

Gravel Hill Primary School Newsletter

We are fast approaching Easter and I would like to make all parents/carers aware of a few pieces of information.

NOTICES:

This term we will aim to send out all important letters on Mondays and Fridays so please check your child's book-bag regularly. Key letters will also be placed on the School Website, under policies and information.

New Staff: : We would like to welcome Mrs Gerard who started with us last week as a HLTA.

Scooters/Bikes: We have noticed that a lot of children are now coming into school riding their scooters or bikes. I would like to advise that all children should be wearing helmets whilst riding their scooters/bikes to and from school. This is a good habit to get into as it could save them if they fall off.

Accelerated Reader: We have started using an excellent computer based resource called Accelerated Reader with pupils in KS1 and KS2. Children are able to select a book from our extensive library at their own level and read it at their own pace. When finished, children take a short quiz on the computer to indicate how well they have understood the book and they can work towards earning certificates and other rewards. If you would like more detail about how Accelerated Reader works, please visit the school website; there is an Accelerated Reader page under the Curriculum tab.

REMINDERS:

I would like to take this opportunity in reminding all parents/carers the following:

Lost Property – Spare School Uniform Request Please name every item your child wears/brings into school as this makes it easier if it is found. We also urgently need any spare PE kits that your child may have grown out of, including plimsolls. If you have anything suitable please hand in to the Small Office. Thank you.

Lunch Arrangements – Dinner Money

Could I please remind all parents that if they wish their child to change their arrangements for school meals that they notify the school office – in writing but in an emergency we need to know at the start of the day. May I also remind parents to pay for school meals promptly, preferably via Gateway online, because if you owe money on a regular basis then your child may be asked to bring in a packed lunch until the debt is paid in full.



Free School Meals: If you are entitled to Free School Meals and haven't notified the school please do so by ringing the school office. You are also entitled to a free item of uniform. If you need help completing the forms please do not hesitate to ask.

Term Dates: If you would like to check all term dates and any up-coming events please go onto our Website www.gravelhillschool.co.uk and click on Term Dates and Events.

EVENTS:

Year 3 Trip: Year 3 went to Braintree District Museum on Tuesday 31st January to look at the Stone Age exhibition. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience linking with the topic they were doing in class.

Year 6 Mock Sats: During the first week in February Year 6 undertook Mock Sats tests. This was done under normal exam conditions in the Hall. This will, no doubt give them confidence for the real exams in May.

Safer Internet Day: On Tuesday 7th February it was Safer Internet Day where the whole school talked about the possible dangers and the right choices that should be made concerning all aspects of the internet.

Alan Murphy Egyptian Workshop : On Thursday 2nd February Year 3 had the opportunity to watch and take part in a workshop about ancient Egypt. They learnt all about hieroglyphics, mummies and pyramids.

Egyptian Day: On Thursday 9th February Year 3 came into school dressed up in bright, colourful Egyptian costumes and took part in an Egyptian Day in their classrooms, they tried everything from writing their own hieroglyphics to mummifying dolls! All the children enjoyed this day and hopefully learnt something along the way.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Loving Literacy Week: This week we have celebrated everything to do with reading and books. The children had the opportunity to take part in a sponsored reading (a letter was sent home on 22nd February). They were also invited to bring in a favourite recipe so Gravel Hill can make their very own cook book which will be on sale before the Easter holidays.

World Book Day: On Thursday 2nd March it is World Book Day where all children (and staff) can come into school dressed up as their favourite book character.

Family Golden Time: Year 1 and 2 parents will be invited in to school at 2.00pm on Friday 10th March to join their children in making a "junk instrument" which they will be able to take home. A separate letter will go out to parents this week.

Comic Relief: On Friday 24th March it is Red Nose Day. Dress up as something funny for money.

Junior Citizen Event: Y6 will be invited to attend on Wednesday 8th March – a separate letter will go home.

STAR PUPILS FOR AUTUMN TERM:

N	Reader	Layla Kaptanoglu	1B	Reader	Aruna Bahra	Y3D	Reader	Rosie Griffiths	Y4PB	Reader	Connie Driver
	Writer	Isabella Milsom		Writer	Diamond Oguntoye		Writer	Carmen Williams		Writer	Luke Davis
	Maths	Henry Ebdon		Maths	Rishi Yoganathan		Maths	Pramoth Arulanantham		Maths	Jack Knights
	Sports	Riley Loveridge-Crompton		Sports	Ollie Goodman		Sports	Dru Lindo		Sports	Olivia Smith
RC	Reader	Niamh White	1L	Reader	Eliza Gower	Y3S	Reader	Bailey Mackenzie-Stanton	Y5C	Reader	Charlie O'Connor
	Writer	Millie Havelock-Walsh		Writer	Jack Lowther		Writer	Logan Murchison		Writer	Billie Ebdon
	Maths	Issy Konuralp		Maths	Borys Kosk		Maths	Gracie Little		Maths	Nathan Watts
	Sports	Luke Ervin		Sports	Leo Mackenzie-Stanton		Sports	Nuvie Diegbe		Sports	Jordan Williams
RD	Reader	Aisha Sarr	2ST	Reader	Juiyena Sheymonti	Y4Pe	Reader	Makaila Chamunorwa	Y5A	Reader	oshua Havelock-Walsh
	Writer	Noah Roden		Writer	Toni Adediji		Writer	Chanae Foulkes		Writer	Keisha Lincoln
	Maths	Daisie-Bleu Walsh		Maths	Toluwa Adesanya		Maths	Corey Wilks		Maths	Rais Costa
	Sports	Maicie Howard		Sports	Samuel Foreman		Sports	Tedi Encheva		Sports	Israel Ogunnaike
			2SH	Reader	James Warren				Yr6L	Reader	Samuel Adenuga
				Writer	Jack Staunton					Writer	Farida Adefenwa
				Maths	Holly Buchan					Maths	Hayden Abrahams
				Sports	Loredana Harti					Sports	Harry Millar
STAR PUPIL EYFS		Mary Daramola - RC	STAR PUPIL: KS1: Elyssa Ho – 1B				STAR PUPIL KS2: Max Jarman – 4Pe				

Everyone received a certificate at the celebration assembly on Friday 13th January. Well done to you all.

KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 27 th Feb- Fri 3 rd March		Loving Literacy Week
Thursday 2 nd March		World Book Day – all children to dress up as favourite book character
Tuesday 7 th March	Pm	5A to visit Bexleyheath Academy – Maths Workshop
Wednesday 8 th March		Yr 6 – Junior Citizen Event – (Packed lunch needed)
Friday 10 th March	2pm	Family Golden Time – Yr1 Yr2 – to join their children in making a “junk instrument” – letter to follow
Friday 24 th March		Comic Relief Day (Red Nose Day)
Friday 31 st March		Last day of Term
Monday 3 rd – Monday 17 th April		Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18 th April		Inset Day
Wednesday 19 th April		Start of Summer Term 1

