



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 15

Just 3 more sleeps

WOW! It has been a long, but absolutely fantastic Autumn Term and I could not be prouder of your children and our wonderful staff team. I cannot remember finishing term so close to Christmas Day before and, despite everyone being tired and extremely excited about the Big Day, this last week has been a good one, with only a few children needing reminding about using kind words, kind hands and kind feet.

Thank you so much for the gifts for the staff – we have already sampled a few and will continue to enjoy them all in the New Year. It is very kind and generous of you to think of us and we really do appreciate it.

So, as we ring out 2023 – a key year for The Griffin Primary School – we hope you all have a really fabulous Christmas with your friends and families and that you enjoy a very Happy New Year. We will see you all back in school on Tuesday 9th January.

Cast Photo

Some of you will have received your cast photo from Baarmy Bethlehem today. Apologies if you do not yet have yours – Mrs Isacc's is working very hard to personalise them to be sure that you have the best photo of your child and to add in any children who were not here on the day of the photo. She also had a few technical issues but these are now all fixed and so the rest are in production and will be with you as soon as possible in the Spring Term.

Unwanted Items in School

We have noticed a few toys from home finding their way into school – we do not want these coming in and so please do not allow children to bring them in as they risk being broken or lost and they are a distraction.

Great Ambassadors

I just wanted to say that, when we went to Warwick Arts Centre on Tuesday, your children's behavior and manners were exemplary.

No Nut Policy

Please, please, please double check everything you send in to school whether it be for lunchtime or for a birthday treat for class mates. We absolutely cannot have anything with nuts in in school, even if the item is in a sealed wrapper.

Attendance

As you will all know, attendance at school is really important to enable your children to make the best progress they can. The overall attendance for this term was 92% (our target is 95% for the academic year.)

Some of you will have received letters as your child's attendance is below 95%. I know there have been some extenuating, personal circumstances this term and a lot of illness but it is still my duty to send out these letters. I know that, working together, we can ensure that your children's attendance is above the target of 95%.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Arya for all of the fabulous strides she has made since joining us in September and coming out of her shell – it has been a pleasure to see.

Reception – Ethan K for his absolutely fantastic attitude to learning. He always comes in and gets straight on with the early morning work and he tries extremely hard with his phonics too!

Mrs Hine's Tea Party will be on the first day back.

House Points

The winning house this week is 🏠. Well done to everyone in Ruby House. The overall winners this term were Topaz and Emerald houses. Due to unforeseen circumstances the extra playtime did not happen today but will do during the first week back.

PE Kits for next Term – Reception Only

From January, we are asking that Reception children have their PE kits in a drawstring bag which stays in school. Children will change into their kits ready for their PE lessons. This is to enable us to focus on and assess children against the 'Managing Self' Early Learning Goal within the Personal, Social Emotional Development (PSED) area of learning in the EYFS Framework.

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2024

08/01 – Teacher Training Day (School will be closed)

09/01 – First Day of Spring Term

16/01 – FROGS meeting (7pm at school)

24/01 – Food Workshop (Reception Class only)

09/02 – Chinese New Year Focus Day (Parents invited to join us at 2.30pm)

12/02 – HALF TERM

19/02 – Second Half Term Starts

20/02 – Parents' Evening (3.30-6pm)

22/02 - Parents' Evening (3.30-6pm)

07/03 – World Book Day (further information nearer the time)

07/03 – Bedtime Story at School (further information nearer the time)

22/03 Last day of Spring Term

25/03 – EASTER HOLIDAY

08/04 – First Day of Summer Term

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**