



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
October 2016
NEWSLETTER



Thank you for your generous donations to our **HARVEST FESTIVAL** and **MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF COFFEE MORNING**. The harvest donations were gratefully received by the Padley Centre and we raised £252.10 for Macmillan Cancer research Thank you for your support.



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE name **ALL** school uniform, including PE kits and coats, the lost property mountain is already growing! If it is named it is much easier for us to reunite you with it. Don't forget their lunch box, clearly labelled with their name and current class. All lost property will be disposed of at the end of each half term.



As the cold weather arrives, all children need a named coat in school, everyday. All children will spend time outside at break and lunchtime. Also being outside is part of the Nursery and Reception curriculum.

Nursery would welcome donations of cardboard boxes, plastic bottle tops, kitchen roll tubes, old CDs, egg boxes and any other unwanted craft resources. Thank you . All Classes would like any rolls of Wallpaper. Thank you.

Our next FOG meeting is on Thursday 20 October at 7pm in school, please come and join us. FOG is a very small group of parents working incredibly hard to provide enrichment for all our pupils, please pop along and join us.



FOG would welcome any donations of artificial Christmas trees, working Christmas lights and larger standing decorations. (For Santa's grotto.) Thank you.

Parent Payment System-Thank you to parents who have begun to use this system. We have received very positive comments. The provider has responded promptly to resolve a couple of parent queries. Payments for school meals and breakfast club are already 'live' and we have started to add trips. You can pay at any Pay Point if you don't want to use a Debit or Credit card, please contact the school office for your unique bar code (there is a Pay Point at the Co-Op on Hollybrook Way.)



Thank you to parents who have attended the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG) workshops. Many parents were very surprised by the very high expectations of the curriculum.



Flu immunisations for Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils will take place on Tuesday 8th November, during the school day. The immunisation consists of a spray up the nose NOT an injection.

Katie Smith, flute teacher, has lessons available if any Key Stage 2 child is interested in learning to play the flute. Please contact Katie Smith directly on 0790 4124042.

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.

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'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.

Week of 17th October	Individual year groups will organise for parents to visit at the end of the day to share Take One Picture work. Information will be in homework folders on Friday.
Friday 21 October	Diwali Assembly led by Year 3
Friday 21 October	Break up for half term (school closes at the normal time)
Monday 31st October	Back to school
Tuesday 1 November Wednesday 2 November	Parents' Evening
Monday 7 November	Deadline for Christmas card orders (Artwork and orders will be sent home on Monday 31st October.)
Tuesday 8 November	Year 1, 2 and 3 flu immunisation
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.

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.