



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 10

We have had an incredibly busy week in school this week – we have done some work linked to Diwali including making Rangoli patterns, Mehndi Patterns and Diwa lamp holders from clay. It was great fun and so interesting to hear from our pupils who celebrated this festival with their families.

We have also continued working on our stories of Mrs Armitage on Wheels and Mr Gumpy's Motor Car as well as exploring Marvellous Machines including Reception using our Beebots on Friday.

I have been busy showing prospective parents around school this week and I was extremely proud of all of the learning and good manners I saw and heard as we walked around – your children always represent our school so well!

It has also been super to have the book fair in school – thank you to everyone who was able to come along. It is going back to Hunts on Monday morning so it is the **LAST CHANCE TO VISIT THE BOOK FAIR ON MONDAY AS YOU COME INTO SCHOOL** – we will open it from 8.30am and keep it open until 9.10am.

I am also pleased to announce that the exterior lights in the car park and on the external walls of the school are now working – this will help to keep us all safe at the end of the day as the dark evenings draw in.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Maths Information Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Nursery and Reception Maths information evening on **Monday 20th November at 6pm**. Mr Pouton and Miss Byrne will explain how we teach maths in the Early Years Foundation Stage, show you the resources we use and also provide you with some ideas for how you can help at home. Mrs Hine will be available to provide a creche if you need to bring children.

Parent Trustee

We were delighted to recruit Kirsten Isaac's to our Board of Trustees recently but we do still have one more vacancy for a Parent Trustee. If you are interested in supporting the school in this voluntary role please contact Mrs Tucker in the school office for a self-nomination form. The deadline for applications is 1st December 2023.

Wraparound Care – reminder

This is a quick reminder about the information provided to you before half term about the recent change to wraparound timings and charges to make the wraparound club easier to manage.

Morning Session 7.45-8.45am – Breakfast will be served at 8am.

Drop Off Session 8.30-8.45am – if you arrive before 8.30am you will be charged for the whole morning session.

Pick up Session 3.20-3.35pm – after these timings you will be charged for the whole club session.

Club Session 3.20-4.20pm – collection after 4.30pm will result in being charged for the whole club session.

Late Care Session 4.20-6.00pm – We will be serving the snack at 4.30pm so please do not collect before 4.45pm.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Cadyn for always doing her best with her learning at school and also at home, being cheerful and being a good friend.

Reception – Arvinder for amazing developments in his attitude to learning and the progress he has shown – he is such a keen learner and always wants to do his best.

We are very proud of you both!

House Points

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

Christmas Card Designs – Last Chance

Thank you for getting these back so promptly – they are being sent off first thing on Monday morning so, if you missed the deadline you are in luck but they must be brought in when you arrive at school on Monday.

Christmas Decoration Day

We have 4 Christmas Trees to decorate – one for each house (Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby and Topaz) – if anyone has any tree decorations in these colours they no longer use that they would be willing for us to decorate our trees with please let Mrs Tucker know. We cannot accept glass decorations. Thank you



Tesco Blue Tokens

Mrs Tucker has informed me that our blue token efforts are doing very well so far – it ends in January so please keep up the good work to try to win £1500 towards outdoor equipment for our children.

Dates for the Diary

- 1/12 – Christmas Decoration Day** (Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun as we make decorations for our classrooms – 2pm)
- 1/12 – NEW DATE – Pyjama or Christmas Dress Down Day** (please bring a donation for the wrap room eg chocolates, m/f toiletries, mugs, stationery, candles etc)
- 1/12 Deadline for Parent Trustee Self-Nominations**
- 4/12 – Reception Heights and Weights** (Compass Team) (£1 to support Save the Children)
- 13/12 Christmas Production & FROGS Raffle**- 2pm
- 14/12 Christmas Production & FROGS Raffle** - 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** (normal time)
- 2024**
- 08/01 Teacher Training Day**
- 09/01 Start of the Spring Term**