



July 2023 Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to thank parents for all your lovely comments on the report return sheets. All the staff in school do work very hard to ensure all the children in school are getting the very best start educationally and more importantly socially. We all want the memories the children have of their primary school years to be happy and exciting and we want the education they receive to give them the skills and confidence to achieve great things when they leave us.

I would also like to thank parents for giving up their time to support trips, weekly swimming, class presentations, as well as helping in class, your time is very much appreciated. I would like to thank FOG for supporting school and raising money to fund the amazing opportunities we plan for the children. Thank you to our Governing Body for all your time being a supportive 'critical friend'.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Griffe Field Team-you are all amazing professionals! You work incredibly hard to support our pupils and school community. Thank you! 😊

Most children will start in their new classes on Tuesday 5th September. Gates will be opened at 8.45am, classroom doors will be opened at 8.50am, children must be in school, using their identified door, by 9.00am. Nursery children will finish at 3pm, Reception children will finish at 3.10pm. Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) will finish at 3.15pm and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will finish at 3.20pm. Parents of the two new Reception and Nursery classes have already been sent separate arrangements for their children's first days at school. Please check these dates to avoid confusing your child at the beginning of the year. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals from September. Please note that there will be a separate message send on Parent Hub about the cost of paid school meals which will unfortunately go up from September.

In September we will be putting a greater focus on attendance as well as children wearing the correct uniform at all times. Please ensure pupils attend regularly and follow the school uniform rules on PE and 'normal' days. We have added the uniform expectation, again, to avoid any confusion. PE days will be shared in September.

Well done to our AMAZING Year 5 and 6 pupils for their fabulous performance of 'The Mystery at Magpie Manor', truly fantastic!

Sometimes it is easy to forget that our pupils had two years of their education disrupted due to COVID. Staff and parents did an amazing job during 'home-school'. Our current year 6 pupils should all be incredibly proud of themselves. (We are very proud of you!) Their end of year SAT results are truly amazing.

	Reading expected standard	Reading	Writing expected standard	Writing	Maths expected standard	Maths
Griffe Field	96.8%	48.4%%	90.6%	32.8%	95.3%	59.3%
National	73%	28.9%	71%	13.3%	73%	23.9%

	SPaG expected standard	SPaG Greater depth	Read, Writing and Maths combined expected standard
Griffe Field	92.1%	75%	87.5%
National	72%		59%



Diary Dates

Wednesday 19 July	EYFS and Key Stage 1 disco 3.15-4.30pm
Thursday 20 July	Year 3, 4 and 5 disco 3.20-4.30pm
Thursday 20 July	Year 6 Prom 6-7pm
Friday 21 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Friday 21 July	Break up for summer at the normal time

Week 1 and 2 Griffie Field Holiday Club

Tuesday 5 Sept Children in Y1-6 return to school. New Reception and Nursery children have individual dates.



We do ask that pupils in Y1-Y6 bring a glue/Pritt stick. (Pencil-cases, pencils etc are all provided by school. You do not need to send these into school.) You can either send a Pritt stick in with your child at the start of the new term or purchase one for £1 using the school money system. You will receive a link to the money system on the 4th September and Pritt stick payments will be taken during that first week.

School dinners-two weeks notice is required, by our meal provider, to change lunchtime arrangements. It is too late to change arrangements for the new term. Thank you.



Library Summer Reading Challenge



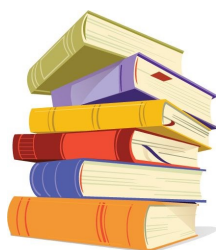
Explore the Ready, Set, Read! Book Collection
Get ready for a whole load of team spirit, your favourite sporty (or not!) heroes, and plenty of fun with our latest collection for the 2023 sports and games themed Summer Reading Challenge: **Ready, Set, Read!**

Each book has been specially chosen by an expert group of readers for everybody taking part to enjoy. Lots of these titles are also available for you to enjoy – for free! – through your local library service. Visit your local library's website or app to browse their online catalogue.

Your library may be offering a Click and Collect service, so you can pick your books up to enjoy at home. Keep an eye out for eBook and audio book versions too.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Please return all school library books and reading books before the end of term. Thank you.



And finally.....have a lovely summer break. Enjoy and relax. I look forward to seeing you in September and welcoming our new Nursery and Reception pupils.