

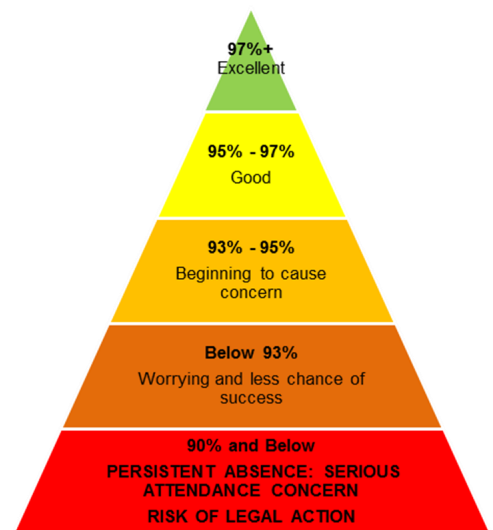
## September 2023 Newsletter

It is lovely to be back at school, I would like to welcome all of our new children and families to Griffe Field. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Staff News - We have a new member of the support staff team, Miss Olivia Blegrave, she will be based in Year 2 and Year 4 this academic year. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the Griffe Field community. We also have a new classteacher, Mr Michael Birch. Mr Birch is the classteacher for the Marvellous Meerkets, while Mrs Rai is on maternity leave. Mrs Rai's beautiful baby boy, Roman, arrived during the summer holidays. Mummy and baby are both very well.

Attendance and time keeping is very important. The gates open at 8.45am, teachers will open their classroom doors at 8.50am (Reception doors open at 8.45am) and children MUST be in school by 9am (through pupil entrances NOT the main office.) All classroom entrances are closed at 9am. The register is taken at 9am and learning starts immediately after the register.

Twelve 100% attendance awards have already been awarded to classes. Well done!



Our annual 'coffee and cake' get together will be on Friday 6th October to raise money for cancer research. Please send children with cakes on Thursday 5th and £1 for a cake on Friday 6th October. Parents, please join us and each other, for coffee/tea and cake on Friday 6th October at 2pm before you collect your children. All money collected is to support cancer research.



We are also celebrating Harvest this month. Please kindly send any harvest gift donations into school on Thursday 12th October. Year 4 will lead our Harvest Assembly on Friday 13th October. Harvest donations will be sent to The Day Centre at Padley House. Thank you.

Reception classes would gratefully receive any old baby bottles, blankets or clothes for the dolls. Also, any pre-loved waterproof jackets, trousers, wellies and puddle suits (aged 6/7) would be fantastic too. Many thanks.



Mrs Benson, our brass teacher, has a few available slots. If you have a Key Stage 2 child interested in learning a brass instrument please contact the school office.

## Data for your diary

Thurs 5 October	Cake donations ready for tomorrow
Fri 6 October	6SD class assembly
Fri 6 October	MacMillan coffee afternoon 2pm. Children to bring £1 for a cake (Friday snack)
Thurs 12 October	Please send harvest donations ready for tomorrow.
Fri 13 October	Year 4 Harvest Assembly 9.05am
Fri 13 October	Mental Health Day - children are all invited to wear something yellow. (No financial contribution it is all about awareness. No football tops please.)
Fri 20 October	5C Class Assembly (9.05am)
Week beginning 16th October and 23rd October – reading workshops for parents, information to follow next week.	
Tues 24 October	Parents' Evening
Wed 25 October	Parents' Evening
Fri 27 October	Break up for half term (normal time)
Half term sport holiday club	
Mon 6 Nov	Autumn 2 term starts
Fri 10 Nov	Year 3 Diwali Assembly (9.05am)
Fri 17 Nov	6W class assembly 9.05am and Children in Need
Fri 24 Nov	INSET 2 (school closed to pupils)
Week beginning 27th November and 4th December - Maths workshops for parents	
Wed 6 Dec	Key Stage 1 nativity performance in the afternoon
Thurs 7 Dec	Key Stage 1 nativity performances in the morning and afternoon
Wed 13 Dec	Reception nativity performance 9.30am
Fri 22 Dec	Break up for the Christmas holiday (normal time)
Mon 8 Jan 2024	Spring term starts

### INSET Days 2023-24

Friday 24th November, Friday 2nd February, Friday 12th July, Monday 15th July

### Parking

**The driving and parking situation around school never improves. Cars are stopping in the middle of the road and children are getting out into the traffic, parents are mounting the curb and nearly hitting pedestrians and illegal parking is making junctions dangerous. PLEASE PARK AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND SPEND 5MINS WALKING AND TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD!**

Please send your child/ren in a coat everyday, the children are outside several times a day.

We already have a mountain of lost property. Please name EVERYTHING, we can't return lost property if it isn't named. Thank you.

