



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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## Summer Term Week 2

It has been quite a strange week this week, as we had several staff in school but out of class for 2 days doing their Paediatric First Aid Training. Some of the children found it quite confusing that they could see these adults in school but they were not with them. It is great that we now have 4 more staff who have this important qualification. On several occasions this week, when the sun has been shining, I have been taking Nursery children with me to help weed the front borders. They have been so sensible and keen to make our school look wonderful. We can already see the difference and they have done a great job. Some children have also been sowing vegetable seeds for the allotment. So, all in all, it has been a productive week here at The Griffin. Have a great weekend.

### 'Empties Please'

The school has now subscribed to the company 'Empties Please', who recycle authentic ink and cartridges in order to raise funds for the school. There will be a bin in the main reception area by the office. A letter with further information will be sent out soon and put on the parent noticeboard. Please let us know if your place of work could also have a bin on our behalf.

### Annual Reports

Could you please let the office team know by the end of this half term if you are a family living in 2 households and require 2 annual reports.

### 'Out of this World' Reading Awards

Reception parents will shortly be receiving further information about a new reading rewards scheme as this is such an essential skill for the children to practice regularly.

### New Onside Coach

Miss Katie Cawthorne will be joining us every Thursday after school.

### Pre-booking Wraparound – URGENT!

**PLEASE** pre-book your wraparound sessions. This is causing a big issue, as Mr Martin is unaware of who to expect and prepare resources. At the moment, teachers are also unaware of whether children are being picked up or coming to afterschool club, which creates additional work for all staff concerned.

As several reminders have already been given, from the 29<sup>th</sup> April we will now, unfortunately, be in a position where we will have to call parents of those children not booked in, to come and collect their child at the end of the day. Your child will then have to wait in the office. If during the call, you say that you want them to stay to wraparound, there will be a late booking fee of an additional £1.50 per longer session and 50p for the drop off and pick up slots. If a child is not booked in for either of the morning sessions, the late booking fee will be applied.

### Term Dates for 2024-2025

Please note that the end of the summer term in 2025 is the 18<sup>th</sup> July, not the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'


## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Ella for her increased confidence in coming to Nursery and joining in so well when she is here.

**Reception** – Frida for her super progress in reading and maths, as well as being super helpful! Well done.

## House Points

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

## Junk Modelling

Please continue to send in cardboard boxes of all size cereal boxes, tissue boxes etc. for our after-school construction club. Thank you

## FROGS email address

If you do need the Christmas photo, the email address last week was incorrect – apologies. It should have read

[frogs2072@welearn365.com](mailto:frogs2072@welearn365.com)

## Bicycles and Scooters

We are looking for good quality, secondhand bikes, trikes or scooters for the children to use in our outside areas during continuous provision. Please can you keep your ear to the ground and if you have any that children have outgrown consider us. Thank you.

## Did you know that 22/04 is Earth Day?

The very first Earth Day was held on April 22nd 1970 and ever since then they have been focusing on making people aware of how to protect our planet.

At school we always encourage the children to reduce, re-use and recycle at school and try hard not to use plastics whenever possible.

We also try to turn off lights when not needed, use water sensibly, pick up litter and use paper on both sides if possible.

## Dates for the Diary

**02/05** – Polling Station in Nursery Building

**06/05** – Bank Holiday Monday

**20/05** – Book Fair in school all week

**22/05** – Reception trip to Twycross Zoo – letter been sent

**23/05** – Nursery trip to Twycross Zoo – letter been sent

**27/05 to 31/05** – Half Term

**03/06** – Second half term starts

**05/06** – Class Group Photos

**11/06** – New Intake Parents' Information Evening (for our September Nursery and Reception families - 6pm)

**14/06** – FROGS 'Break the Rules' Day –further information to follow!

**18/06** – Year 1 Parents' Information Evening (tbc)

**20/06** – FROGS Meeting (7pm at school)

**28/06** – New Intake 'getting to know you' session (am)

**04/07** – New Intake 'getting to know you' session (pm)

**05/07** – Sports Day (1.30pm)

**08/07** – Reserve Sports Day (1.30pm)

**10/07** – Move Up Morning (Children will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom - where possible)

**12/07** – FROGS Dress Down Day & Disco – further information to follow

**12/07** – Annual Reports out to parents

**15/07** – Open Classrooms (2.45pm)

**18/07** – End of Term

**19/07** – Staff Training Day

