



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2016

NEWSLETTER



STAFF NEWS-we would all like to welcome Mrs Dean back to the team, and thank Mrs Stepan for settling our new Reception children into school life. Miss Currie will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term and Miss Hart is an exciting new addition to the Griffie Field team.

Pupil News-Our Archery Team of Year 3 and 4 pupils came 1st in their recent competition. Our Handball Team of Year 5 and 6 pupils (Red Team) came 2nd in their recent competition (the final went to penalties) and White Team came 4th. Well done to all the children that took part-you represented yourselves and school brilliantly.

BACK IN THE SUMMER TERM PARENTS COMPLETED A QUESTIONNAIRE. WE HAD 263 RETURNS, WHICH IS AN EXCELLENT RESPONSE, THANK YOU.

	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	My child is happy at this school.	84.8%	14.9%	0.3%	0%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	85.9%	13.8%	0.3%	0%
3	My child is making progress at this school.	81.8%	18.2%	0%	0%
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	81.8%	17.9%	0.3%	0%
5	My child is taught well at this school.	84.1%	15.6%	0.3%	0%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	64.8%	33.7%	1.5%	0%
7	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	78.4%	21.3%	0.3%	0%
8	There is a good range of activities including trips or visits for my child to take part in.	76.5%	22.4%	1.1%	0%
9	This school deals effectively with bullying.	64%	34.8%	1.2%	0%
10	This school is well led and managed.	85.2%	14.8%	0%	0%
11	This school responds well to any concern I raise.	73%	25.9%	1.1%	0%
12	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 99.7%		No 0.3%	

Governor News-As a governing body it is really important that we understand how the children, parents and staff are feeling about how well the school is working. We receive regular reports from the Headteacher and we review facts and figures, like SATs results and budgets. We also visit the school to see the children being taught and experience playtimes and lunchtimes. And finally we often attend school events and functions, like the recent Christmas Fayre, and see at first hand the warmth and energy amongst the whole school community.

To help us we also carry out a survey, using simple standard questions suggested by Ofsted, every few years; the 2016 results were discussed at our last meeting. We were all really please to see that we received 263 responses. Every question drew a lot of 'strongly agree' responses, and the average went from 65% in 2013 to nearly 80% this time.

One specific area issue was raised about homework. As a governing body we fully support the amount of homework set by the school as it really contributes to learning. Many of us are parents, and we have also seen the way good homework habits ease the big transition to senior school. We did discuss some specific concerns raised about the time given to complete the work and this has already been addressed by the class teachers.

So thank you for your feedback, and we look forward to doing the survey again in a couple of years.



Thank you for supporting our Children in need spotty day/be a hero. We raised a brilliant £401.57

Please see the DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR overleaf as we have many opportunities for you to be involved in the life of the school and your child's education.

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'Family Assemblies' are held at 9.05am every Friday. Families and Friends of the school are always welcome. Presentations, such as Merit Awards, are made at Family Assemblies.

Tuesday 20 December School breaks up for Christmas at the normal time.

Premier Sport holiday Club-see their website for details.

Wednesday 4th January School opens for the Spring term

Wednesday 11th January FOG meeting 7pm at school ALL WELCOME (change of date)

Tuesday 17th January Bedtime Story Evening for Reception (change of date)

Friday 20 January Class 3M assembly

Monday 23rd January INSET 2 school closed for children

Thursday 26th January Film Night

Friday 27th January Chinese New Year Assembly-Year 6

Friday 10th February 2R Class Assembly

Friday 10th February Break up (at the normal time) for half term

Monday 20 February Back to school



We have a new , very marvellous website! We hope you find it useful, have a look. ☺

www.griffefield.derby.sch.uk/



Any cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) from wrapping paper or kitchen roll would be gratefully received. Please collect over the Christmas break.

Please continue to support our children for homework and spellings-in our school agreement. Thank you ☺

Children have started bringing hot food in flasks as part of their packed lunch. Thankfully no-one was hurt when some rather hot soup was spilt! Parents unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, children cannot bring flasks of hot food for their lunch. Hot meals are provided if you wish for your child to have a hot meal or children may bring a 'traditional' packed lunch. Thank you for your cooperation.



Myself and staff would like to thank all parents who give their time to help in school. Your support and dedication make a real difference! Hearing readers, changing reading books, sewing, cooking, trips and swimming, some of which would not be able to happen without your support and teachers find your help in class invaluable. Thank you again.



Best Wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful 2017.



Snowy, cold weather may be on the way soon! (Or may be not!) The decision to close is made between 7-7.10am. We then swoop into action to contact Capital FM and Radio Derby, try to send you a text message and change the answer machine message (Option 4). Please don't call the school answer machine before 7.30am as we need the line free to be able to change the message. If we can't access the line we can't change the message. We will only close the school if there is no other option.

