



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
December 2017  
NEWSLETTER



**STAFF NEWS**– We sadly say good bye to Mrs Emma Smith and Mrs Nicky Watt. Mrs Smith is leaving to take up the position of Principle at Cavendish Close Junior School in Derby. Mrs Watt is retiring early to spend more time with her family and travel. Miss Saunders is starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We are happy to announce Miss Morton is celebrating the safe arrive of baby Ava, Mum and baby are both doing very well. We are also happy to announce the return of Miss Currie after her maternity leave and we are delighted that Miss Hart will continue to teach class 1C. Miss Coady will be the new arrival after Christmas and she will be teaching 5M.

Staffing for January 2018

Nursery– Miss Currie

Reception– Mrs McDonald (RM) Mrs Dean/Mrs Horner (RDH)

Year 1– Mrs Hindle/Mrs Webb (1HW) Miss Hart (1C)

Year 2 Mrs Wheatley (2W) Mrs Rai (2R)

Year 3 Mrs Rai (3R) Mrs Marshall (3M)

Year 4 Miss Harris (4H) Mrs S. Smith (4S)

Year 5 Mrs Coles (5C) Miss Coady (5M)

Year 6 Mrs Dulai (6D) Mr Flint (6S)

Please check the lost property box as all item will be disposed off at the end of term.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** name **ALL** school uniform, including PE kits and coats. If it is named it is much easier for us to reunite you with it.



Mrs Webb would like to know if a parent works for a company (or has their own business) that would like to sponsor a new school sports kit? Please see Mrs Webb or pop into the school office. Thank you

As the cold weather continues, all children need a named coat in school, everyday. All children will spend time outside at break and lunchtime so named gloves, hat etc would be useful. Being outside is part of the Nursery and Reception curriculum, so the children need to be wrapped up. PE continues outside, what ever the weather, so named tracksuit bottoms are very useful.

**Could parents please collect and send into school soap bottles, the ones with plunger tops.**

**If you have any size 5-6 or 6-7 clothing for Reception, especially pants and trousers, they would be gratefully received.**

**Could parents please collect and send into school old Christmas cards and children’s birthday cards.**

**Finally, please collect and send into school kitchen roll tubes and or wrapping paper tubes.  
THANK YOU**



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 2018.



**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.**

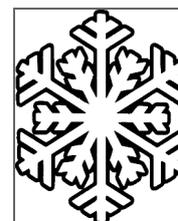
## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

'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.

Tues 19th Dec	Break up for Christmas at the normal time. Premier Sport holiday club
Wed 3rd Jan	Spring Term starts
Thurs 4th Jan	FOG meeting 7pm at school-all welcome
Tues 16th Jan	Reception- bedtime story evening
Mon 22nd Jan	INSET 3 school closed to children
Thurs 25th Jan	Ragtex collection 9-9.30am
Fri 26th Jan	3M Class Assembly
Thurs 1st Feb	FOG-film night
Fri 2nd Feb	4S Class Assembly
Tues 6th Feb	Safe Internet Day
Fri 9th Feb	Year 6 Assembly-Chinese New Year
Wed 14th Feb	5pm SATs meeting for Year 2 and 6 parents (parents only)
Fri 16th Feb	2R Class Assembly
Fri 16th Feb	Break Up (at the normal time)
Mon 26th Feb	Back to school
Wed 7th March	Parents' Evening
Thurs 8th March	Parents' Evening
Fri 9th March	5M Class Assembly

FOG are Friends of Griffie, a very small group of parents who work incredibly hard to organise family/community events for all our children. If you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. If you are stuck for a new year resolution , joining FOG and giving your time to support Griffie Field PTA could be the perfect idea! ☺

Snowy, cold weather usually takes us by surprise! The decision to close is made between 7-7.10am. We then swoop into action to contact 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.



School INSET days  
2017-18

INSET 2	Monday 20th Nov	INSET 4	Thursday 12th July
INSET 3	Monday 22nd Jan	INSET 5	Friday 13th July