



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 10

It was wonderful to welcome our new Nursery children into school. They had a wonderful time exploring activities in the Nursery building and Mr Pouton said it was the best 'Stay and Play' Session he has ever done (and he has done quite a few!). This week, it has been super to see the children enjoying learning in their outdoor areas and making the most of the weather – the water play has been particularly popular. It has been good to hear that children have had their hats on and their suncream applied – this is also going to be very important next week as it is due to be another hot one. You may want to put a few ice cubes in the children's drinks bottles to keep them cool!

Enjoy the sunshine and warm weather this weekend.

Singing Club

Don't forget to let us know if your child is interested in joining the singing club in September – it is for Reception and Year 1 children.

Free Rugby Camp in the Summer Holiday

Rugby Lions' Minis & Juniors are holding FREE kids summer Rugby camp sessions for children from Reception to Year 6. They will be held at Rugby Lions RFC, Webb Ellis Road CV22 7AU every Sunday from 30th June to August 18th, 10-11am. What a great opportunity!

Year 1 Parents' Information Evening

Thank you for coming along on Tuesday 18th June. We hope you found it helpful. Our Year 1 team really enjoyed meeting you all and spending the whole day with us, getting to know your children.

Year 1 Little Wandle Home Flashcards

We can order packs of these cards for our phonics scheme at the price of £6.99. If you are interested in having some please let your current class teacher know and Mrs Isaac's will set up ParentPay for it.

Second Hand Uniform

This is the time of the year that children grow out of items of their uniform – there may also be uniform that is no longer needed - particularly as they move up to Reception. If this is the case, we are asking if you could donate your items to the FROGS for them to sell as secondhand uniform. We can then have regular sales during the year for you to buy additional items at knockdown prices! Thank you.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Colour Run

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is hosting a colour run and everyone is welcome to take part. Taking place on 20 July at Rugby Free School, you can run, walk, jog or skip the mile-long route. It should be a great day with something for everyone including refreshments and craft stalls.

- Date - Saturday 20 July
- Location - Rugby Free School
- Time - begins at 11am
- Entry free – adults £5 & children £3.50

If you're interested and want to find out more, email wfrtrainingservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Madhavaa, for always lighting up the room with his smile, his superb manners and the amazing progress he has made this year due to his attitude to learning.

Reception – Riya, for being a great role model to others – always making good choices and being a good friend. Also, for always working hard in your learning.

House Points

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

Parent Involvement

We currently have the **Parent Survey** running. This is an opportunity for you to feedback your thoughts to the school. The deadline for completion is Friday 5th July and the link is:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5PJH0i37gb?origin=lprLink>

I am also keen to establish a **Parent Council** which meets once a term and will send more information out about this in the new academic year. In the meantime, if you have any questions/concerns please contact the school directly and we will be happy to listen.

The FROGS is our fundraising group of volunteer parents. They focus on organising activities and events for our children, families and community to enjoy whilst raising money for the school. It is great fun and a super way to get to know other parents from different year groups. They are not a route for communication with the school – again, please contact the school directly.

Finally, we also have **Parent Trustees** on our Board of Trustees who act as critical friends to help ensure the school is the best it can be and providing excellence. These are also volunteers, and meet six times a year, as well as monitoring a particular aspect of the school. We are looking for a new Parent Trustee from September – if you are interested and would like to find out more please contact the school office and we will be in touch.

Signing out of Wraparound Club

There is now an iPad by the door at the end of the hall for parents/carers to sign their child out, after they have attended after-school club. Instructions will be provided.

Helpers Required

We had a FROGS meeting yesterday and discussed the dress down day and Disco (12th July), as well as the Family Fun Day (10th August). If there is anyone who can help at either event – to set up the Disco from 2.45pm and to help for an hour between 12 and 4pm at the Family Fun Day, it would be much appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

26/06 - New Nursery Intake Stay & play (1.30-2.30pm)

28/06 – New Reception Intake ‘getting to know you’ session (9.45-10.45am) – parents do not need to stay.

03/07 – New Reception Intake ‘getting to know you’ session (1.15-2.15pm) (change from 4th due to election)

04/07 – School Closed as being used for Polling Station

05/07 – Sports Day (1.30pm – parents welcome)

08/07 – Reserve Sports Day (1.30pm)

10/07 – Move Up Morning (All children spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom - if 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 – parents welcome)

18/07 – Nursery ‘moving on’ celebration – (9.15am – all N2 parents welcome)

18/07 – Reception Class Graduation from EYFS – (11.15am – all parents welcome)

18/07 – Family Picnic & our ‘end of our first year’ party - 12pm (all families welcome)

18/07 - End of Term – Summer Holiday

19/07 – Staff Training Day