

# The Greysbrooke Grapevine



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



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## AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Dear Parents

7 November 2018

Well, I hope that the recent half term holiday was an enjoyable time for everyone and that batteries are recharged in anticipation of the busy half term ahead. Last half term certainly ended well with two Parent Consultation Evenings, which I hope proved informative for all.

This half term sees Christmas preparations begin in earnest, with FROGS Craft Club activities for the EYFS/KS1 children commencing on Monday 12 November. The KS2 session is scheduled for Monday 19 November with all the quality products to be displayed at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1 December (12.00-3.00pm). The demand for places at these Clubs has been very high, which is again testament to the hard work of FROGS in organising varied and age-appropriate activities for the children. A happy and enjoyable time will certainly be experienced by the children.

Many congratulations to our Y1 children who recently performed a most entertaining class assembly to parents and guests upon the theme of 'Strictly Come Jungle'. Not only was it fantastic to see the Year 1 children enjoying themselves whilst performing, but it was also fantastic to see the audience grinning from ear to ear. Well done children and to Mrs Puzey, Mrs Lacken, Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Darlaston for their hard work in preparing the children. Thank you also to Mr Berry for writing the script.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Hooley and Mrs Marshall to the Greysbrooke team. Mrs Hooley will be assisting Mrs Wharton in reception during Mrs Pickett's maternity leave and Mrs Marshall will be working hard to fill the shoes of Mrs Dunn in Key Stage 2.

I am sure you would wish to join the Greysbrooke team in offering Mrs Holmes our condolences on the loss of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family during this difficult time.

### Pupil Librarians

The following children have been chosen to help with the smooth day-to-day running of the school library. They are keen to promote a love of reading and offer considerable support to the younger children as reading buddies:

BB  
EE  
MR  
SS

JB  
OP  
KC  
HJ

## **Road Safety Message for Children**

It's autumn and the clocks have gone back! This means the evenings are dark sooner and some days can be very dull, and of course it will start to get cold so it's winter coat time and hoods up, but...

### **Can you be seen?**

**Make sure you wear something light coloured, reflective or fluorescent**

### **Can you see properly before you cross the road?**

**Take your hood off your head to  
Stop, Look and Listen**

It's difficult for vehicle drivers to see you when you're in dark clothing and when there's no street lights so please....

**THINK!  
BE SAFE!  
BE SEEN!  
STAY SAFE!**



## **Class Photographs**

The final deadline for ordering photographs is tomorrow (Thursday 8 November). Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept orders in school after that date and any late orders will incur a surcharge from the company.

## **Remembrance**

Y6 pupils will be visiting classes on a daily basis to offer poppies to anyone who wishes to donate to the Poppy Appeal. In addition, we were provided with bracelets, rubbers, reflectors, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens and rulers with all proceeds donated to this appeal. On Friday 9 November children will be attending our Remembrance Day Assembly.

## **FROGS Christmas Fayre Request**

Please send into school one clean and 'good as new' teddy for our Teddy Tombola and/or a gift for our Elf Cave by Friday 9 November. Thank you to all children and parents who have already kindly donated.

## **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 12 November to Thursday 15 November (8.30am-8.45am & 3.10pm-3.40pm). We do hope that you will be able to visit the book fair and perhaps take the opportunity to purchase those early Christmas gifts!



## **Children in Need Day**

As you may be aware, Friday 16 November is Children in Need Day. This year we have decided to have a non-uniform day to raise money for the appeal, with the added option of the children coming to school in something spotty/Pudsey related. We would appreciate it if they could bring a donation of £1.00. Thank you very much for your support.

## **School Carpark - Reminder**

For Health and Safety reasons, please do not enter the school premises via the main gates into the carpark area. 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.

### **Cycles and Buggies**

Please ensure your children do not ride their bicycles onto the school premises, but walk them down the path to the cycle shelter.

Please also remember to **leave any buggies/pushchairs in the cycle shelter** when visiting school for assemblies, etc.

### **Payment Reminders**

Laches Wood Residential Trip (Y5)      Second payment of £70 due on Friday 9 November via ParentPay  
Ingestre Hall (Y3/4)                      Second payment of £80 due on Friday 30 November via ParentPay

### **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies**

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors for Mondays and Fridays working 11.45am-1.00pm. If you are interested, or know anyone else who is interested, please contact the school office.

### **YR/KS1 News**

Thank you to all Y1 parents for their support in providing costumes for the class assembly and helping your children practise their words at home. I would also like to say a big well done to all of Y1 for their super performance...you were amazing! Mrs Puzey

### **Clubs**

All clubs finish week ending 7 December.

### **Lego Wanted!**

Next term we will be starting an after school Lego Club. If you have any unwanted Lego, please send it into school for Mrs Hibberd. Thank you!

### **Christmas Performances**

Christmas Performance dates this year are as follows:

#### Reception and Key Stage 1

Monday 10 December (6.00pm)

Tuesday 11 December (1.30pm)

#### Key Stage 2

Monday 10 December (1.30pm)

Tuesday 11 December (6.00pm)

#### Grandparents Performances

Key Stage 2 - Thursday 6 December (1.30pm)

Reception/Key Stage 1 - Friday 7 December (1.30pm)

Further information will be sent out next week.

### **School Uniform Reminder**

Please clearly label all items of uniform (especially jumpers and fleeces) with your child's name to ensure any lost items can be returned to their rightful owners. Also, please ensure water bottles are named.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Thursday 15 November	Bags2School being collected (9.00am) Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at Chase Terrace Technology College (3.15-5.00pm)
Friday 16 November	Ruby & Emerald Celebration Assembly (9.10am) Non-Uniform Day (Children in Need)
Wednesday 28 November	'Operation Christmas Child' boxes being collected
Friday 30 November	Non-Uniform Day (FROGS Tombola)
Friday 14 December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day (children to wear school trousers/skirts)

## KITCHEN CORNER

Welcome back...we hope you all had a lovely half term!

Many thanks for all your feedback from Parents Evening on Thursday 25 October, we hope you found our presence helpful in understanding how we work and what we offer.

Please be aware that due to a change in delivery schedules this week, we had to make a very slight alteration to the menu - on Tuesday chips were served instead of wedges (like for like).

### Menu Cycle

We are currently on Week 1.

W/c 12/11/18 - Week 2

W/c 19/11/18 - Week 3

### Christmas Lunch

It's that time of year again! Christmas lunch will be on Friday 14 December. You will be receiving a letter next week - please send the slip back by the date stated so that orders can be placed on time. Please return the slip even if your child has lunch every day so that a lunch can be ordered for them, any slips after this date WILL NOT be accepted and your child will have to bring a packed lunch. Also there will be no school meal packed lunches on Christmas lunch day.

Please ensure you let us know if there any changes to your child's dietary requirements so that we are able to accommodate this accordingly. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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