



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 9

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful week off last week and that the children and staff had a well-deserved rest. This week has seen us welcome some new children into the Nursery – we are so impressed with how well they have settled and how the other children have shown them how we do things here at The Griffin. Well done everyone.

In Nursery this week, the children have started their new book Mr Gumpy's Motor Car and been communicating using walkie-talkies as part of their new topic 'Marvellous Machines'. They have also been learning finger counting rhymes.

In Reception this week, the children met Mrs Armitage (who looked remarkably like Mrs Hine!) from their book Mrs Armitage on Wheels, and they helped her think about parts of a bicycle. Next week they will be mapping the story, designing their own bicycles and doing a hunt for everyday machines around school as part of their topic.

Both classes have been busy continuing to learn the songs for the Christmas Production – they are sounding excellent already – and they have also made poppies and been thinking about Remembrance Day. We had an extra assembly today about Remembrance and the Poppy.

This weekend, if you are involved in Remembrance Day parades we hope they go well and we wish all of our families who celebrate Diwali a really wonderful time – enjoy the festivities. Have a great weekend everyone.

Book Fair

This is Next Week – can't wait to see you at the Book Fair after school next week.

Online Safety Workshop for Parents

There will be a FREE Online Safety workshop for parents, presented by Katherine Howard from Smoothwall, on Wednesday 29th November from 7.30-8.30pm.

During this workshop, Kat will give parents lots of practical hints, tips and activities to support your young people in this environment. She will also discuss how parents can keep their knowledge about this ever-changing landscape current. To attend the workshop please use the following link [Online Safety Workshop](#) or the QR code on the poster we are sending out.

Christmas Cards

You should now have received your child's Christmas Card design. We hope you will consider making this into Christmas Cards to send to your friends and family (and keep one for the special box!). The deadline for them to be returned is the 17th November – please complete the form on the back of the design and include the correct cash.

Maths Parents' Information Evening

Mr Pouton and Miss Byrne have been busy preparing for the Maths Information Sessions on 20th November at 6pm, to show you how we teach maths in Nursery and Reception. They will be in each classroom. Please Dojo your teacher if you can come to give us an idea of numbers. Thank you.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Joel for helping the new Nursery children settle in, having good listening ears and being kind and considerate to others.

Reception – Sophia for always being Happy, Kind and Confident – we have really enjoyed having you here at The Griffin Primary and we wish you and your family the best as you move to Australia.

We are very proud of you both!

House Points

The winning house this week is  Well done to everyone in Emerald House.

FROGS Events this Half-Term

We had our first FROGS meeting this week and the parents had lots of great ideas for fundraising.

The first event will be.....

A Raffle at the Christmas Productions – please come along ready to buy some raffle tickets (£1 a strip or 6 for £5) to win some of our raffle prizes – a hamper of goodies, a 2 course meal at Brownsver Hall Hotel and tickets to see Aladdin at the Ben Hall to name just a few. Maybe you could buy some tickets on behalf of friends and neighbours too?

The Christmas Wrap Room!

Please see the attached poster – we will need donations for this which would be OK for a lady or a man, such as unwanted, unopened gifts of handcreams, smellies, candles, chocolates, shower gels, beard creams, socks etc for the children to wrap up in secret and then give as gifts at Christmas. We will also need donations of wrapping paper and ribbons. If you can help in any way please let us know. Please send donations to the office. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

13/11 – Focus activities linked to Diwali

12/11 – Remembrance Sunday (we will do some work on remembrance and poppies during the w/c 13/11)

w/c 13/11 Book Fair (from Hunts Bookshop – come and buy some Christmas Books for your family and the school gets commission, so you will also be helping school.)

17/11 – Children in Need (Wear Spotty clothes to raise money for charity. Pudsey items optional! £1 donation via ParentPay)

1/12 – NEW DATE – Christmas Decoration Day (Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun as we make decorations for our classrooms – 2pm)

4/12 – Reception Heights and Weights (Compass Team)

07/12 – Christmas Jumper Day – (£1 to support Save the Children)

13/12 Christmas Production - 2pm

14/12 Christmas Production - 6pm

15/12 Christmas Wrap Room - 1.30pm

18/12 Special visitor from the North Pole

19/12 The Gruffalo at Warwick Arts Centre (all school lunches that day will be the sandwich option. Please let your class teacher know if you can help on the trip.)

20/12 Christmas Lunch

22/12 End of Term at normal time.

