

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. 6

Dear Parents

21 November 2018

The Christmas 'festivities' are truly upon us as Greysbrooke children, parents and staff prepare for the numerous events planned to occur over the next few weeks. FROGS have concluded their annual Christmas Craft Club activities with many quality handicrafts scheduled to be displayed at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December (12-3pm). Both KS1 and KS2 sessions have been well attended and the hall has been a 'hive of activity' as glitter, tinsel and cotton wool were in abundance. Once again, thank you to FROGS and I do hope that you will be able to join us at forthcoming events.

Remembrance

Thank you to the children and families who donated money to the British Legion Poppy Appeal which helps support military personnel, the injured and families of the Armed Services. It is important that our youngsters are aware of the tremendous sacrifice made by individuals in the past and indeed, the sacrifices that continue to be made today. As such, Mrs Glandfield led our special Remembrance Assembly and observational silence on Friday 9 November. The approach to our school entrance hall was a carpet of red poppies with all classes contributing to the display.



I would also like to thank all the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who were wonderful ambassadors at the Remembrance services held in the village. It was lovely to see so many young people join together to reflect upon the sacrifices of others and our roles and responsibilities as global citizens today.

Literacy Workshop

I hope that Reception class parents enjoyed the recent opportunity to work alongside their children undertaking a range of literacy related tasks. The children certainly rose to the occasion and enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents.

Children In Need

On Friday 16 November, Greysbrooke was invaded by children and staff dressed in non-uniform and spotty/Pudsey attire as we raised money for the annual Children In Need Appeal. I am pleased to report that this year we raised over £210.00 for this worthwhile charitable event. Thank you all for your support.

Congratulations! to all children who received certificates at the recent Ruby and Emerald House Assemblies.

Staying Safe

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 recently engaged as an interactive audience in an anti-bullying production which provided strong advice and support on how to react if they ever found themselves in such a position.

I was pleased to note that most of our children could report where to seek help if they ever observed and/or found themselves in such a position.

Staff Training

Given the high priority that we place upon the care and welfare of our pupils, staff have recently received updated Safeguarding training on assessing and managing sexualised behaviour in the primary school. This is one of the newer aspects contained within the updated Keeping Children Safe national guidelines.

School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to represent their classes on this year's School Council:

Reception	CD & HS
Y1	HF & AC
Y2	MRB & TP
Y3	DDR & FH
Y4	CC & TL
Y5	MH & CR
Y6	MP & FM

Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair has again visited school. Thank you to everyone who supported this sale and to Mrs Hibberd for the organisation of a successful book fair. We are pleased to announce the book fair total came to £850.00, of which £500.00 commission will result in an amazing amount of new books for our school library. Happy reading Greysbrooke!

Daily Mile

Thank you to all parents/family members in Y4, Y5 and Y6 who joined their children recently to take part in the Daily Mile at 2.45pm.

We look forward to welcoming parents/family members to join their children in Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 on the following Wednesdays:

Year 3	Wednesday 28 November @ 2.45pm
Year 2	Wednesday 5 December @ 2.45pm
Year 1	Wednesday 12 December @ 2.45pm
Reception	Wednesday 19 December @ 2.45pm

Swimming (Y2)

There will not be a swimming lesson taking place on Monday 26 November due to The Friary pool being closed for maintenance. The lesson has been rescheduled for Monday 10 December, which will be the last lesson for this term. Swimming lessons will recommence on Monday 7 January.

Sportshall Athletics (Y5/Y6) - Revised Date!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Sportshall Athletics will now be taking place on Wednesday 28 November. If you have not already done so, please return the consent slip by tomorrow (Thursday 22 November). Thank you.

Thank you in anticipation to children and parents for donations for our tombola at the Christmas Fayre. Friday 30 November has been decreed a non-uniform day in support of this event and we are hoping that FROGS will need an extra-large display table this year!

Saturday 1 December (12.00-3.00pm)

As you will be aware, Greysbrooke's Christmas Fayre is again scheduled to commence at midday this year and will be even bigger! Hot food and hot mulled wine will be available, as well as hot dogs for the children. There will be a wide variety of external stalls, games, tombola, a secret Elves Cave and much more, plus a

visit from Father Christmas who is currently planning his route from Lapland. Lots to see, do and participate in and most importantly ENJOY! Bargains, stalls and a wonderful festive atmosphere guaranteed! Unsurprisingly, this is one time when all children are happy to be in school at the weekend!



Just a note to remind you that all children who have attended Craft Club will be able to pick up their handmade Christmas crafts at the Fayre.

