



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 13

This week has brought with it lots of new faces as we welcomed our January intake of children into Nursery for their settling in sessions. They all enjoyed their time with Mr Pouton, Mrs Day and Miss Mooney and we enjoyed getting to know them and their families. His week

I was also fortunate to meet Rev Captain Peter Bone and Sister Lynne Bone this week as The Griffin is within their parish. We look forward to working with them moving forward – they are going to be leading assembly 2 or 3 times a term after Christmas, when we will be increasing our assemblies to include one on a Wednesday afternoon.

The Christmas production is looking Baaarilliant! Thank you for getting your children's costumes in so promptly. We had a practice with the costumes on and it was quite a magical sight to behold - you may want a tissue in your pocket when you come to the performances next week.

There are a lot of tired people in school – we hope your children have a restful weekend – just 2 weeks to go until the end of your children's first term at The Griffin and only 17 sleeps until Father Christmas comes. So exciting!

Wraproom Gift Ordering

Today was the deadline for ordering your secret gift(s) from the wraproom. If you missed the deadline you MUST let us know your order at the beginning of the day on Monday, as we are then checking what we still need to buy to meet demand.

Game-On Christmas Holiday Club

Please remember to book a place on this if you require holiday care. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was super to see all the different Christmas jumpers on Thursday – everyone looked bright and merry – and some people also lit up! We hope children enjoyed wearing their special jumpers to school.

Christmas Performance Information

Thank you to everyone who has returned their booking form for our performances of BaaRmy Bethlehem. Mrs Tucker is busy going through these and allocating any spare seats requested.

Christmas Lunches

We will shortly be sending out information about the meal choices for our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20th December. These can be booked as usual via the Food United App.

The Gruffalo

Thank you so much for all of the offers of help for this trip. We have increased our staffing and so only had space for one parent helper and this person was randomly selected 'from a hat' – unfortunately we can't take you all!

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Aanvi for having such an amazing attitude to learning and friendships in the Nursery classroom. Even if she gets something wrong she always perseveres and has another go!

Reception – Karthi for the improvements he has made since September – we are so impressed! Also, for being such a wonderful donkey in the production.

House Points

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

Safety First

Please remember to close the vehicle gate in order to keep our children safe. It only takes a minute of your time but is worth it if it keeps our children safe. Thank you.

Wraparound Activities for Next Term

We hope your children have enjoyed wraparound care this term with Mr Sanderson (Tuesday – after school) and Mr Martin (all other sessions). Mr Martin and I have been busy organising next term's activities. Here they are:

Monday – Board Games

Tuesday – Multi-Sports

Wednesday – Mini Rugby

Thursday – Arts & Crafts / Round the World

Friday – Ball Skills

Trustee Monitoring

It was wonderful to show 2 of our Trustees different aspects of our school this week. Anna Carr met with me about attendance and safeguarding and Emily Welch spent some time looking at our fabulous curriculum and the progress your children have made since September.

Water Runoff

I have been in touch with Kevin, the site manager from Bloors, and members of the local authority about the issue of the excessive amounts of water running off from the green space next to the school. They are taking it very seriously, as it is a risk in the icy weather, and I feel confident that they are investigating why this is happening and will work hard to find a solution.

Home Corner Items

Mr Pouton is looking for good quality items to extend his home corner, ready for when we welcome our new children into Nursery in January – items such as dolls and toy high chairs, buggies, ironing boards, hoovers, toy food and plates etc will make the home corner an even more exciting re than it already is. If you are having a clear out, and have any items such as these that you do not need anymore, please let us know. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

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)

