



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Thursday 22nd October 2020
Autumn Term Newsletter No:4

Happy Half Term

I can hardly believe that we are already at the half term break! It's been wonderful to see the children tackling their learning head on and with positivity and the progress that they are making is already noticeable. Although the half term has posed challenges and changes for us all, in true Greysbrooke style, the staff, pupils and parents have risen to the challenges and adapted to the new routines with good grace and enthusiasm. I thank you all for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

We kindly remind you to please notify the school office if you and your child will be travelling abroad during the half term break so that staff can be fully prepared to provide remote education on your return, should it be needed.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 2nd November 2020.



Special Delivery!

Baby News!!!

It is with great excitement that I announce that Mrs Hall gave birth to a beautiful baby boy last week. He weighed in at a healthy 9lbs 3oz and has been named Ted. Both mother and baby are doing very well indeed. We send Mr & Mrs Hall, big brother Henry and baby Ted all our love and congratulations!



Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

1st Shenstone Scout Group is in real need of adult leaders in all three sections (Scouts, Cubs and Beavers). In particular, the Beaver section is looking like it will have to close if no one steps in to lead it after Christmas. Many children from Greysbrooke school benefit from their involvement and experiences with 1st Shenstone and so it will be very sad for anyone to miss out. Support and assistance will be given by the Scout group who are a friendly team. Scouting skills are definitely not a requirement, just a willingness to get involved and have some fun along the way! If you are interested in helping the continuation of 1st Shenstone please get in touch with Brian Devonshire - BrianD@brduk.com or call on 07967 966869. Thank you.

Attendance

The winning year group for attendance over the half term is:
Year 1 with 99.16%
Well done Year 1!



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In memory of

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the recent passing of Mr John Dennis on Saturday 17th October, aged 87. Mr Dennis was the Headteacher of Greysbrooke Primary School for over 20 years. He took up the post in 1971 and, to date, was the longest serving Headteacher of the school. I know many of you are past students and so you will no doubt remember him fondly. We send our sincere heartfelt wishes to all of his family and friends; they are all in our thoughts at this very sad time.

Important Dates

Friday 23rd October: INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Monday 2nd November: School re-opens to all

Tuesday 10th November: Race for Life - come to school in PE kits today!



Monday 23rd November: Y6 L2 Bikeability

Tuesday 24th November: Y6 L2 Bikeability

Tuesday 1st December: Flu Vaccinations

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day - come to school in Christmas Jumpers for £1

INSET DATES FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2021

Monday 4th January

Friday 12th February

Friday 30th April

School is closed to all pupils on these days

Applications for Reception 2021 Places

A reminder for parents who have children due to start Reception in September 2021 that the application process opens on 1st November 2020. Applications must be completed online via:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, we are unable to offer tours of the school. However, we are working hard to produce a video tour of the school which will be available to view on our website shortly after half term; so be sure to keep your eyes peeled!

Food Bank Donations

Many thanks to those of you who have dropped off a donation for the foodbank over the last fortnight. Now, more than ever, foodbanks are in demand and so we are very grateful for every food item received.



Feeding the Community

#HelloYellow

YOUNGMINDS

I am pleased to announce that the total raised from our recent wear yellow day was **£212.81**. Thank you to all who donated and helped support this event.

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On Friday 16th October, four members of our Year 4 class took part in a Maths Challenge quiz which was run by King Edward's School in Birmingham. The event was held virtually, via Zoom, with other local primary schools competing. The quiz included many questions which required effective problem solving skills to be used in order to complete a cross number grid (like a crossword but with numbers!) There was also a relay event where the team was split into two groups and asked a series of quick fire questions. Here's what our amazing mathematicians thought of the event:



Toby: The 4 of us worked together. We had to type in the answers onto the computer and if they were right we got a tick, if they were wrong we got a cross. It was fun and we used all our maths skills.

Abi: I enjoyed it a lot. I liked that we worked as a team and not independently. I liked the activities, they were fun.

Alexa: I enjoyed solving the questions and helping my team mates. It was fun trying to work it out in a limited time. I'd love to do it again!

Lucy: I think it was fun and encouraged me to do more maths and work as a team to answer all the questions.

Well done to our Year 4 mathematicians! You did a great job representing yourselves and our school. We're incredibly proud of you!

Remembrance Day

Unfortunately, due to the retirement of the local volunteer, we will not be receiving any poppies this year. However, we will be marking the event in school with individual assemblies and observing a 2 minute silence on Wednesday 11th November.



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REMINDERS!

Applications for Y7 Places

For parents with children in Y6, please remember that the deadline for applications to Y7 is 31st October 2020.

KS2 Children

After half term please ensure that your child brings a spare pair of trainers into school to leave in their locker.

Unfortunately, if they do not have a spare pair of trainers, they will not be allowed on the school field due to it being muddy.

Dinner Money

Please check that your dinner money balance on ParentPay is in credit for the beginning of next half term.

School Photograph Orders

The deadline for orders is on 2nd November 2020 via www.academyphotos.co.uk

Shenstone Library Books

If you have any outstanding library books, please return them as soon as possible to Shenstone Library.

Eco-Council Competition

Our school Eco Council have launched an exciting competition this week. We have asked the children to help us encourage each other to be active on our way to and from school but whilst also being safe with the nights drawing in and to consider the environmental impact of traffic around the school.

We would like them to create a poster, PowerPoint, video, song, rap, leaflet or any other medium of their choice to promote the following:

- Be Active
- Walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride
- Be Bright Be Seen
- Stop, Look and Listen
- Protect our Environment
- It's Good to be Green

Entries will need to be in by 16th November 2020, which is the start of Road Safety week. The children can either bring their entries to school, bring them on a memory stick or email them to j.wildman@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk

There are prizes up for grabs and we can't wait to see how creative the children have been with this challenge.

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