

## September 2024 Newsletter

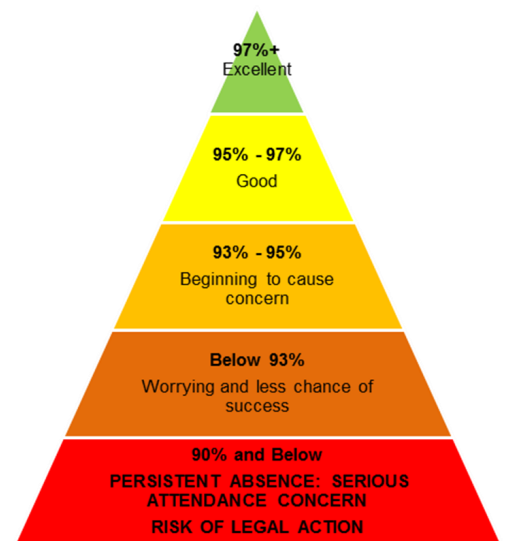
It is lovely to be back at school, I would like to welcome all of our new children and families to Griffe Field. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Staff News - We have two new members of staff joining the team. Mrs Aman Sian and Mr Jack O'Donnell are new teaching assistants. We are very pleased to have both of them working at Griffe.

INSET Days 2024-25 – Monday 4th November, Friday 7th March, Wednesday 23rd July and Thursday 25th July.

**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.

Please see the graphic for additional information.



Our annual 'coffee and cake' get together will be on Friday 27th September to raise money for Cancer Research. Please send children with cakes on Thursday 26th and £1 for a cake on Friday 27th September. Parents, please join us and each other, for coffee/tea and cake on Friday 27th September at 2pm before you collect your children. All money collected is to support Cancer Research.



We are also celebrating Harvest this half term. Please kindly send any harvest gift donations into school on Thursday 10th October. Year 4 will lead our Harvest Assembly on Friday 11th October. Harvest donations will be sent to The Day Centre at Padley House. Thank you.

FOG, our amazing PTA, have worked hard to raise a lot of money to enhance the learning in school and experiences the child have. To name just a few FOG have paid for or supported the following in school last year: dinosaur day, Harry Potter trip, two reading sheds, the wonder dome, skipping workshop, history visitor, junior librarian system, £2000 of books, flexible seating, first aid training for children.... and the list goes on. FOG have already started planning for next year. As always new members are welcome at the meetings and we need your time please to support and help at the events. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary

Wed 25 Sept	Bags2School — FOG– information to follow soon. (Time for a Spring clean!)
Thurs 26 Sept	Cake donations for Macmillan coffee event
Fri 27 Sept	Children can bring £1 for a cake and the coffee and cake social for parents is at 2pm
Wed 2 Oct	Year 6 parents' meeting 5.30pm
Fri 4 October	6SD Class assembly 9am
Thurs 10 October	Wear something YELLOW for World mental health day (donations to support Young Minds)
Thurs 10 Oct	Donation towards Harvest
Fri 11 Oct	Year 4 Harvest Assembly 9am
Tues 15 Oct	Parents' Evening
Wed 16 Oct	Parents' Evening
Tues 22 Oct	EYFS and Key Stage 1 school disco (straight after school)
Wed 24 Oct	Key Stage 2 school disco (straight after school)
Fri 25 Oct	Year 3 Diwali Assembly 9am
Fri 25 Oct	Break up for half term (at the normal time)
Holiday Club (Mon-Fri)	
Mon 4 Nov	INSET 2—school closed to children
Tues 5 Nov	Back to school



If you shop at Asda please download the Asda Rewards app. Under cash pots, you can choose Griffie Field Primary and Asda will donate money to school. Thank you.

Additional FOG event dates-  
 The Christmas Fayre Friday  
 6th Dec 5-7pm, Wed 12th Feb  
 EYFS/KS1 disco, Thursday  
 13th Feb KS2 disco, Wednesday 26th March  
 Easter Bingo. Please share your time with us to help at the Christmas and Easter events.



**Please do NOT email the admin@ email address. Any emails sent to this address, by parents, will not be actioned. The parents@ email address is for parents.**

### 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.

