



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 2

We hope you enjoyed your extra day off last weekend for the May Bank Holiday.

Despite only having 4 days in school this week, the children have been incredibly busy as you will see below.

In Nursery, we have had our own little animal sanctuary from chicks growing to caterpillars growing. Sadly, today the chicks have gone home. However, each child was able to hold the chicks and we are looking forward to seeing our caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies. In maths, we have been working hard on learning 2D shapes and have even been shape detectives.

Reception children have been working on their number bonds, doing a story map of their new class text and they have listened to the story about 'The Boy who Cried Wolf' and thought about the message this conveys about the importance of telling the truth. They have also been learning about different animals.

In Year 1, children have been comparing artefacts from Victorian classrooms with those found in our modern classrooms. They have also been grouping and sharing in maths and they had a visitor for the 80th anniversary of VE day, who showed them some letters and photos from her family during the Second World War.

We had an assembly to also think about why it is better to have peace in our country and to think about how the people would have felt on VE day, knowing the war was over.



Holidays during Term Time

This is a reminder that we have a shared responsibility and duty to ensure that children are at school so that children achieve to their full potential. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. The regulations re term time leave of absence are detailed below. The Government issued new regulations in September 2013 regarding Leave of Absence; The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013:

- Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application. Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.
- The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent. i.e the parent with whom the child normally resides.
- Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in advance and failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as "unauthorised". Applications for Leave of Absence which are made in advance and refused will result in the absence being recorded as "unauthorised". This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice, if the child is absent from school during that period.
- The Warwickshire Attendance Service have the authority to consider issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Leave of Absence in line with the Warwickshire County Council's Non-School Attendance and Penalty Notices Code of Conduct. (A copy of which can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilonattendance>).

Each application for a Leave of Absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly


Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Pola for always being kind to her friends and giving 100% in everything she does.

Reception – Alex for his amazing knowledge about animals and being a great team player.

Year 1 – Zac for amazing progress with his writing – saying the full sentence before writing it.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

Hunstanton Seaside Trip

Places for this trip on Saturday June 21st (7am to 7pm) are being booked up – please remember to book your seats via ParentPay as soon as possible if you expressed an interest in taking part when we did our survey.

All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

The price per person is £18.50

It should be a really fun day – bring your buckets, spades and swimming costumes!



Scholastic Book Fair

Next week after school, we will have our book fair open. You will have had a chance to browse the books on offer after school today and there are lots of really lovely titles to choose from. The reason we could not sell books today is that the card machine is not set to go online until Monday.

Please come along next week if you wish to purchase any – the school gets commission to buy more books for the children for every book sold.

If you cannot make it after school but wish to buy a book, please send money in with your child in an envelope marked 'Book Fair' and we will make sure they get a chance to visit it during the day.

PAYMENTS ARE CARD ONLY



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

10/05 FROGS 'Strictly The Griffin' Dance & Meal Event – 7-10pm.

12/05 Scholastic Book Fair – in school for a week -see Class Dojo.

13/05 Year 1 Victorian Trip – St John's Museum

14/05 Animal Workshop (in school) - Reception and E1 & E2 children

26/05 – HALF TERM

02/06 – Teacher Training Day – No pupils in school or Nursery

03/06 – Children back to school

09/06 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

10/06 New Parents' Information Evening – Nursery 5.30-6.15pm / Reception 6.30-7.15pm

11-13/06 Arts 'Week' – further information to follow!

Second-Hand Uniform

We are reaching the time of year when children have outgrown some of their uniform. If you have any uniform in good condition that you no longer require, please bring it into school as we will be having a second-hand uniform sale at our Parent Information Evening on June 10th which is for parents of our September Nursery and Reception classes. Thank you.

Arts Week

Do you have any artistic skills or talent? If so, and you were able to join us, we are preparing for our Cultural Arts 'Week' from June 11th to 13th. It would also be helpful if anyone wants to just come along and help with an activity. We will be painting, dancing, modelling and drawing. We are also hoping that some students and staff from Lawrence Sheriff's Art Department will be joining us.



News from The Frogs

Thank you to everyone who bought one of the delicious fruit pots last Friday – all of the money raised goes back into the school for children's activities and to help save you money by going towards the cost of school trips.