

The Greysbrooke Grapevine



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



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SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Dear Parents

9 January 2019

Welcome back to Greysbrooke after what I hope was a wonderful time for you all. On behalf of all the staff at Greysbrooke School, we wish you a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

SATs Preparation

A thorough programme of work to ensure Y6 preparations for the Statutory Assessment Tests has been planned and appropriate intervention will again be taking place this term. The tests will take place during the week commencing Monday 13 May and all Y6 pupils should avoid being absent during this important week.

In KS1, Mrs Glandfield will be continuing to assess the Y2 pupils and an Information Evening for both Y2 and Y6 parents will be held on Wednesday 27 February at 6.00pm (Y2) and 6.30pm (Y6). This will take place in the respective Y2 and Y6 classrooms.

Vitality Netball Superleague

On Saturday 5 January, 48 staff, children and parents attended the Netball Superleague. Live sport is so important to give children an appreciation for fitness and sport and also to inspire them to take part in sport themselves. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and attended.



Pupil Data Collection

If you have not already done so, please urgently complete and return the Pupil Data Collection Form for your child by Friday 11 January. Thank you.

Clubs - Spring Term

We are again delighted to be offering a variety of after school clubs to enhance and broaden the experiences of Greysbrooke children. All clubs start w/c 14 January and finish w/e 29 March (except for French which ends on 5 April).

If your child is taking part in any of the clubs, please ensure you complete, sign and return the 'Home Arrangements' form (recently sent home with your child) no later than **Friday 11 January**.

Day	Club	Time	Commencing
Tuesday	Badminton	3.10-4.15pm	15.1.19
Tuesday	Textiles	3.10-4.15pm	15.1.19
Wednesday	Football	3.10-4.15pm	16.1.19
Wednesday	Netball	3.10-4.15pm	16.1.19
Thursday	Dance	3.10-4.15pm	17.1.19
Thursday	Lego	3.10-4.15pm	17.1.19
Friday	AVFC	8.00-8.45am	18.1.19
Friday	French	3.10-4.00pm	18.1.19

Young Voices

On Thursday 17 January, Greysbrooke children will again perform with another 6,400 children at the Genting Arena as part of the annual Young Voices Concert. I am sure that this event will again be a huge success and that, parental feedback will be as positive as previous years. Many thanks in anticipation to the children for their eager participation. Similar appreciation to the Greysbrooke staff who have prepared the children for this event - Mrs Speed, Mrs Hibberd, Mrs Wharton and Mrs Sweeney. I am sure that the Greysbrooke banner will again fly high and be clearly visible for all to see.

If you have not already done so, please collect your tickets from the school office as soon as possible - tickets must be signed for by an adult.

Reminder...The last Young Voices Club is tomorrow.

Music Tuition

Please note that music tuition fees are payable at the beginning of each term and £68 is now due for the Spring Term. Please make payment on ParentPay by Friday 11 January. Thank you.

School Meals

Please ensure that there is sufficient credit on your ParentPay account as meals must be paid for in advance.

Site Safety Reminder

As the safety of our pupils is paramount, please do not bring vehicles onto the school car park or use the main gated school entrance as a turning point when dropping off or collecting children. Access to the school and nursery is via the upper pedestrian gate at all times, not through the double gates, even when collecting children from after school activities and Wren's Nest. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

In view of continuing problems with parking outside the school, the local police would like to remind parents that parking is available on the Bull's Head car park. It is a short walk through to Barnes Road and eases congestion around the school gates/surrounding roads. Please also remember not to reverse from Barnes Road onto Churchill Road, or to turn around in the small cul-de-sac opposite the school pedestrian gate. We also request again that dogs are not brought onto the school premises or tied to any of the school gates or railings. Thank you.

Advance Notice Holiday Dates

Please find advance notice of holiday dates for the academic Year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. I hope that such early notification will avoid the taking of holidays in school time. Please note that the Inset Days for this period have yet to be determined.

Residential Trips Payment Reminder - Advance Notice

Laches Wood (Y5)

The third and final instalment of £70 is due by Friday 25 January via ParentPay.

Isle of Wight (Y6)

The second instalment of £105 is due by Friday 22 February via ParentPay.

Ingestre Hall (Y3/Y4)

The third and final instalment of £80 is due by Friday 8 March via ParentPay.

Lost Property

There are an increasing number of children attending school in items of clothing that have not been named. Could you please ensure that all clothing shows your child's full name - thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas gifts and cards

Staff would like to thank all the parents and children for the very kind and generous Christmas gifts and cards received and wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Weston Park "Pretty Muddy Kids 2019" - Whole School Invite

Last year's Y4 children took part in the Cancer Research UK "Pretty Muddy Kids" run at Weston Park. You are invited to register and take part with your child and the Greysbrooke team on Saturday 4 May - the majority are running in the 9.45am race. If you are interested, please register on the CRUK website.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 11 January	Sapphire & Topaz Assembly (9.10am)
Tuesday 15 January	Flu immunisations for YR-Y5 children (am)
Tuesday 15 January	DHT/AHT Trust Meeting at Greysbrooke (4.00pm)
	FROGS Fun Run Meeting
Wednesday 16 January	Welfare Governors meeting (4.00pm)
Friday 18 January	Y4 Class Assembly (10.15am)
Tuesday 22 January	FROGS movie night for children - details to follow
	NO CLUBS
Thursday 24 January	Resource Management Governors Meeting (8.30am)
Friday 25 January	Ruby & Emerald Celebration Assembly (9.10am)

KITCHEN CORNER

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

Unfortunately upon our return, we have experienced some difficulties with deliveries, which has only enabled us to offer a very limited salad choice. Apologies for any inconvenience caused, the menu will be delivered in full from next week.

Menu Cycle

We are currently on Week 2.

W/c 14 January - Week 3

W/c 21 January - Week 1

Break Sales

Money for break sales is paid directly to the kitchen at the service point. If possible, please send your child with the exact change in an envelope stating what they would like. Thank you.

Toast - 25p

Pancake - 35p

Flavoured milk - 50p

Themed Days

There will be an Italian themed menu on Thursday 17 January. Please see menu below:



Yours sincerely

Mrs Tracy Holmes
Headteacher

