



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Autumn Term Week 6

Thank you so much for your generosity with our Harvest Collection for Rugby Foodbank. I know they will be extremely grateful and that many families will benefit from this. We had a wonderful celebration of harvest today with Nursery children singing 'Big, Red Combine Harvester', Reception sang 'The Farmer Plants the Seed' and Year 1 entertained with their Harvest Samba. It was also super to see children saying 'Hello Yellow' on Thursday to raise awareness of young people's mental health.

I was so proud of the children when we had tours on Thursday for prospective Reception pupils, as they were so focussed on their learning and being such good friends to each other.

### Competition Time

The Mayor, Councillor Simon Ward, is inviting children aged between 4 – 11 years old to design his annual Christmas card. The theme for the entries is 'Children at Christmas' to reflect his mayoral theme for the year of youth. The deadline for designs is Tuesday 12 November.

Designs should be A4 only but may be in either a portrait or landscape orientation – only the front design of the card will be required, with no text included. The entries must be suitable for scanning for electronic use as this will be used to create an e-card. Cards can be designed using either colouring pencils, felt tip pens or wax crayons. One winner will be selected, and they will be invited to The Mayor's Parlour with their immediate family to meet the Mayor and receive a prize. By entering this competition, you allow the artwork to be reproduced for printing and electronic circulation and it may be publicised on our social media and website.

The Mayor is really looking forward to receiving all the designs. He has invited Naomi Rees-Issitt from his chosen charity OurJay Foundation to assist him with the judging, which will take place on Thursday 14 November. The winner will be notified after this date.

Children's names and school should be marked on the reverse or included with the entry to enable the winner and school to be identified. Please send entries to:

*The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition,  
Rugby Borough Council, Town Hall, Evreux Way  
Rugby CV21 2RR.*

### Book Lucky Dip

At our Christmas Fayre we will be having the above stall. If you have any 'good-as-new' books which we could wrap to be part of the Lucky Dip please send them into school. There will be a collection box in the main entrance. Thank you.

### Clothes/Bags/Shoes recycling collection

The FROGS are in the process of organizing a collection of the second-hand items. The bags are then weighed and the school gets money per kilo. The date is yet to be announced, but please could you hang on to any old clothes and items ready for this easy fundraiser. We are hoping it will be before Christmas.

### Safeguarding

I am delighted to announce that Mr Pouton is now fully qualified as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – he joins Mrs Hine and Miss Byrne in this important role.

### Photographs

You should have received your child's school photo yesterday – we hope you are happy with them. To order copies you need to reply directly to 'Your Story Photography', following the instructions on the information slip included in your pack. Please make sure that you respond by the deadline indicated.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – As there was Harvest Festival, Nursery did not attend the Celebration Assembly today and so Star of the Week will recommence next week.

**Reception** – Annapoorna, for being such a ray of sunshine at all times and being a great role model.

**Year 1** – Arthur, for making a super effort so that he is ready to learn and taking responsibility for his learning.

## House Points

The winning house this week is  . Well done to everyone in Topaz House for earning the most Dojo points.

## Parents' Evenings

Please make certain that you have signed up for a time slot for next week's Parents' Evenings. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## Halloween Costume / Pyjama Day

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – the last day of this half term – we are inviting children to come to school in a Halloween Costume or in their pyjamas (and dressing gowns). The pyjamas should not be the ones they wore overnight and children should wear their underwear underneath! In return, we are asking for a raffle prize for the Rainbow Raffle at the FROGS Christmas Fayre. Items need to be the colour of your child's house – red, green, blue or yellow. Teachers will make sure that you know which house your child is in on Monday so that you can start planning what to bring. Items must be new and/or unused! If you are able to provide more than one prize it would be much appreciated. You may have some unwanted gifts that you could donate.



## Dates for the Diary

**14/10** – Tours for Prospective 2025/26 entry (pm)

**15/10** – Parents' Evening (3.45-6.30pm)

**17/10** – Parents' Evening (3.45-6.30pm)

**24/10** – Halloween Costume/Pyjama Dress Down Day (bring a gift for the 'Rainbow Raffle' - further information to follow)

**25/10** – Teacher Training Day

**28/10** – 01/11 HALF TERM

**12/11** – E2 Nursery Parents' Evenings (2 year olds)

**20/11** – Vision Screening (Reception Class only)

**21/11** – Flu Vaccinations (further information to follow)

**21/11** – Maths Information Evening for Parents – 6pm (Reception & Y1 - children welcome)

**29/11** – 'Break the Rules' Day (further information to follow)

**11/12** – Reception/Y1 Christmas Production – 2.30pm

**12/12** – Reception/Y1 Christmas Production – 9.30am

**13/12** – Christmas Jumper Day - £1 (Save the Children) payable on ParentPay

**13/12** – FROGS Christmas Fayre (3.30-6pm in school)

**18/12** – School Christmas Lunch

**19/12** – Nursery Christmas Celebration 11.15am & 3.00pm (details to follow)

**20/12** – End of Autumn Term



Thank you so much for your donations towards Rugby Foodbank – this will make a BIG difference in the lives of local families and is very much appreciated.