



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 2

We have had a fabulous first full week back and are looking forward to next week, when children who are 3 years old and above, and those who are new to the school will be able to attend our wraparound clubs. Please book your places on ParentPay. Teacher led clubs start next week too – places should have been allocated by the office staff.

Each week I provide detail about what each year group has been learning during the week:

In Nursery children have been getting to know their routines and learning each other's names, they have done some music and movement and some maths too!

Reception children have been busy settling in and talking about their families and homes for their 'Our Community' Topic. Year 1 children have started their new Literacy tree text 'Cave baby', drawing their own cave paintings and writing poetry. They have also drawn around each other's bodies in science.

Year 2 children have dived straight into literacy and been working on conjunctions. They have been using 10s and 1s in their maths place value work and learnt about healthy eating in science. In their topic, they have started thinking about influential people. Year 3 children have been using number lines and working out the missing graduations along them in maths, they have been studying poetry in literacy and ended the week with their very first school swimming lesson at Rugby School Swimming Pool. We were proud of the way they represented our school.

Vacancy

We will shortly be advertising as Miss Powell has handed in her notice, to explore other avenues. We wish her the best with her future endeavours.

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 16th we will be holding a short introduction to your child's new year group and chance to meet the teacher. This is at 3.20-3.40pm. If you can't make it – the detail will be sent via Dojo.

Home Learning Years 1, 2 and 3

Our home learning is a passport style sheet with a range of activities and tasks to choose from. There is also a maths home learning task. It will go out on a Tuesday and should be brought back in by Thursday. This gives teachers a chance to look at it, comment and feedback as appropriate. For larger pieces of work that do not fit in the book, please take a photo and stick it in the book, as well as sending the piece in, so that we have a record. Further details will be provided at the meet the teacher event on Wednesday 16th.

PE Kits – the week beginning 14th is Week A

This year, we have asked children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. This is for a couple of reasons – firstly a lack of space in cloakrooms and also limiting the time lost in PE lessons due to changing. We are lucky enough to have PPA delivered by Lawrence Sheriff staff, but this means that we need a Week A/B rota, making it a bit more complicated. The chart below shows when your child will need to wear their PE kit to school. I am going to put this chart in the newsletter every week and will also indicate whether it will be Week A or B the following week, to try to make it easier to remember when kits are needed. This will also be displayed on class windows. I hope this helps.

	Week A	Week B
Reception	Tuesday	Friday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday	Monday & Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday (Swimming)	Tuesday & Friday (Swimming)

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – start after October half term

Reception – Richie for showing such kindness to others.

Year 1 – Henry for such a courageous start to the year!

Year 2 – Azylah for being a fantastic role model.

Year 3 – Denver for always doing the right thing and being a great role model.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Mishika for her great name writing.

Year 1 – Esmeralda for her superb colour-mixing wheel.

Year 2 – Finley for working hard to get his writing sitting on the line.

Year 3 – Zainab for her wonderful handwriting, using pen.

PE Award

Year 1 – Patrick for his fabulous athleticism.

Year 2 – Kiaan for being respectful in the lessons.

Year 3 – Aaron for helping set up the activities in a really safe way.

House Points 🏠

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

Snack Safety

If you are sending in a fruit or vegetable snack, please ensure that any round fruits, such as grapes or blueberries, are cut up so that they do not pose a choking hazard. The advice for grapes is that they are quartered lengthways.

Please remember that Year 3 children will no longer automatically receive free fruit from school and so may bring a snack for the morning break time.

All snacks should be something that has grown on a tree, bush or in the ground – eg. fruit snack bars **do not** grow on a tree!

Harvest Festival

This will be taking place on the 16th October at 9am. If there are any parents who are able to help with preparing our Harvest Table this year, please do let the office team know. If you can't help set it up, if you are able to lend us items to make it look Autumnal and beautiful it would be much appreciated. Further information will follow.



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

14/09 – Teacher led Clubs start

16/09 – Meet the teacher YR-Y3 3.20-3.40pm

17/09 – FROGS PTA meeting 7pm at school

21/09 – Individual School Photographs

22/09 – Reception (YR) Phonics Information Evening 5.45pm (children welcome)

22/09 – Year 1 (Y1) Reading Information Evening 6.30pm

07/10 – Flu Immunisations Reception and Years 1 to 3

08/10 – Tours for prospective parents for 2027/2028 intake 1.15pm/2.00pm/2.45pm

09/10 – Hello Yellow Day – Wear something yellow and £1 donation on ParentPay for the mental health charity MIND.

12/10 – Open morning - tours for prospective 2027/2028 intake 9.30/10.15/11am

16/10 – Harvest Festival – 9am - Parents welcome

23/10 – Teacher Training Day

26-30/10 – Half Term

We also have the annual diary dates ready and are sending these out via Class Dojo on Monday.

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Music Lessons

Still want to sign up to music lessons for your child? It is not too late! See the flier coming via Class Dojo for further information. **If you are entitled to Pupil Premium, please speak to the office about paying for these if you are interested.**

Term Time Leave of Absence

As mentioned last week, here is further information about the regulations for term time absence

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.
- Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. 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.
- Head Teachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.
- 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”. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- 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 Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement 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. (Please see <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilnonattendance>).

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

