



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 4

In this week's newsletter you will find some information from Warwickshire's health team, including a link to a parents' course. I know that their information is always excellent and so wanted to pass these opportunities onto you. Thank you for remembering to always contact the office before 8.55am if your child is absent – it is so important that Mrs Tucker and Mrs Isaac's know so that we can record it correctly on the register, a legal document. They are in the office from 8.30am and so your message will be picked up. They will then inform the teachers.

This week in Nursery class, children have had fun learning about people who work in the night – they even know the terms Diurnal (in the day) and Nocturnal (in the night). They have also learnt about hot and cold countries.

In Reception this week, the children have completed all of their Little Wandle Sounds – one child said to their parent, "I don't need to go to school tomorrow because I have learnt all my sounds now". If only it were that simple! The children have also done some fabulous measuring using cubes and rulers in maths.

Keeping Healthy

Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Families programme for children aged 0-5 years old. 'Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Families' is a five week evidence-based behaviour change programme aiming to support parents and carers. The course offers support around ideas and tips for a healthier lifestyle to include cooking, shopping and portion sizes. If this would be a benefit to your family please contact our team on HLHF@swft.nhs.uk

Multivitamin recommendations

The government recommends a daily multivitamin supplement for all children from six months of age up to five years old. Some parents/carers may be able to apply for the Healthy Start scheme for support with multivitamin supplements, milk, fruit and vegetables. Click the link below to get more information on the Healthy Start scheme..

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

DISCO

We can't wait for our first ever school disco on Friday 9th February from 5.30pm-6.30pm. The cost is £2.00 to be paid via ParentPay and all children need to be accompanied by an adult. If you are unable to do this then you can ask another parent to be here for your child (maximum of own child +1 other child per adult) but please Mrs Hine know via Dojo who that will be in advance. The disco is for The Griffin Primary School and Nursery pupils only.

Chinese New Year Menu

On Thursday 8th February children will be offered a different menu to celebrate Chinese New Year. This will be sent to you on Class Dojo.

Chinese New Year Parents' Workshop

We hope you can join us for this workshop on Friday 9th February at 2pm in the hall. We will be doing arts and crafts activities linked to The Year of the Dragon and it should be great fun.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Daniel for growing in confidence and now joining in with whole class sessions – it is a joy to see.

Reception – Zara for always being like a ray of sunshine and brightening everyone's day with her cheery disposition. She has also made great progress.

House Points

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

Lateness

Classroom doors close at 8.45am for Nursery and 8.55am for Reception. Arrivals after this time will need to come through the front entrance and report to the office. We always have learning activities set up for the children before registration at 8.55am. If you need the drop off slot at wraparound club (8.30-8.45am) to ensure prompt arrival, please contact the office for information.

Parents' Evenings

The links to book your appointment for Parents' Evenings are being sent on Dojo. Please select the link for either Nursery or Reception. The appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

This time we are also offering TEAMS meetings if you are unable to attend – please let the teachers know.

Half Term Holiday Activity Club You have been sent the booking form for this club, being run at rugby Free Primary School, on Class Dojo. If you wish to book a place please complete the form and return it directly to Game On. Thank you.

Bring an Adult to Lunch Day

On Friday 23rd February we are holding the above event. The price for an adult meal is £4.00, payable in advance via ParentPay. The menu is:

Fish fingers (WHEAT, FISH) & chips, served with peas or baked beans.

Vegetable nuggets (WHEAT) & chips, served with peas or baked beans.

Jacket potato with a variety of fillings, served with salad.

Jelly (V)

Shortbread (WHEAT)

Sticky orange cake (WHEAT, EGG)

Please place your order on ParentPay, specifying any allergies, when you make your payment. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for the Diary

08/02 – Chinese New Year Menu

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 (3.45-6.45pm)

22/02 - Parents' Evening (3.45-6pm)

23/02 – 'Invite an 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)

16/03 – FROGS Table Top Sale (11am-2pm, £10 a table)

22/03 FROGS Easter Bonnet Parade and competition (50p entry – prize for all entries. Parade at 2.45pm – parents welcome)

22/03 - Last day of Spring Term

25/03 – EASTER HOLIDAY

08/04 – First Day of Summer Term