



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 4

It has been a pleasure to welcome some visitors to school this week, to work with our Reception and Year 1 children. A team from the Institute of Chemical Engineering came in to talk to the children about recycling using a story to help children's understanding. Later in the week Year 1 had a visit from the history team at St John's Museum in Warwick, who brought in lots of toys from the past, including some from Victorian times. They had such a great time learning about and playing with them.

I really enjoyed a visit from Teresa Mpofo, the Headteacher at Lawrence Sheriff School, our sponsor school. She was so impressed with the learning environment and the calm and productive atmosphere. She was also super impressed by the way the children had settled into school, including our amazing 2 year-olds!

I also wanted to mention that your children have been so sensible and remained focused in class, despite the heavy rain and occasional clap of thunder. Let's hope that everything has a chance to dry out over the weekend!

Urgent Allergy Advice: Mustard Ingredients Contaminated with Peanuts

The FSA is advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder or mustard flour because they may have been contaminated with peanuts. These mustard ingredients can also be found in food such as dips, sauces, salads and pre-packed sandwiches. The FSA is urgently working with the relevant Local Authorities, individual businesses and industry to identify which products may be affected. We will not be offering any products that contain, or may contain mustard, to any children with any nut allergy, until we have confirmation of affected products (if any) within our supply chain. Obviously, Alex our school cook, is in communication with AIP about this and will keep us informed. Please be aware that some meals may change until we have full clarification from the food standards agency that our ingredients have not been contaminated.

Parent Trustee Election - Ballot

We are delighted to announce that we have had 3 nominations for the role of Parent Trustee. This means that we must now have an election. On Monday, you will receive a paper copy of a ballot form and further information about each candidate. Accompanying this will be a letter explaining the process of the ballot.

Drive Safely

Please ensure that all children are safely strapped into their car seats BEFORE pulling away from your parking space. We want to be sure that everyone is safe and that the law is being adhered to.

The FROGS – next events

Following our meeting yesterday evening, I am so pleased that we have some new members and that the following people were elected to the following roles:

Chair – Jenny Saunders

Vice-Chair – Sadaf Kohestani-Panesar

Treasurer – Tanya Klesca

Secretary – Bettina Maduro

Our forthcoming events are:

24/10 - Halloween Costume or Pyjama Dress Down Day

29/11 - 'Break the Rules' Day

13/12 - Christmas Fayre

Individual Photos – next Monday!

Don't forget to look super smart on Monday.

We will take photos of in-school siblings and then individuals during the morning of the 30th. Shortly after that you will receive a pack, showing you the photo and giving you the opportunity to buy it. The school receives commission on this.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Reception – Joel, for making a fabulous effort and doing his best in everything this week.

Year 1– Riya for her amazing perseverance in lessons, even when the learning is a bit tricky!

House Points

The winning house this week is .

Well done to everyone in Topaz House for earning the most Dojo points.

Vision Screening

Reception parents should have received a letter about vision screening on 20th November. If you have not received one please let the office or your child's class teacher know. **You only need to return the letter if you DO NOT want your child to take part.**

Flu Vaccinations

The NHS advise that all children in Reception and Year 1 have the flu vaccination, which is administered via a nasal spray. The school nursing team are coming to school on 21st November to administer this. Closer to the date there will be information regarding consent.

Chocaholics

We have a brochure of 'Chocaholics' Christmas gifts in the main entrance – if you would be interested in buying any as gifts, the school will receive commission.

GameOn Half Term Holiday Camp

Mr Martin has sent details of this via Class Dojo – please book places directly with GameOn using the form provided. Thank you.

Bedtime Reading – why bother?

As you know, I love, love LOVE reading! It is such a crucial skill in accessing all other areas of learning, as well as being magical. There is a proven link between sleep and language development. Research by The Sleep Charity has shown that incorporating bedtime stories into nightly routines can have far-reaching benefits for children, not only for reading but also for developing a sense of stability and comfort for the child. Here are some practical tips for bedtime reading:

- Read in the room where your child sleeps, ideally whilst they are snuggled up in bed
- Use a soft, slow tone as this can help your child relax more.
- Don't over-do it! Short and sweet can most effective. 15-20 minutes is ideal.
- Set limits eg. read 2 books then it is sleep time! Providing a selection of 3 books for them to choose from.

Dates for the Diary

30/09 – Individual School Photos

10/10 – Tours for Prospective 2025/26 entry

10/10 – 'Hello Yellow' Day – World Mental Health Day

11/10 – Harvest Festival (9am – all parents welcome.

Food donations – see information at classroom doors.)

14/10 – Tours for Prospective 2025/26 entry

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

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24/10 – Halloween Costume or 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

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 for Save the Children

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