



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 12

The children were so excited to see the snow first thing on Monday morning. Thank you all for ensuring that your children were well wrapped up and had appropriate footwear for the conditions. The weather has meant, however, that the planting of trees and bulbs has had to be pushed back until the ground has defrosted a bit.

On Wednesday and Thursday all children represented the school well when they had their vision screening and flu vaccinations and the nurses passed on their positive comments.

In Nursery this week, the children have been subitising to five in maths. In their 'Once Upon a Time' topic they have read the 'Three Little Pigs' and tried to build their own houses out of cardboard boxes and foam bricks.

Reception children have been using the part-part-whole model to practise their number bonds and, in literacy, have interviewed 'Mrs Armitage' in character. They have also been busy practising the Christmas Production.

Year 1 created a whole class large junk model map of the local area in geography, practiced expanded noun phrases in Literacy and in their PSHE lessons thought about what bullying is and how it makes others feel. It is a light news week this week, so all that remains is for me to wish you a wonderful weekend.

Maths Information Evening

Thank you for coming out in the cold to our maths information evening last night. We hope you found it helpful to hear how we teach maths and to see some of the resources we use.

Break the Rules Day

You should now have all received a 'Countdown to Christmas' Calendar from the office. It was sent home with your child's Christmas cards. The deadline for ordering the IQ cards and links for ordering tickets for the Christmas Performances will be available on Monday on Class Dojo.

Parking

Please use the front car park whenever possible when you are parking on site and then use the kerbside parking.

Christmas Countdown

You should all have received a Christmas Countdown Calendar attached to your child's Christmas cards. Mrs Isaac's will send information on Monday about the deadline for ordering the cards and a link to book tickets for the Christmas Production via Class Dojo.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Harley, for being 'Mr Reliable' and always having good answers in teaching sessions – especially in his maths.

Reception – Finlay for being a great role model and for the amazing progress he has made with his confidence.

Year 1 – Niamh for the consistently impressive effort she puts into all areas of learning.

House Points

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

Gates

Please remember to close the gates after you when collecting from wraparound club in order to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Woodland Trust

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing 420 saplings which will arrive in March which we will plant as a hedgerow in the Nursery outside area and along the side perimeter fence to create a natural screen from the road.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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.

04/12 – It's Panto Time! – in school. Contributions via ParentPay.

11/12 – Christmas Performance – Reception and Y1 2.30pm. Parents & family welcome.

12/12 – Christmas Performance – Reception and Y1 9.30am. Parents & family welcome.

13/12 – Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' – suggested donation of £1.

13/12 – Our first 'FROGS' Christmas Fayre – 3.30-6pm

18/12 - Christmas Lunch

19/12 - Nursery Christmas Celebration 11.15am and 3pm

20/12 - End of Term



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

Next Friday, 29th November, we have our 'Break the Rules Day' run by our fundraising group, The FROGS. Children can decide whether to break 1, 2 or 3 rules and bring in a gift for each rule broken. This gift is for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre – it could be toiletries, a mug, bubble bath, sweets, chocolate, biscuits, a bottle or a toy – just to give a few examples.

The rules to be broken are:

- Wearing headwear – crowns, hats, fancy hair accessories, helmets, etc.
- Wearing non-school shoes – however, they must be safe shoes.
- Decorating your fingernails.

Remember, it is one tombola donation per rule broken.

