



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 9

What a fabulous way to end the week with our spectacular sports day event! It was wonderful to see all of our children, from 2 to 6 years old, joining in and giving every activity their best effort. We had a fabulous turn out of parents and family and the cheering and encouragement of the children was super. Thank you for helping clear the field at the end of the day – it really was very much appreciated and saved a lot of time for the staff.

We try to have a combination of non-competitive events and some competitive races so that children can learn to contribute as part of team and also to win and lose graciously. Congratulations to everyone involved. The winning team was Ruby and we will present their trophy on Wednesday in assembly.

Of course, that was just the culmination of a busy week where the Nursery and Reception staff have been doing home visits for our new pupils. We also had our move-up morning and it was really successful – the children were so excited to spend time in their new classrooms with their new Teachers and they had a great time.

In Nursery, children have also been learning positional language in maths and about bodies of water in Understanding the World, including reservoirs such as Draycote Water.

Reception children were weighing using the balance scales, learning about crabs and using Numicon in maths.

Year 1 children were learning the time to 'o'clock' and half past the hour and also grouping animals into their sub-categories, such as mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish, in science. It is no wonder we are all so tired after such a busy week. It is just 2 weeks to go until the end of term! I hope you have managed to get time off to join us for our end of year family 'Teddy Bears' picnic on the last day and the Nursery and Reception graduation assemblies.



Parking Arrangements for September

As you are aware, we have been able to allow parents to use the staff car park at the beginning and end of the day since opening in September 2023. However, everyone was made aware that this would not be forever. The point has now been reached that, from September, due to our staff team increasing, we will no longer be able to do that, apart from for drivers with a Blue Badge for disability. From September we will have a total of 25 staff/adults on site (we have parking spaces for 28 people) and so this just allows for any official visitors or contractors to park.

As it stands at the moment, parents who drive will need to park further away on Eden Park or Rocherbie Heights, and walk the last part of the journey. This may mean you need to leave home earlier, or take advantage of our Early drop off and Late pick up sessions (at 08.30 and 15.20 respectively) at £1.10 per session.

I am continuing to hold discussions with Bloors around this issue and the use of the road to the front of the school and, if there are any further developments regarding this, I will let you know. So please keep an eye on Class Dojo over the Summer Holiday.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Tillie - for being an absolute Superstar!

Reception – Sahib – for being a star in all that he does and making everyone smile.

Year 1 – Lera – for being so kind and caring towards Mrs Cation, making sure she does not do anything to hurt her back.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

School Coat – How to Order

We have had our school coat available for you to view in the entrance to the school – we hope you have had a chance to look at it. We are now ready to go live and our school's 'My Clothing' web page is working. You can view it at the following link:

<https://myclothing.com/collections/the-griffin-primary-school-29642>

We only have the coat on offer from this site – the rest of the logo uniform is available from Webb Ellis. Please note that all coats are embroidered to order, with an aim to dispatch deliveries within 3-5 working days, with a 14-working day guarantee during busier periods.

There is a £3.95 delivery charge for orders under £50, so I suggest that you chat with a few friends and place a joint order of 4 coats to avoid postage charges.

Nursery Eligibility Codes – deadline this Friday.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, you will have received an email with documents attached about applying for your eligibility code for DfE funded hours. Please complete this by **Friday 11th July** to save the office spending time chasing late applications. If you have any queries, please speak to the office team who will be happy to help.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

08 & 10/07 – New Intake Reception - Home Visits

08/07 – Silent Disco for all year groups – This will take place during the normal school day

09/07 – New Nursery Intake - Home Visits

09/07 – Singing Club Performance (2.50pm parents welcome)

11/07 – Annual Reports sent home

14-17/07 – Reception Class Bikeability

18/07 – LAST DAY

Nursery Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)

Reception Graduation Ceremony (11.15am)

Family Picnic (11.55am)

Parents welcome to all the activities on the last day of term.

NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

01 & 02/09 Teacher Training Days

03/09 SCHOOL STARTS FOR ALL CHILDREN



News from the FROGS

This week, on the 8th July, we have a silent disco coming to school during school hours. We hope your children enjoy it!

August 9th – we will be running a tombola at the Family Fun Day event which is being run by TT Country events.

School Hall Bookings

We are really pleased that our school hall is now being booked much more often, bringing additional income into the school. We have a regular booking from Dance Champ (Ballroom and Latin Dancing) on Monday evenings and most Sundays and also a new booking on a Tuesday evening with Roska yoga – see Facebook. Information provided below. If you know anyone who is looking for a venue, please mention US

