

GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL February 2018 NEWSLETTER



September 2018! The children will start back at school on Thursday 6th September 2018.

Reading with your child is a very important part of their education, regular reading and discussion about the text has a massive positive impact. Please encourage your child to change their library book regularly. They can keep a book for a maximum of 3 weeks. At the beginning of the year teachers requested the following reading pattern for pupils in the 'Information for Parents' leaflet we sent home: Reception a minimum of 3 reads a week. Year 1 and 2–5 times a week with an adult with 10–15 mins quality discussion time. Year 3 and 4–4 reads with an adult including discussion. (As many times as the child likes independently ©) Year 5–2 independent home reads and 2 with an adult, with discussion. Year 6–4 independent home reads, 1 with an adult. Thank you for your support and time.

Book Week Monday 5th March-Friday 9th March

- Monday 5th March-Thursday 8th March Book Fair. Families can browse a copy of the We Are Writers Book and place an order.
- Book Fair competition
- Tuesday 6th March-School librarian, Francine, to visit school
- Wednesday 7th March JT Crowley, author, to visit Key Stage 2-opportunity to purchase signed copies of his Smart Kids book
- Friday 9th March Dress Up as a book character

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

We would like to congratulate the school football teams. Two teams competed in the Derby County Community Trust Under 11 Cup. One team won the tournament and got through to the local final at Moor Farm. The team finished top of the league but were unfortunate to be knocked out in the semifinal. Both teams played brilliantly-WELL DONE ©

Old adult shirts make excellent aprons. If you have any old adults shirts please send them to school-thank



THE NEXT FULL FOG MEETING will be at 7pm on Thursday 1st March. Please come along. We will be planning the spring disco, which is a Year 3 parents' event. Please come along and find out more. Our PTA work so very hard to organise events for our school community.



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.

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.

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.

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

Thurs 1st March 7pm Fog meeting-all welcome

Wed 7th March Parents' Evening
Thurs 8th March Parents' Evening
Fri 9th March 5M Class Assembly
Fri 16th March 2W Class Assembly

Fri 16th March FOG event-Easter Bingo

Mon 19th March Class photos

Tues 20th March Class photos continued

Tues 20th March RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) meeting 5pm, parents only

Fri 23rd March Year 1 Easter Assembly

Fri 23rd March Break up for Easter holiday

Premier Sport holiday club (please see Premier Sport website)

Mon 9th April Back to school

Fri 13th April Year 2 Vasaiki Assembly

Fri 20th April 3R Class Assembly
Fri 27th April 1C Class Assembly

Fri 27th April Spring disco

Fri 4th May 5C Class Assembly

School INSET days 2017-18

INSET 4	Thursday 12th July
INSET 5	Friday 13th July

OUR SCHOOL NEIGHBOURS ARE INCREDIBLY PATIENT. It must however be so, so frustrating to be unable to get onto or off your own drive because of inconsiderate parking three times a day! Mornings, after school and now at lunchtime too! School staff do need to enter and exit the car park at lunchtimes and haven't been able to because of bad parking. Please, parents, you wouldn't like this yourself – please do your bit towards keeping our good relationship with our neighbours. Thank you.