



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
November 2017  
NEWSLETTER



**STAFF NEWS**– The Griffe Field ‘baby stork’ is being very busy! We would like to congratulate Mrs Coles as she is expecting her second baby. ☺ We would also like to congratulate Mrs Emma Smith (Deputy Head) as she is the newly appointed Principal of Cavendish Close Junior School. Sadly, Mrs Smith will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up her new role.



**THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be on FRIDAY 8th 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 8th 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 8th December, children may wear something Christmassy in return for a donation towards the fayre.**

**Are you replacing your Christmas decorations or have any spare? FOG (and Santa) would welcome any Christmas trees, free standing decorations etc for Santa's grotto. Thank you.**



Mrs Webb would like to display some sporting achievement photographs on the PE display board in the school hall. If your child has any photographs of them with a certificate, trophy or medal for a sporting activity, please can they bring this in. Thank you!



Thank you for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised a wonderful £313.58

**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.



Katie Smith, flute teacher, has spaces available if you are interested in your child learning to play the flute. Please contact her directly on 07904 124042. Also Mrs Benson, brass teacher, has availability too, a letter is available from the school office with more information.



**OUR SCHOOL NEIGHBOURS ARE INCREDIBLY 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! Mornings, after school and now at lunchtime too! School staff do need to enter and exit the car park at lunchtimes and haven't been able to because of bad parking. Please, parents, you wouldn't like this yourself – please do your bit towards keeping our good relationship with our neighbours. 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.

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



**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.

Mon 13th Nov	Y2 maths workshop (parents only)
Tues 14th Nov	Reception number workshop (parents only)
Wed 15th Nov	Y1 maths workshop (parents only)
Thurs 16th Nov	Y5 maths workshop (parents only)
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need 6S class assembly (Spotty or Pudsey non-uniform day)
Mon 20th Nov	INSET 2 (school closed to children)
Tue 21st Nov	Y4 maths workshop (parents only)
Wed 22nd Nov	Y6 maths workshop (parents only)
Thurs 23rd Nov	Y3 maths workshop (parents only)
Wed 6th Dec	Key Stage 1 nativity-afternoon
Thurs 7th Dec	Key Stage 1 nativity-afternoon and evening shows
Fri 8th Dec	Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Wed 13th Dec	9.30am Reception Christmas show
Tues 19th Dec	Break up for Christmas at the normal time. Premier Sport holiday club
Wed 3rd Jan	Spring Term starts
Thurs 4th Jan	FOG meeting 7pm at school-all welcome
Tues 16th Jan	Reception- bedtime story evening
Mon 22nd Jan	INSET 3 school closed to children
Fri 26th Jan	3M Class Assembly
Thurs 1st Feb	FOG-film night
Fri 2nd Feb	4S Class 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

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.

Attendance is very important and we pride ourselves on being a ‘GREEN’ attendance school. 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.