



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2016

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO NEW CHILDREN – we have admitted a number of new children throughout the school as well as to our Reception & Nursery classes. We hope all our families have had a lovely summer break. It is great to be back at school and we are looking forward to another interesting and exciting year. ☺

STAFF NEWS– We would all like to congratulate Miss Currie as she is expecting her first child later this year. Also Mrs Emma Smith has successfully been appointed as Acting Headteacher at Carlyle Infant School. Mrs Smith will start her secondment during November.

Advertisements, interviews etc will be undertaken by the Governing Body for Miss Currie’s maternity leave and Mrs Smith’s secondment. We will keep you informed of the outcomes.



OUR HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT sets out our high expectations of the children, which we are sure that parents share. You will find the Home School Agreement inside the Reading Diary, please go through it carefully with your child/ren. We want to work together with parents to create a really strong partnership. Thank you.

Teaching Team

- Nursery- Mr Flint
- Reception-Mrs McDonald RM, Mrs Dean/ Mrs Horner RDH (currently Ms Stepan covering Mrs Dean’s maternity leave.)
- Year 1-Mrs Hindle/Mrs Webb 1HW, Miss Currie 1C
- Year 2-Mrs Wheatley 2W, Mrs S. Rai 2R
- Year 3-Mrs M Rai 3R, Mrs Marshall 3M
- Year 4-Mrs Smith 4S, Miss Harris 4H
- Year 5-Mrs Coles 5C, Miss Morton 5M
- Year 6-Mrs Dulai 6D, Miss Saunders 6S

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be celebrated in school on Fri 7th October at 9.05am followed by a **MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF COFFEE MORNING**. Year 5 will lead the Harvest Assembly and the whole school will contribute in song. We hope that each family will feel able to donate a Harvest Basket (or other produce), we will be supporting the Padley Centre, and cakes for the Coffee Morning as a way of sharing what we have with others. Please send in donations on Wednesday and Thursday of that week. The children may bring in up to 50p to buy an extra snack for breaktime on Friday 7th Oct.



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. Don’t forget their lunch box, clearly labelled with their name and current class. The lost property box was full after the very first day of term with items not named.



If your child wishes to change from sandwiches to school meals (or the other way) please send a note to your child’s class - please note we need a minimum of 2 week’s notice. The only exception to this is Reception class children for the first half of the Autumn term while they settle in to the school routines. Thank you.

The next FOG meeting will be Thursday 22 September at 7pm. This is the AGM followed by a planning meeting. We will be thinking about whole school events for families and children to enjoy. Please come along, we are a friendly group, and new ideas are always welcome.

Wearing the correct school uniform is very important. Our school colours are red or navy blue. Also children are to wear sensible school shoes, not trainers. Any ‘fashion’ jewellery is not allowed and children should not wear nail varnish or make-up for school. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed, including bright or unnatural colours, shaved heads, or patterns/lines shaved into hair. Full details and information can be found in the school brochure on the school website.

THE SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK is for the use of our school staff only. It is too small for parents’ parking or turning safely. Please respect this, for safety’s sake. It is also very dangerous to use the car park as a short cut, please use the paths. Thank you. PARK AND STRIDE-please (for the safety of the children) park away from school and walk the rest of the journey.

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.

Thursday 8 Sept	School starts for the autumn term
Thursday 22 Sept	FOG meeting AGM 7pm at school –all welcome
Thursday 29 Sept	Reception parents' meeting –The Curriculum 2.30pm
Tuesday 4 October	Reception parents' meeting –Letters and Sounds 2.30pm
Friday 7 October	Harvest Assembly led by Year 5 and Macmillan coffee morning for families straight after assembly.
Monday 10 October	SPaG (Spelling Grammar and Punctuation) workshop for parents am-Year 5 pm-Year 6
Monday 10 October	Individual photos
Tuesday 11 October	SPaG (Spelling Grammar and Punctuation) workshop for parents am-Year 2 pm-Year 4
Tuesday 11 October	Individual photos
Wednesday 12 October	SPaG (Spelling Grammar and Punctuation) workshop for parents am-Year 1 pm-Year 3
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 to follow soon.
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
Friday 11 November	4H Class Assembly
Friday 18 November	Children In Need– assembly led by 6D
FRIDAY 25 November	6S Class Assembly



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

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

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.

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.