



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 10

Welcome back to Autumn 2 – we hope you had a wonderful half-term break. This week we have started our new topics and texts and just got straight back into the routines of school. In Nursery children have been making Diva lamps and chocolate sparklers. On Monday, Reception had a visit from ‘Mrs Armitage’ to start their new book off – it was quite uncanny as Mrs Armitage looked remarkably like Mrs Hine! Year 1 children started reading ‘Stanley’s Stick’, finding their own magic sticks and using their imaginations to decide what the magic stick could be for (eg. a wand, a spoon etc) All of our Year groups have also been finding out more about Diwali and Remembrance Day – if you are going to a Remembrance Parade we hope you enjoy it. We will be doing 2 minutes silence on Monday at 11am. We have also finally managed to get our outside lights working, which is essential now that the clocks have gone back and the darker evenings are drawing in! All in all, a great first week back!

Hunts Book Fair

From the 18th to 22nd November we have this fabulous book fair in school. It is a chance to buy some early Christmas presents – or just indulge in a good book because books are amazing! As well as buying some beautiful gifts, you are also helping the school as we get commission to buy more books for the children. Card or cash payments are accepted.

Flu Vaccination Consent Deadline

THIS SUNDAY is the date you should have given consent for the flu vaccination using the link provided on Class Dojo. If you have any problems with you need to contact the NHS Nursing team directly.

Health Questionnaire

From the ‘School Readiness Health Questionnaire’, it has become apparent that some children are not registered with a dentist. We would advise that children have regular visits to the dentist and it is free!

Shoebboxes - only one week to go!

Please send shoebboxes into the office by Tuesday 19th November, so that we can get them sent off in time for Christmas. Thank you. If you cannot find your leaflet, we have some spares in the school’s reception area.

Panto Consultation – the results!

‘Splats’ Panto, Puss in Boots is now on ParentPay and will be happening on 4th December at 2pm. This is for children from Nursery N2, Reception and Year 1 children only. A voluntary contribution of £8.30 per child is appreciated. If we do not receive enough donations we will have to cancel this fun event.

Children in Need – please use this link

Next Friday is Children in Need. This is a dress down day – spotty or Pudsey related would be great! We are suggesting a £1 donation, but you can donate any amount you feel you can afford.

The people at ‘Children in Need’ have asked all parents to use the link below to make a donation to Children in Need, as they will then receive all of their donation, as ParentPay is not charging their % cost at all
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15170>

Routine Medical Checks

Please make every effort to book children’s hair appointments, eye, dental and routine medical checks outside of school hours or during the holidays. The time missed from school will affect your child’s learning and progress, as it disrupts their day and they miss out on key learning points.

‘Happy, Kind and Confident’

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Lucas, for making great progress in his personal care and for showing a really mature attitude.

Reception – Charlotte, for being a great role model – happy, kind and confident – in all that she does.

Year 1 – Bella, for the continuing growth in confidence and her hard-working attitude.

House Points

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

Old Shirts

Could we please have donations of old shirts or blouses to act as painting overalls – we have tried commercial aprons but not only are they quite expensive, they do not cover all items of children's clothing.

Christmas Card Competition Time

Accompanying this newsletter is a competition from Rugby's MP, John Slinger. If your child would like to enter please send entries directly to John on the address provided. Good luck!

Christmas Decoration Day

We would love you to join us for our annual Christmas Decoration Day. If you can't make it, extended family members would be welcome. This is where our children who are in N2, Reception and Y1 do different Christmas Crafts (with you helping) and we finish with our Christmas Tree Light switch on. It will start at 1.30pm, so please arrive at 1.20pm. We had a great turn out last year and it was really joyful. We hope you can join us.

Calling all Young Artists

This Christmas season, a local Rugby business, Solutions Services Ltd, is thrilled to offer young talents (up to age 14) the chance to have their holiday vision featured in our business's window display!

How It Works: Encourage your young designer to get creative! We're looking for festive scenes painted or sketched on an A4 landscape sheet, showcasing what makes Christmas magical to them. They might include favourite holiday elements like Santa, Christmas trees, gifts, snowflakes, or anything else that fills them with festive cheer.

How to Enter: Simply take a picture and send their completed masterpiece via email to VIP@solutionservices.co.uk with the subject line: *Window Display*. Alternatively, feel free to drop off their artwork at our office at Unit 8, Glebe Farm Road, Rugby.

Important Details to Include: Artist's Name and Age ; Guardian's Name and Telephone Number ;

Dates to Remember: Entries Open: **Friday 8th November** ; Submission Deadline: **Monday, 25th November**

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

From now on we will only be putting the dates for the next month into the newsletter but will update the original dates for the whole academic year document we sent out with any new dates and events in red.

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

15/11 – Children in Need – Children can wear something 'Pudsey' related or come in 'spotty' on this day for Children in Need. £1 suggested donation.

18/11 – Hunts Book Fair in school all week after school – come and buy some wonderful books for Christmas presents. The school earn commission on total spend.

20/11 – Vision Checks - Reception children only

21/11 – Flu Vaccinations – Reception and Y1. Consent is due by 10/11/24

21/11 - Maths Information Evening for Parents – 6pm
All year groups.

29/11 – FROGS Break the rules day – see below.

29/11 Christmas Decoration Workshop – 1.30pm.

Parents welcome. For N2, Reception and Year 1 children.

News from The FROGS



Book Donations

If you have any 'like new' books that you no longer want, we would love them to wrap for the Book Lucky Dip stall at the Christmas Fayre on 13th December.

There is a box where donations can be left in the main entrance lobby.

Break the Rules Day

Coming soon – information on Class Dojo

Cake Sale

We are having a cake sale at the end of the day on 22nd November. 50p per cake. Payments by ParentPay in advance or cash on the day.