

February 2024 Newsletter

We are setting up 'Reading Sheds' on two of the playgrounds to enhance the range of activities available for the children at lunchtimes. If you have any donations of good quality reading books (age 4-7), they would be gratefully received. Thank you. 😊

Please name all belongings, it is much easier to return items when we know who they belong to. Hats and gloves are particularly useful at the moment, children are going out to play in the cold weather and Nursery/Reception still go outside for their learning.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery to school. Simple stud earrings, an inexpensive watch and a Kara are allowed. Earrings and Kara must be removed (or covered) for PE and watches removed. Thank you.

Friday is currently 'Free Snack Friday'. Children only need to bring a **SMALL** quantity of snack. Family / share size packs are not allowed. The snack can't be shared because of allergies. By the time the children have put on coats and been to the toilet they have about 10mins to eat a **SMALL** sensible snack. **Please do not send any NUT products into school.**

The 'Emotions Library' bookcase is available to all parents in the main reception area. You are welcome to sign out and loan any of the books for two weeks. We have added new books linked to resilience.



Thank you to FOG. FOG have recently funded new equipment for two of the playgrounds to enhance lunchtimes for the children. They have also funded the new interactive whiteboard in the Family Room.



March 11th-22nd 2024

Griffe Field Primary School will be taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel competition. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns during half term, the school website has additional information and organisations you can contact. You will find this information using the Safeguarding tab.



Well done to our amazing Young Voices Choir. You worked hard leading up to the performance at Birmingham Genting Resort World and your performance on the night was spectacular. Thank you to parents for coming to watch the performance. A HUGE THANKS to the staff involved for running the choir, organising our participation in the event and for making a memorable experience possible.

Please note that the school car park is for staff only. There are limited spaces and not even enough for all school staff. If you have a disabled badge for your child or yourself and you will be bringing or collecting your child, please speak to us and we will try and accommodate you. Unfortunately we only have one disabled space. If the disabled badge is for you, but someone else is collecting your child, they should NOT park in the car park. Even if your child is late coming to school or you are picking up early, please do not park in the car park as you may block someone in who has to leave quickly.

Diary Dates

INSET Days 2023-24

Friday 12th July, Monday 15th July

Wed 14 Feb	SATs meeting for parents (Year 6 parents only)
Fri 16 Feb	4SW Class Assembly
Fri 16 Feb	Break up for half term
Griffe Field Holiday Club (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)	
Mon 26 Feb	Spring 2 term starts
Tues 27 Feb	am-Bridge the Gap coffee morning for parents (information will be given nearer the time)
Wed 6 March	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Thurs 7 March	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Fri 8 March	2MR Class Assembly 9.05am
Fri 15 March	3M Class Assembly 9.05am
Wed 20 March	Easter Bingo FOG event
Fri 22 March	Y1 Easter Assembly 9.05am
Tues 26 March	RSE Meeting for parents 5.15pm (parents only)
Thurs 28 March	Year 6 Vaisakhi Assembly 9.05am
Thurs 28 March	Break up for Easter holiday at the normal time.
Mon 15 April	Summer 1 term starts
Fri 19 April	Year 5 Eid Assembly 9.05 start
Thurs 25 April	FOG Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 26 April	1B class assembly 9.05 start
Fri 3 May	1S class assembly 9.05 start
Mon 6 May	May Bank Holiday– school closed
Fri 10 May	4H class assembly 9.05 start

Places for Wellbeing support and advice



This website from the NHS offers expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your child's mental health and wellbeing as well as the rest of the family.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>



Young Minds – <https://youngminds.org.uk/>