



20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Gravel Hill Primary School Newsletter

Easter holidays are upon us already and I would like to make all parents/carers aware of a few pieces of information.

### NOTICES:

**Letters:** All key letters will be placed on the School Website, under policies and information.

**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:** Please name every item your child wears/brings into school as this makes it easier if it is found. The small office gets a lot of unnamed items every day!



### 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.

**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](http://www.gravelhillschool.co.uk) and click on Term Dates and Events.

### EVENTS:

**Year 3 and Year 5 Trip:** Year 3 and 5 have been on a local geography trip where they walked around the local streets looking at all the different buildings and architecture.

**Family Golden Time:** Year 1 and 2 parents/carers were invited in on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March to join their children in making a “junk instrument” which they were able to take home. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and we hope to offer this to KS2 in the Summer term.

**KS2 Workshop:** An external company visited KS2 to deliver a workshop on “Be the Best you can Be” this month. This was aimed at convincing the children that they can achieve their dreams and goals if they work hard and believe.

**Junior Citizen Event:** Y6 went to the TA Centre in Watling street to participate in the Junior Citizen Event where they were taught everyday life skills to keep them safe, such as stranger danger and also 1<sup>st</sup> aid.

## FUTURE EVENTS:

**Comic Relief:** On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March children and staff are invited to dress up as something funny for money. We aim to raise as much money to help children less fortunate than ourselves.

**Mother's Day Tea:** We would like to invite both Nursery and Reception parents/carers into school to celebrate the important females in the childrens' lives. Snacks, cakes and drinks will be served by the children. This will happen on the following dates:

Nursery - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am

Reception - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

If you haven't already returned the reply slip and you would like to come please let your child's teacher or the office know.

## EASTER EVENTS:

**CRIBS Easter Production:** CRIBS will be coming into school to perform their Easter production to KS2 reminding children the real meaning of Easter

**Easter Raffle:** We will be holding an Easter raffle this week and next – parent/carers and the children will be able to buy a ticket for £1 with the chance to win one of the following prizes:



KINDLE

EASTER HAMPER – Kindly donated by Ashton Reeves, estate agents  
in Bexley High Street

**KS1/KS2 Celebration Assemblies:** On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be the KS1 Celebration Assembly at 9.05am and the KS2 at 9.30am. The Reader, Writer, Mathematician, Sportsperson and Star Pupil of the Term for each class will receive their certificate. Parents/carers of the winners will be notified and invited.

## KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		CRIBS Easter Production for KS2
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief Day (Red Nose Day)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45	Nursery Mother's Day Tea (Parents welcome)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	RC/RD Mother's Day Tea (Parents welcome)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9.05am 9.30am	KS1 Celebration Assembly KS2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Last day of Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April		Inset Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		Start of Summer Term 1