

September 2021 Newsletter

It is lovely to be back at school. I would like to welcome all of our new children and families to Griffe Field. COVID is still part of the daily routine but we are following more 'normal' routines, which is absolutely lovely. We are following the Government guidelines to protect the children, staff and our school community. Please wear a face covering if approaching staff or be socially distant. Thank you.

NHS Information

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a PCR test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. You can book a test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by phoning 119

Main symptoms

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Staff News-We are delighted to share with you that Miss Morton is pregnant, with her second child. Congratulations. We would also like to welcome Miss O'Donovan, Mrs Gohonia and Mrs Winter to the Griffe Field Team.

Attendance and time keeping is very important. The gates open at 8.45am, teachers will open their classroom doors at 8.50am and children MUST be in school at 9am. (Through pupil entrances NOT the main office.) The register is taken at 9am and learning starts immediately after the register. There has already been too much disruption to learning because of COVID.

School uniform is very important and children are expected to come to school appropriately dressed everyday. Please refer to the 'Uniform Expectations' sheet which has been shared numerous times on ParentHub and a paper copy was also sent home.

Please name ALL uniform as the 'Lost Property Mountain', is already growing by the day!



We are planning a socially distant coffee morning to raise money for cancer research on Friday 24th September. Please send children with prepacked cakes on Thursday 23rd and £1 for a cake on Friday 24th September. Parents, please join us and each other, for coffee/tea and cake on Friday 24th September at 9.05am. All money collected is to support cancer research.



We are also celebrating Harvest this year. Please send harvest gifts into school on Thursday 30th September. Year 4 will lead our Harvest Assembly on Friday 1st October. Harvest donations will be sent to The Day Centre at Padley House. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thurs 16 Sept	FOG meeting at 7pm-all welcome.
Fri 24 Sept	9.05am <u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u> . Please join us, and each other, in the hall at 9.05am for a 'socially distanced' coffee morning. (<u>Face coverings to be worn until seated.</u>)
Thurs 30 Sept	Please send in Harvest gifts.
Fri 1 Oct	9.05am Harvest Assembly. <u>Year 4</u> will lead the assembly and Y4 parents are welcome to attend. (As long as COVID cases remain low. <u>Face coverings to be worn at all times in the school building.</u>)
Thurs 7 Oct	FOG AGM 7pm—all welcome.
Fri 8 Oct	9.05am 3HS Class Assembly. 3HS parents are welcome to attend. (As long as COVID cases remain low. <u>Face coverings to be worn at all times in the school building.</u>)
Wed 13 and Thurs 14 Oct	Individual photographs
Tues 19 Oct	Roving Bookshop in school
Fri 22 Oct	9.05am 5C Class Assembly. 5C parents are welcome to attend. (As long as COVID cases remain low. <u>Face coverings to be worn at all times in the school building.</u>)
Fri 22 Oct	Break up Griffe Field half term holiday club
Mon 1 Nov	Back to school
Tues 2 Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed 3 Nov	Parents' Evening
Fri 5 Nov	9.05am Diwali Assembly. <u>Year 3</u> will lead the assembly and Y3 parents are welcome to attend. (As long as COVID cases remain low.)

INSET Days 2021-22

Monday 8th November, Monday 31st January, Friday 8th July and Monday 11th July

Please remember we break up for Christmas on Wednesday 22nd December. An additional bank holiday will also be added to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Year 6

Secondary School Applications

You can make an application from **14 September 2021**.
The closing date for online applications is 31 October
2021

Swimming is an important life skill. Private swimming lessons are now available and I would encourage parents to book lessons for their children as we have seen a marked decline in swimming skills. Thank you.