



# GRIFFE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2019

NEWSLETTER



**WELCOME TO NEW CHILDREN** – We hope all our families have had a lovely summer break. It is great to be back at school and we are looking forward to another interesting and exciting year. This year is a very special year as Griffe Field Primary School is 20 years old this year-HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!☺ We are starting the year by writing a whole school poem to celebrate everything we are proud of, we will share the poem in the next newsletter.

We are also starting the year with a FOG challenge! FOG are raising money this year to replace two of the gazebos (a very expensive challenge.)



20th birthday  
20p  
20 school days



The challenge for each class (and the teaching team) is to collect as many 20p as possible over the first 20 school days. Good luck everyone.

**STAFF NEWS**– We would like to welcome Miss Fletcher (Y6), Mr Uttley (Y4), Miss Walsh (Y5) to our teaching team.

Parent Helpers are a very valuable and appreciated part of school life. If you have 1 or 2 hours a week to spare we would love your help and support either in or outside the classroom, subject to a safeguarding check. Please return the slip on the reverse of the newsletter if you are able to help.

Thank you.



**OUR HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT** sets out our high expectations of the children, which we are sure that parents share. You will find the Home School Agreement inside the Reading Diary, please go through it carefully with your child/ren. We want to work together with parents to create a really strong partnership. Thank you.



### YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

We have got to a very sad point in the PTA history of the school. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS OR WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE A PTA. The PTA is extremely important to Griffe Field and ALL children benefit from the events and money raised. The next FOG meeting will be Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm. This is the AGM followed by a planning meeting. We will be thinking about whole school events for families and children to enjoy. Please come along, we are a friendly group, and new ideas are always welcome.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be celebrated in school on Fri 4th October at 9.05am. Year 5 will lead the Harvest Assembly and the whole school will contribute in song. We hope that each family will feel able to donate a Harvest basket (or other produce), we will be supporting the Padley Centre,

### Our annual Macmillan coffee morning will be on Thursday 10th October 2.15-3.15pm

(We have split the harvest and coffee morning events so more parents can attend and hopefully this will help parents as we are only asking for one ‘thing’ per week.) Please send cake donations into school on either Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th October. Children are invited to bring 50p for a cake snack on Thursday 10th October. We look forward to seeing you at our Macmillan coffee morning (2.15-3.15pm) on Thursday 10th October.



# 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.

Wed 2nd October	FOG (PTA) meeting 7pm at school ALL WELCOME
Fri 4th October	Harvest Assembly – Year 5; Everyone please send harvest gifts
Week beginning 7th Oct	Individual photos
Fri 18th Oct	School disco-thank you FOG
Fri 25th Oct	Diwali Assembly-Year 3
Fri 25th Oct	Break up for half term (normal time)
Week beginning 4th Nov	Book Fair
Tues 5th Nov	Parents’ Evening
Wed 6th Nov	Parents’ Evening
Fri 8th Nov	INSET 2 school closed to children
Fri 15th Nov	6D Children In Need Assembly
Fri 22nd Nov	4H Class assembly
Fri 29th Nov	6F Class assembly



**Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed including address, telephone number and mobiles.**

## URGENT

If you haven’t already downloaded the FREE ParentHub app please do so NOW as we will no longer be able to send text messages to contact you.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from the app store
2. Create an account
3. Choose ‘Add a School’ and enter the school ‘handle’ @GriffeField

You will also be asked to enter you child’s date of birth.

96-100% is classed as good attendance
91-95% child at risk of underachievement
85-90% serious risk of underachievement
Below 85% serious concern and the local authority Education Welfare Officer (EWO) is involved.

Attendance is very important and we pride ourselves on being a ‘GREEN’ attendance school. An attendance figure was reported on the end of year report in Key Stage 1 and 2. The table, to the left, will help you interpret this information. Punctuality is also important, the day starts promptly at 8.55am and children should be on the playground at around 8.50am to ensure a calm, relaxed start.



### Parent Helper Offer

I would like my child’s teacher to approach me as I have some time to help in school.

Child’s name ..... Class .....