



GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
December 2019  
NEWSLETTER



STAFF NEWS-Firstly and sadly, I have to announce Mrs Wheatley will be leaving Griffe Field and teaching at Christmas. She is leaving teaching to pursue new adventures. Mrs Wheatley is a valued and respected member of our team and school community, she will be greatly missed, but we look forward to hearing about her new adventures.

Happier staff news-we are delighted to announce Miss Saunders and Mrs Etmane are both expecting their second children. Congratulations.



Christmas Dress Up Day  
on Friday 13th December  
in return for a donation for the tombola stall at our Christmas Fayre.  
So dig out that reindeer jumper, elf costume, or Santa hat  
& come and join in the fun.  
Please bring your donation in that morning.



Nursery and Reception - a donation of chocolate    Year 3 and 4 red or gold coloured items

Year 1 a donation of sweets

Year 5 and 6 'Christmas things'

Year 2 a donation of bubble bath, toiletries or other smellies

There will be no family assembly this week on Friday. We have a delegation of Chinese visitors coming to school. This is an exchange visit following on from myself, Miss Hart and a group of children visiting China and our sister school last year.

**Book Week 2020**

We will be celebrating book week the first week back in January. We will be studying a book linked to looking after the environment this year.

Monday—book week starts

Tuesday—recycling drawing competition

Wednesday—Francine from school library service leading assembly.

Competition deadline.

Thursday—Author Christine Barr, book sharing and workshops. Roving Bookshop visits for all classes.

Open after school until 4pm.

Friday— Dress as a book character day.



Myself and staff would like to thank all parents who give their time to help in school. Your support and dedication makes a real difference! Hearing readers, changing reading books, sewing, cooking, trips and swimming, some of which would not be able to happen without your support and teachers find your help in class invaluable. Thank you again.

Best Wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a  
happy, peaceful 2020.



Reception 2020 applications for school places can be made online  
[www.derby.gov.uk/primary](http://www.derby.gov.uk/primary) or by telephone 642730  
The deadline for applications (to the LA not school) is January 15th 2020.

## 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 12th Dec	Afternoon Key Stage 1 Christmas nativity production 2pm
Fri 13th Dec	<u>NO FAMILY ASSEMBLY</u>
Fri 13th Dec	Nursery nativity 2.30pm
Fri 13th Dec	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 5-7pm
Mon 16th Dec	am Y4 Christmas party pm Year 5 Christmas party
Tues 17th Dec	3pm drop in session for parents re: new school dinner provider
Wed 18th Dec	9.30am Reception Christmas nativity show
Thurs 19th Dec	KS1 Christmas party
Fri 20th Dec	FS, am Year 3, pm Year 6 Christmas parties
Fri 20th Dec	Break up for Christmas break (normal time)

Griffe Field holiday club Thursday 2nd Jan and Friday 3rd Jan

Mon 6th Jan 2020	Spring term starts
Fri 17th Jan	3M Class Assembly
Mon 20th Jan	7pm FOG meeting-ALL WELCOME
Tues 21st Jan	Reception bedtime story evening 5pm
Fri 24th Jan	Year 6 Chinese New Year Assembly
Fri 31st Jan	4U Class Assembly



We are currently trying to 'do our bit' for the environment. We are running two recycling schemes in school.

1- toothbrushes, toothpaste boxes and empty toothpaste tubes  
2- pairs of reusable shoes.

We have collection boxes outside Mr Uttley's classroom and the children have learnt about the two recycling schemes in assembly.

### Griffe Field Holiday Club

Our own holiday club, run by our own sports coach, for just Griffe Field children was a great success at half term. We will be running the following holiday clubs during the rest of this academic year.



Christmas holiday-Thurs 2nd, Fri 3rd Jan 2020  
Feb half term Mon 17th -Fri 21st Feb (whole week)  
May half term Tues 26th—Fri 29th May (Monday is a bank holiday)  
Summer Mon 27th - Fri 31st July (whole week)  
Mon 3rd Aug- Fri 7th Aug (whole week)

