



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 12

It was such a joyful and festive day today – we had lots of children in their pyjamas and lots of children in Christmas dress up – we even had some children who had combined both and were in the Christmas pyjamas! Thank you for your donations of gifts for the wrap room – they are much appreciated. We had fun making angels, baubles, paper chains and Christmas crowns which the children will wear when we eat our school Christmas Lunch. If you managed to make it to our Decoration Day to help support the children with the activities, we hope you enjoyed yourself – it was super to see you there. The school is now looking really Christmassy – our 4 Christmas trees are all decorated, the classrooms are looking lovely and on the first day of advent we can now finally say that Christmas has arrived at The Griffin. Hooray! Thank you for all donations– we had lots of beautiful baubles and tinsel and really appreciate your support!

As well as all the festive fun, we have continued our wonderful learning in class. Nursery have been sequencing their story, making robots with moving parts and doing some 1:1 counting up to 5.

Reception children have been impressing the adults with their amazing writing skills and they have been enjoying coding, directing our robot mice around a course. Well done everyone. Have a fabulous weekend.

Operation Encompass

The Griffin Primary School is proud to be a part of 'Operation Encompass', a scheme widely used by schools within Warwickshire. Its objective is to help schools provide support to children affected by incidents of domestic violence and abuse. A letter explaining more about this is being sent out via Class Dojo today if you wish to know more about it.

Reception Applications

This is to remind our Nursery parents to apply for a place in Reception for September 2024 by January 15th. Mrs Tucker has sent you a message on Class Dojo with the link required.

Game-On Christmas Holiday Club

Please see flier on Dojo for further information.

Christmas Performance Information

You should have received information about any items children need for their costumes. These can start to be sent in from next week – please ensure they are in school in a named bag by Wednesday 6th December. Please do not spend a lot of money – if you are struggling to find what we have asked for, please do let us know. Each family will be provided with up to 3 tickets per performance. In bookbags today is a reply slip for you to return by Wednesday 6th December specifying how many tickets you want. There is also a space to request a maximum of 2 extra tickets if we have any availability. Children will need to be back in school at 5.30pm on the 14th – parents can then come straight into the hall.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Sahib for really developing in confidence since joining Nursery and making good friends.

Reception – Esmae for being so good at making everyone smile! Also for doing so well with all of her lines in the production.

House Points

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

Prompt Pick-ups Please

This is a polite reminder for Nursery parents who collect at lunchtime that collection is at 12.30pm. If you arrive after this time we will have to start charging a £5 late fee.

FROGS News and Events

On Tuesday evening we had our second FROGS - we had 2 new members arrive which was wonderful and I am pleased to announce that Jenny Saunders was voted in as the chairperson and Tanya Klesca was voted in as the treasurer.

We made final arrangements for the events at the production and also the wrap room – details below:

Production

Raffle – we will be selling raffle tickets during each performance. Please also mention this to your family and friends as you are able to buy tickets for them too. £1 a strip or 6 strips for £5. **The list of prizes and donors is on our website in the news section –**

It will be drawn at the end of the evening performance

Refreshments - there will be mulled wine and mince pies, lemonade or squash for children available for you to enjoy during the performance – donations welcomed.

Cast Photo – this will be available for you to view and purchase for £1 – please pay via ParentPay.

Wraproom

Children will be able to buy up to 4 gifts to wrap at school and bring home as a secret gift for important adults in their lives. **Payment for this is now set up on ParentPay – please pay for the number of gifts you want by Friday 8th December** so that we can ensure we have time to be sure we have enough gifts. You can also pay by cash in advance if you prefer – please send it in in an envelope with your child’s name and Wraproom on. Please see the poster sent via Class Dojo. Thank you.

A New Face in the Office

Following recent interviews, we are really pleased to announce that Mrs Kirsten Isaac’s will be joining Mrs Tucker in the office from the Spring Term as an Administrative Assistant.

Parent Trustee

Today was the deadline for our second round of nominations for Parent Trustee – we had one nomination and so I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kathryn Evans will be joining the Trustees as another parent representative.

Dates for the Diary

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

7/12 – Christmas Jumper Day (£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 – wraparound is on)