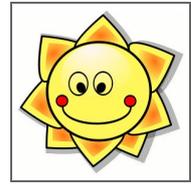




GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

July 2016
NEWSLETTER



STAFF NEWS

Mrs Rebecca Reece will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her good luck for the future. ☺

Miss Selina Sidhu (Year 2 teacher) will be getting married during the summer break, which is lovely news. She will return to school in September as Mrs Rai, yes, another Mrs Rai. ☺

THE CHILDREN HAVE ALL VISITED THEIR NEW CLASSROOMS TODAY and met their new teacher-please ask them who they have spent the afternoon with.

TEACHER ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17 will be:

Nursery: Mr Jack Flint

Reception: Mrs Liz McDonald (RM) Mrs Hayley Dean/Mrs Diane Horner RDH (Mrs Stepan will continue to cover Mrs Dean's maternity leave.)

Year 1: Mrs Sarah Hindle/Mrs Donna Webb (1HW) Miss Amy Currie (1C)

Year 2: Mrs Kath Wheatley (2W) Miss Selina Sidhu (2R) (Mrs Selina Rai in September)

Year 3: Mrs Meena Rai (3R) Mrs Claire Marshall (3M)

Year 4: Mrs Emma Smith (4S) Miss Yvonne Harris (4H)

Year 5: Mrs Sadie Coles (5C) Miss Lucy Morton (5M)

Year 6: Mrs Ravi Dulai (6D) Miss Christine Saunders (6S)

Most children will start in their new classes on Thursday 8th September (8.55am). Parents of the two new Reception and Nursery classes have already been sent separate arrangements for their children's first days at school, so that the children can be phased in, over the first few weeks of the term. *Please check these dates to avoid confusing your child at the beginning of the year.*

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals from September. Dinner money for Years 3 to 6 in September will be £2.00 per day sent in, please, on the first day of the week in the plastic pouch we provide or, failing that, a sealed, named envelope. £10 per week, cheques payable to Derby City Council. (£4.00 for Thursday 8 and Friday 9 September.) We are planning to introduce a 'Parent Payment System' during the month of September. It is an online payment system which we hope parents will find a lot easier. Full details will be sent asap in the Autumn term.

All children should bring their PE kit (named) and leave it in school for the half term. All school uniform is available from Morleys, Uniform Direct and Multiprint, they obviously do have limited stock so ordering early might be a good idea. Our school colours are dark/navy blue and red. Please don't forget that our school uniform includes flat, black shoes (not trainers).

Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge

The summer reading challenge- 'The Big Friendly Read' is free to join at your local library.

Libraries everywhere are celebrating 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller Roald Dahl. More activities can be found at bigfriendlyread.org.uk

Its fun, it's friendly and, best of all, it's totally FREE.



Please return any school library books before the end of term-thank you.

OUR Y2s and Y6s HAVE 'DONE US PROUD' YET AGAIN WITH THEIR FANTASTIC SATS RESULTS and this is a testament to the very good teaching throughout the school and support from parents. The school works to engender positive values and teach the children basic skills to a high standard so that they have plenty of choices when they are older. Well done to our children for their hard work - and to parents and staff too! SATs are only one measure and we are very proud of all our children because of their wonderful achievements both in-school and out. We receive wonderful comments about our children from members of the public, when on school trips and visitors into school always comment on the children and their positive, friendly and happy attitudes.

WELL DONE ☺

YEAR 6 RESULT	Griffe Field Primary	National
Reading	86%	66%
Writing	92%	74%
Spelling, grammar, punctuation	91%	72%
Maths	89%	70%
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	80%	53%

As you can see, our pupils, your wonderful children have achieved great things! The tests this year were new and based on the New National Curriculum which is between 12-18 months harder than the old curriculum.
AMAZING!

A huge THANK YOU to FOG for organising the recent Summer Fayre and of course a big thank you to families, children and staff for their support. We raised a fantastic £2900 in total. Key Stage 2 children raised an amazing £1081 on their enterprise stalls-well done Key Stage 2! School and FOG are raising money to add the final four new interactive whiteboards to classrooms. Our next FOG meeting and AGM will be on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm everyone is welcome please come along.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday 26 July	9am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 26 July	School ends AT THE NORMAL TIME for the summer break
Wednesday 7 Sept	INSET 1
Thursday 8 Sept	School starts for the autumn term
Thursday 29 Sept	Reception parents' meeting –The Curriculum 2.30pm
Tuesday 4 October	Reception parents' meeting –Letters and Sounds 2.30pm

FINALLY, THERE IS A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE to so many at the end of the year. To all our children who listen and learn so well, to **Y5 and Y6** for a splendid production of 'The Lion King', to all the **parents and friends** who have come into school throughout the year to support the school ie their child and yours. (Much of what the children enjoy in school could not happen without that extra help. Thank you very much.)

Thanks to our **School Governors** who work on a voluntary basis to move the school forward, thanks to **FOG** members whose fundraising and fun activities are enjoyed by all! Thanks, of course, to **staff**, in and out of the classroom – long hours & professional commitment (preparation, assessment, running clubs, organising class assemblies, supporting events), imagination, patience, skill, dedication & kindness create a school where children behave decently towards one another and learn well.

And finally ... *have a fantastic summer holiday with your children!*

