



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 1

#### Happy New Year

I hope that you all had a truly magical Christmas and a relaxing time between Christmas and the return to school. Your children have certainly started back in an impressive way – raring to go and keen to learn! We have had 14 new Nursery children start this week as well and they have settled in amazingly well – you should feel enormously proud of them.

The themes for this half term are Winter Wonderland and Starry Night – I am sure that children will enjoy their learning and gain lots of knowledge and skill. The Nursery team has been enhanced by the addition of Mrs Gough and you will have noticed that Mrs Tucker has moved desk in the mornings, so that our new administrative assistant, Mrs Isaac's, can welcome our visitors and support you with any queries you may have.

So, as we finish our 4 day week, we look forward to another exciting term and as usual we have lots happening at The Griffin!

#### Website

We have been working hard behind the scenes and will soon be launching our new website. It contains the same information but in a slightly different format which we hope you find user friendly. We will be having our school photographer in school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, to take some photographs for the website – we will obviously be mindful of the children who you have said are not allowed to have their photograph on the website and will ensure that the photographer knows who these children are.

#### Naming Items

It seems that your children have had some super water bottles, bags, lunchboxes, hats, gloves and scarves for Christmas presents but there is one slight issue ..... lots of them are identical to other children's! Please make sure that your child's name is on every piece of clothing or item that they bring in, so that we know what belongs to who and can return any lost property.

#### School Meals Theme Day

We are having a special Dinosaur Day Menu on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Mrs Tucker will put the special menu on Class Dojo.

#### 'Invite an adult (or 2) to Lunch' Day

Children will be able to invite an adult (or 2) for lunch on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – the last day of this half term. Lunch serving will be from 11.45am – 12.15pm for Nursery and 12.15-12.45pm for Reception children. Your child will be able to show their adult(s) how we do lunch here and sit with them for their meal. Once finished, the children will then go out to play and adults will be able to return home or to work.

We will send out further information about the menu and allergens, the cost per adult meal and let you know how you can reserve your place, closer to the time. We hope you will be able to join us.



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## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Harriet for being so helpful in class; helping our new children settle in and being a great role model for them and also helping the staff. Well done!

**Reception** - Yehalee for making such enormous strides since starting in September – growing in confidence and also showing great progress in all areas of learning.

## House Points

The winning house this week is.... Ruby! Well done to everyone in Ruby House.

## No Nut Policy

This is just a polite reminder at the start of a new term, with new families joining us that we cannot have nuts or any products containing nuts in school as we have a pupil with a severe allergy to nuts and we want to keep every child safe.

## Fire Drill

Over the next couple of weeks we will have a fire drill – this will be unannounced but you may want to let your child know that we will be practicing how to leave the building quickly and safely in case there was a fire.

## Dates for the Diary

### Spring Term 2024

**16/01** – FROGS meeting (7pm at school)

**24/01** – Food Workshop (Reception Class only)

**24/01** – Website photos being taken

**09/02** – Chinese New Year Focus Day (Parents invited to join us at 2.30pm)

### 12/02 – HALF TERM

**19/02** – Second Half Term Starts

**20/02** – Parents' Evening (3.30-6pm)

**22/02** - Parents' Evening (3.30-6pm)

**23/02** – 'Invite and adult to Lunch' Day

**07/03** – World Book Day (further information nearer the time)

**07/03** – Bedtime Story at School (further information nearer the time)

**22/03** Last day of Spring Term

**25/03** – EASTER HOLIDAY

**08/04** – First Day of Summer Term

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