



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2016

NEWSLETTER



THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be on FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 5-7PM. This is always a hugely successful event for the whole family. Santa will be taking some time out of his very busy schedule to visit Griffe Field Primary.

The hard work, of parents and staff, make this a great event and FOG would be really pleased with any time you can spare to help out ~ an hour on the afternoon of Friday 2nd December to set up or help on a stall, would be snapped up - please tell FOG or the office. Please send all donations towards the fayre into school and remember to sell the raffle tickets .

We will be having our annual Christmas non-uniform day on Friday 2nd December, children may wear something Christmassy in return for a donation towards the fayre. Additional info will be sent later this month. FOG would welcome any donations of artificial Christmas trees, working Christmas lights and larger standing decorations. (For Santa's grotto.) Thank you.

As the cold weather arrives, all children need a named coat in school, everyday. All children will spend time outside at break and lunchtime so named gloves, hat etc would be useful. Being outside is part of the Nursery and Reception curriculum, so the children need to be wrapped up. PE continues outside, what ever the weather, so named tracksuit bottoms are very useful.

Reception classes would welcome donations of cardboard tubes (kitchen roll not toilet roll). As well as any dolls clothes and blankets. Thank you.

Snowy, cold weather may be on the way again soon! The decision to close is made between 7-7.10am. We then swoop into action to contact Ram FM and 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.



OFFICIALLY AMAZING WORLD RECORD HOLDERS!



Griffe Field Science Club are officially Guinness World Record Holders!

Science Club is run in partnership with Rolls Royce and our children have designed and made the fastest rocket-powered model car. Thank you to the Rolls Royce team and Miss Saunders and WELL DONE Science Club. WOW!



Griffe will be participating in Children In Need on Friday 18th November. Children may come to school dressed as their hero, or spotty for Pudsey, in return for a £1 donation towards the charity. Class 6D will lead assembly on that date too.



Before half term Key Stage 2 children experienced Google Expeditions. It was AMAZING! The children experienced virtual tours of coral reefs and the surface of Mars, just to name a few. There are over 200 virtual journeys and school would like to be able to invest in the hardware needed. If any parents work in telecommunications Miss Morton would like to chat about a possible link. ☺

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.

Friday 11 November	4H Class Assembly
Friday 11 November	Autumn Disco 6-7.15pm
Monday 14 November	5.30pm Y2 Numeracy workshop
Tuesday 15 November	5.30pm Y1 Numeracy workshop
Thursday 17 November	5.30pm Y3 Numeracy workshop
Friday 18 November	Children In Need– assembly led by 6D
Monday 21 November	Ragtex collection
Monday 21 November	5.30pm Y6 Numeracy workshop
Tuesday 22 November	5.30pm Y4 Numeracy workshop
Thursday 24 November	5.30pm Y5 Numeracy workshop
Friday 25 November	6S Class Assembly
Friday 2 December	Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Wednesday 7 December	Afternoon and evening performance Key Stage 1 nativity
Thursday 8 December	Afternoon performance Key Stage 1 nativity
Thursday 15 December	9.30 Reception Christmas show
Tuesday 20 December	School breaks up for Christmas at the normal time.

Premier Sport holiday Club-see their website for details.

Wednesday 4th January	School opens for the Spring term
Thursday 12 January	FOG meeting 7pm at school ALL WELCOME
Thursday 19 January	Bedtime Story Evening for Reception (details to follow)
Friday 20 January	Class 3M assembly
Monday 23rd January	INSET 2 school closed for children

Attendance is very important and we pride ourselves on being a 'GREEN' attendance school. An attendance figure was reported on the end of year report in Key Stage 1 and 2. The table, to the left, will help you interpret this information. Punctuality is also important, the day starts promptly at 8.55am and children should be on the playground at around 8.50am to ensure a calm, relaxed start.

96-100% is classed as good attendance
91-95% child at risk of underachievement
85-90% serious risk of underachievement
Below 85% serious concern and the local authority Education Welfare Officer (EWO) is involved.