



# GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



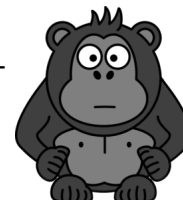
**WELCOME TO NEW CHILDREN** – we have admitted a number of new children throughout the school as well as to our Reception & Nursery classes. We hope all our families have had a lovely summer break. It is great to be back at school and we are looking forward to another interesting and exciting year. ☺

**STAFF NEWS**– The Griffe Field ‘baby stork’ is being very busy! We would like to congratulate Miss Saunders as she is expecting her first baby. ☺ We would like to welcome Mrs Emma Smith (Deputy Head) back from her Headship secondment, it is great to have her back at Griffe Field.



**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.

Griff the Gorilla is back! Please take him with you if you go away- even if it is to visit family nearby. He loves to travel! Just take a photo of your child with Griff on his adventure and send it into school. Where in the World will he go this year- first stop Swanage with Year 6 I think.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be celebrated in school on Fri 6th 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 harvest donations on Wednesday and Thursday of that week and cake donations on the Friday. The children may bring in 50p to buy an extra snack for breaktime on Friday 6th Oct. Thank you for your support.



**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.



Reading is a whole school focus for this year and part of our School Development Plan. We do need parents support and engagement to help our children improve, develop and apply their reading skills. All children in school need to be heard read at home. I know lives are busy but time spent reading with your child is invaluable for their development and educational success. Even when your child is a fluent reader they still need to be heard read to improve their understanding of language, genre, plot and style. Please see the 'Information for Parents' booklet for additional information. Thank you for your support and time.



The next FOG meeting will be Thursday 21st 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.

**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.

Thurs 21st Sept	FOG meeting and AGM 7pm at school –all welcome
Tues 26th Sept	Reception Parent Meeting 2.30pm
Fri 6th October	9am Harvest Assembly led by Y5 followed by our Macmillan coffee morning (9.30am ish)
Mon 9th Oct	Y5/Y6 Reading workshops for parents ~ details to follow
Mon 9th Oct	Family and individual photos
Tues 10th Oct	Family and individual photos
Tues 10th Oct	Y2/Y4 Reading workshops for parents ~ details to follow
Wed 11th Oct	Y1/Y3 Reading workshops for parents ~ details to follow
Fri 13th Oct	6D Class Assembly
Fri 20th Oct	Diwali Assembly led by Year 3 Break up for half term (normal time)
Fri 10th Nov	4H Class Assembly
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need 6S class assembly
Mon 20th Nov	INSET 2 (school closed to children)



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.