



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER



We have a new, very marvellous website! We hope you find it useful, have a look. ☺
www.griffefield.derby.sch.uk/



We are very proud to announce that we have been assessed and awarded, again, the Quality Mark for our teaching and learning in English and Maths. The school was visited by an external assessor to evaluate the quality of teaching and learning in these core areas of the curriculum. A great achievement!

Reading with your child is a very important part of their education, regular reading and discussion about the text has a massive positive impact. We also have a lovely new library and the children do have the opportunity to borrow a book of their choice. Please encourage your child to change their library book regularly. They can keep a book for a maximum of 3 weeks.

Outdoor learning in Reception and Nursery continues, even in the cold weather, please send children with named hats, scarves, mittens/ gloves. Thank you.



The 'Lost Property Mountain' grows and grows! Please ensure that all items are named, absolutely everything, we do try to reunite items with their owners. All 'left' lost property will be disposed of at the end of each half term.



How food smart are you? The government are currently running a campaign 'be food smart'. We have talked about this in assemblies and there is a free app you can download 'be food smart'. The app allows you to easily scan the barcode on food products and it will then tell you the amount of sugar, saturated fat and salt. Some items are quite shocking!

Coughs and sneezes spread diseases. ☺ If your child is away from school please let us know. If your child unfortunately gets a sickness/diarrhoea bug please keep them off for 48 hours to avoid spreading the bug.



Any old or part used rolls of wallpaper would be gratefully received. They are brilliant for collage and also drawing. Thank you.

If anyone is having a toy sort out at home, Year 1 would love any toy vehicles for their construction area.

The next FOG meeting is on Thursday 16th March at 7pm-all welcome.

THERE WILL BE A PARENTS' MEETING to hear about our whole school programme for Relationships and Sex Education on Tuesday 4th April at 5.00pm. The meeting is for parents not children. We will be sharing the programmes of study we follow, resources we use and answer any questions or concerns you may have about this area of learning.

WE ARE COLLECTING SAINSBURY VOUCHERS AGAIN THIS YEAR. PLEASE SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL, THE MORE WE COLLECT THE MORE WONDERFUL EQUIPMENT WE CAN ORDER.



INSET DAYS

- Friday 26th May (INSET 3)
- Thursday 13th July (INSET 4)
- Friday 14th July (INSET 5)

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.

Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Meeting (for parents only) 5pm
Friday 10 February	Wear Something Green Day £1 for the NSPCC
Friday 10 February	2R Class Assembly
Friday 10 February	Break up (at the normal time) for half term Premier Sport holiday club
Monday 20 February	Back to school
Friday 24 February	Spring Disco 6-7.15pm
Friday 3 March	4S Class Assembly
Monday 6 March	Science and Engineering week
Wednesday 8 March	SATs meeting for Y2 and Y6 parents (meeting for parents only)
Friday 10 March	3R Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 March	FOG meeting 7pm all welcome
Friday 17 March	2W Class Assembly
Monday 20 March	Class (group) photos (with continue into Tuesday 21st March)
Friday 24 March	5M Class Assembly
Friday 31 March	1C Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 April	RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) meeting 5pm, <u>parents only</u>
Thursday 6 April	Easter Bingo (FOG family event)
Friday 7 April	Year 1 Easter Assembly
Friday 7 April	Break up for Easter at the normal time.
Monday 24 April	Back to school
Friday 28 April	Year 2 assembly– Vaisakhi
Monday 1 May	School Closed May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 5 May	5C Class assembly

CHILDREN SHOULD BE ON THE PLAYGROUND AT 8.50am each morning so that they can start the learning day unrushed, happy and relaxed with the rest of the class. We think that it is important that children learn to be both well organised and independent. The whistle goes at 8.55am and children should be lined up by then. Also attendance is incredibly important! Children do not make good progress when their attendance is poor, they miss 'chunks' of learning and the continuity of learning is completely lost. Even missing just 5-10mins in the morning can have a negative impact on education. Obviously children are ill occasionally but encouraging and praising a positive attitude to attendance can be very powerful.