



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
January 2019  
NEWSLETTER



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

**CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS & PARENTS THE PTA NEEDS YOU**



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 £2000. The next FOG meeting is on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm at school-all welcome.

Please come along, meet new people and support the PTA. Your time and support is very much appreciated.

On the 1st January 2019 Griffe Field Primary School officially converted to an academy with DDAT. A welcome letter can be found on the school website.

Mrs Benson, our brass musical instrument teacher, has a few spaces available for children in Key Stage 2 to learn to play a brass instrument. Please return the slip below if you are interested in receiving more information.

Inset Days  
INSET 2 Friday 1st Feb 2019  
INSET 3 Monday 11th March 2019  
INSET 4 Thursday 11th July  
INSET 5 Friday 12th July

Emergency services would find it very difficult to reach local residents and SCHOOL (impossible some days). PLEASE park away from school and walk. Our school neighbours are 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! Please, parents, you wouldn't like this yourself – please do your bit towards keeping our good relationship with our neighbours. Thank you.

Please check the lost property box as all items will be disposed of at the end of term. We have several lovely lost property coats at the moment. **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.



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.



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. Thank you.

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I would like more information about brass lessons please.

Name of child ..... Class .....

## 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.

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| Fri 1st Feb            | INSET 2 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)                 |
| Fri 8th Feb            | Year 6 Chinese New Year Assembly                    |
| Tues 12th Feb          | NSPCC assemblies and workshops for Y5 and Y6        |
| Wed 13th Feb           | SATs meeting Year 2 and 6 (FOR PARENTS ONLY) 5.30pm |
| Fri 15th Feb           | 2SR Class Assembly                                  |
| Fri 15th Feb           | Break up for half term (normal time)                |
|                        | Premier Sport holiday club-please see their website |
| Mon 25th Feb           | Back to school                                      |
| Fri 1st March          | Spring disco  |
| Wed 6th March          | Parents' Evening                                    |
| Thurs 7th March        | Parents' Evening                                    |
| Mon 11th March         | INSET 3 school closed to children                   |
| Fri 15th March         | 5H class assembly                                   |
| Tues 19th March        | RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)               |
| Wed 20th March         | FOG meeting 7pm ALL WELCOME –PLEASE COME ALONG ☺    |
| Fri 22nd March         | 2MR class assembly                                  |
| Fri 29th March         | 3HM class assembly                                  |
| Mon 1st Tues 2nd April | Class photos  |

We have two 'Read and Share' bookcases in the main foyer area. One bookcase for children and one for adults. Place a book you have read on the bookcase to share and take one away to read. (Please don't put Griffie Field library books or reading scheme books on the shelf.) Thank you to Ashcroft Primary School for a lot of the books for children.

Polite Reminder  
We do have a 'uniform' for PE lessons. Plain black or navy shorts, a plain white T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. The children can also wear a tracksuit outside during the cold weather.  
Thank you



Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed including address, telephone number and mobiles.

