



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

July 2017
NEWSLETTER



Staff News-It is with great sadness that we have to announce Mrs Tina Goworek (School Business Manager) will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Goworek has worked at Griffe Field since we opened back in 1999, she truly is 'the fount of all knowledge' when it comes to Griffe Field. Mrs Goworek will be greatly missed by us all at Griffe Field and it really will be very strange without her, we do however wish her a long, relaxing and exciting retirement. We are happy to announce Mrs Alison Chan will be our new School Business Manager from September.

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 2017/18 will be:

Nursery: Mr Jack Flint

Reception: Mrs Liz McDonald (RM) Mrs Hayley Dean/Mrs Diane Horner RDH

Year 1: Mrs Sarah Hindle/Mrs Donna Webb (1HW) Miss Amy Currie (1C) (Miss Suzanne Hart will continue Miss Currie's maternity leave until Jan 2018)

Year 2: Mrs Kath Wheatley (2W) Mrs Selina Rai (2R)

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 7th 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, paid on the first day of the week via the online payment system.(£4.00 for Thursday 7 and Friday 8 September.)

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, Multiprint and Uniformity (contact details on the school website) 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).

TEMPORARY KITCHEN SERVERY VACANCY: We need someone to work term time from September Mon—Fri from 12.15am -1.30pm duties mainly collecting trays, clearing waste and taking items to the servery. Please contact the school office for more information and application forms.

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 just short of £3000 in total. WOW! Our next FOG meeting and AGM will be on Thursday 21st September at 7pm everyone is

We do have several nursery places available from September for any children who are 3 years old by 31 August 2017-please pop into the school office for more information.

INSET DAYS

Wednesday September 6th 2017 (INSET 1)

Monday 20th November 2017 (INSET 2)

Monday 22nd January 2018 (INSET 3)

Thursday 12th July 2018 (INSET 4)

Friday 13th July 2018 (INSET 5)

Piano lessons will be available in school from September 2017, on Thursdays during the school day. Please telephone Mrs Marubbi 07966 367767 for more information.

There is currently a vast amount of lost property in school. Please have a look and take what could be yours. Lost property is kept in a box at the playground entrance near Year 5 classes. All lost property will be disposed of at the end of the year.

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 Expected	Griffe Field Greater depth	National expected (2017 provisional)	National Greater depth (2016)
Reading	87%	35%	71%	19%
Writing	97%	48%	76%	15%
Spelling, grammar, punctuation	90%	60%	77%	
Maths	95%	45%	75%	17%
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	85%		53%	

'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 21 July	Summer disco/Year 6 Prom
Wed 26 July	9am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Wed 26 July	School closes for the summer break (at the normal time)
Wed 6th Sept	INSET 1 School closed to children
Thurs 7th Sept	Autumn term starts ☺
Tues 26th Sept	New Reception parents' meeting 2.30pm (Reception Curriculum)
Tues 3rd Oct	New Reception parents' meeting 2.30pm (Phonics and Reading)
Fri 6th Oct	Harvest Assembly—Year 5

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 'Pan-tastic, 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!*