



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2018
NEWSLETTER



STAFF NEWS– We are very happy to announce the safe arrival of Miss Saunders baby, baby Alice arrived last week-Mum and baby are both doing well. Also we would like to announce that Mr Flint and his wife Carla are expecting their first baby later this year.

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you for all your support and kindness over the past 8 months, I'm back (fulltime) now and I'm very much looking forward to getting to know our new Reception children and families, properly. Thank you again. ☺

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)

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.

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE was a great success. Many thanks to **FOG** for organising this event and thank you to staff, children and parents who gave their time to run stalls. We raised over **£2300**. FOG are currently raising money so school can completely replace the large climbing equipment in the Nursery/Reception garden-a very expensive project.

The next FOG meeting is on Thursday 1st March at 7pm at school all welcome.

For a school the size of ours one would assume we have a large PTA. We had 5 (wonderful) parents at the last meeting. Please get involved and support FOG your time and effort is very gratefully received.



We have enough donations of Christmas cards now, many thanks. We would now like washed plastic bottle tops.

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. 162 of our pupils achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term, well done and thank you, a fantastic achievement.

CHILDREN SHOULD ALSO BE COLLECTED, ON TIME, FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT THE END OF THE DAY-THANK YOU!

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 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
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, <u>parents only</u>
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

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