Christmas Performances

Thursday 6 December (1.30pm)	KS2 dress rehearsal/performance to grandparents
Friday 7 December (1.30pm)	YR/KS1 grandparents performance
Monday 10 December (1.30pm)	KS2 performance to parents
Monday 10 December (6.00pm)	YR/KS1 performance to parents
Tuesday 11 December (1.30pm)	YR/KS1 performance to parents
Tuesday 11 December (6.00pm)	KS2 performance to parents

Please Note: As stated on the Christmas Performance letter previously sent out, to comply with performance/health and safety regulations, tickets are limited to **2** per family for each key stage (not each performance). In addition to this, **2** tickets can also be requested for grandparents to attend the ‘Grandparents Only’ performances.

The amount payable will be uploaded to your ParentPay account by Thursday 22 November evening once tickets have been allocated. Please ensure payment is made by **Wednesday 28 November**. Tickets will be sent home on Friday 30 November (provided payment has been made).

Eco Council News

Our school Eco Council have chosen the motto “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”. Following the theme of reusing and recycling, we ask you to help us to help those in need with **#WrapUpBrum**. Please recycle your old hats, scarves and blankets for the homeless and those in need in Birmingham, by bringing them into school on Monday 3 December. Eco Council will then arrange to take them to Birmingham Cathedral who operate the WrapUpBrum scheme. The volunteers at the Cathedral will place the donated items outside the Cathedral entrance until Friday 21 December and will also give them out to the homeless at the annual Christmas Dinner inside the Cathedral on Saturday 22 December. Thank you.

School Clubs

Rugby Club has been cancelled on Thursday 6 December due to various Christmas activities taking place that week. The missed session has been rescheduled for the following week - Thursday 13 December.

Please Note: All other School Clubs finish week ending 7 December.

Music Tuition

Recorder Lessons

The final session for this term is on Tuesday 4 December.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons have been cancelled on Monday 10 December and Monday 17 December due to Christmas activities. The sessions will be replaced with a DOUBLE lesson taking place on **Friday 14 December**, which will be the last lessons for this term. Please remind your child to bring their guitar in on that day.

Keyboard Lessons

The last session for this term will be on Tuesday 18 December.

Rocksteady Concert

A performance will be taking place on Wednesday 19 December at 2.30pm in the school hall for the parents of Rocksteady children. We look forward to seeing you!

Dinner Money

Please check your ParentPay account and ensure it is in credit. Meals should be paid for prior to being taken. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccination will be taking place on Tuesday 15 January 2019 for children whose parents have returned the consent form.

Vision Screening/Eye Tests - Service Withdrawn

Please see attached letter received from the NHS.

REMINDERS!

Christmas Dinner	Reply slips to be returned <u>NO LATER</u> than <u>Friday 23 November</u> please. Slips will not be accepted after this date.
Operation Christmas Child Ingestre Hall (Y3/Y4)	Please send boxes into school by <u>Wednesday 28 November</u> .
Conkers (Y1/Y2)	Second payment of £80.00 is due on <u>Friday 30 November</u> via ParentPay. Payment of £13.00 is due on <u>Tuesday 4 December</u> .

Reception/KS1 News

Reception

Can parents please check book bags every evening for any correspondence (especially at this time of year). Please also ensure book bags are as empty as possible each day to ensure new letters, etc are not missed. Thank you, Mrs Wharton.

Other Forthcoming Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 December	Birches Valley Trip (YR) FROGS Meeting (7.30pm)
Wednesday 12 December	Christmas Pantomime for KS2 Children (Organised by FROGS) - Garrick Theatre
Friday 14 December	Christmas Jumper Day (to be worn with uniform trousers/skirts) Christmas Lunch for Children and Staff
Monday 17 December	KS1 Christmas Party (pm) Christmas Pantomime for YR/KS1 Children (Organised by FROGS) - Greysbrooke School
Tuesday 18 December	KS2 Christmas Party (pm) Conkers Trip (Y1/Y2) FROGS Disco
Thursday 20 December	Coffee, Mince Pies and Chat for Parents and Governors - School Hall (2.15-3.00pm)

KITCHEN CORNER

Due to Christmas dinner being served on Friday 14 December we have moved the menu around for that week and will be serving fish and chips instead of a roast dinner on Wednesday 12 December.

Menu cycle:

Currently on Week 3

W/c: 26/11/18 Week 1

W/c: 03/12/18 Week 2

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Holmes
Headteacher