As the nights begin to draw in and particularly when the clocks are turned back towards the end of October, it can be difficult to see pedestrians wearing dark clothes. It is at this time that children can be more at risk when out walking if they can't easily be seen. If possible, please encourage your child to wear a high visible dangle disk attached to their coat or school bag - reflective and fluorescent, they are an effective way of enabling children to 'be bright' and 'be seen'.



Operation Christmas Child

We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year and are advising you in advance so that you have the opportunity to start your boxes over the half term holiday if you wish to do so. Leaflets and relevant information will follow after half term. Thank you.

Toilet Roll Tubes

Mrs Puzey requires toilet roll cardboard tubes for her Christmas Fayre stall please! Thank you.

Y6 Hoodies

A huge thank you to Frogs for providing the Y6 hoodies - they look amazing!

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 17 October	Greysbrooke Strategy Group Meeting (4.00pm)
Tuesday 23 October	Open the Book Assembly
Wednesday 24 October	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Erasmus Darwin Academy (4.00-5.30pm)
Thursday 25 October	School photographer on site taking individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday 7 November	Special Governing Body Meeting (4.00pm)
Friday 16 November	Ruby & Emerald Assembly (9.10am)

Advance Notice

Y6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip

On Tuesday 6 November (4.00pm), there will be a brief presentation to Y6 Greysbrooke and Little Aston parents on the 2019 residential visit to the Isle of Wight. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

KITCHEN CORNER

Theme day

On Monday 5 November we will be having a 'bonfire' theme menu - please see attached flyer.

Break Sales

Just a reminder that children need a minimum of 25p to make a purchase of toast at break time.

Dietary needs

Please ensure you make us aware of any food allergies or intolerances your child may have. For children that already have allergies/intolerances declared with the school can we please ask you to keep us up to date should anything change regarding your child's dietary needs so as we are able to accommodate this.

Menu Cycle

W/c 22/10/18 - Week 1 (Old Menu)

W/c 5/11/18 - Week 1 (New Menu)

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Holmes
Head teacher

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5th November

Bonfire Night

Choose a Main Meal...

Guy Fawkes Pork Sausages
King James Veggie Sausage

On the Side...

Mashed Potato
BBQ Beans
Peas

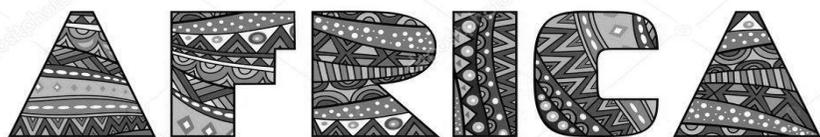
For Dessert...

**Bonfire Sticky Toffee Pudding
& Custard**

Please contact your Catering Manager for
more information.

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Greysbrooke School - African drummer workshops

Wednesday 17 October

Greysbrooke	Y2a	Y2b	Y4a	Y4b	Y6a	Y6b
9.40-10.20	Fact files/flags Y2 classroom	African Drumming HALL	African Dance Y4 classroom	African Art - silhouette sunsets Y3 classroom	Art - African patterned animals Y6 classroom	Traditional Stories/ Drama Y5 classroom
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Little Aston School - Indian Dancer Workshops

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