



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 14

BaaRmy Brilliance!

Oh my goodness – what talent your children have. The Christmas performances of BaaRmy Bethlehem were superb – the singing was uplifting, the costumes looked amazing and how our 3, 4 and 5 year olds remembered not only their lines, but also when to say them is, quite frankly, stupendous! I know there will have been so much pride in the audiences and I can certainly tell you that we couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

The effort from the FROGS that had gone into making it a really special, family event also deserves a mention as, I am sure you will agree, it added another dimension to the evening – from the welcome sign to the raffle; the refreshments to the selfie backdrop (not to mention the wonderful decorated cookies as a 'well done' gift for the stars of the show) - it was all very impressive, particularly as it was the first FROGS event. Well done and thank you to those involved.

This afternoon there was another festive sight with children surrounded by lots of wrapping paper, sellotape and secret gifts in our Christmas Wraproom – if you ordered a gift, I am sure you will be delighted with the way your child has wrapped the gift and your unique gift tag. With the last week of term approaching we hope you have a super weekend.

Game-On Christmas Holiday Club

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

Lunch on Tuesday

Please remember to order the sandwich option for Tuesday next week as no hot meals are being served. We will be eating early before heading off to Warwick Arts Centre to see The Gruffalo and will take some additional snacks with us and the children will be given a bottle of water to drink whilst they are at the theatre.

Measles Information

Accompanying this newsletter is some information from Public Health Warwickshire regarding rising cases of Measles. Please do not worry about this – fortunately it has not affected anyone at The Griffin but it is always best to be well informed.

Nursery

We are delighted to announce that we will have another 15 children starting Nursery in January – we have recruited a superb new Early Years Educator – Mrs Liesa Gough – and cannot wait to welcome her to our team. The Nursery classroom will be expanding into the Learning Street to accommodate our numbers. As of September 2024, when we have 2 year old provision as well, our Nursery will be in the Nursery Building.

30 Hour Codes

Mrs Tucker has asked me to remind you that you need to re-confirm your 30 hour eligibility code by the end of December.



'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Binxie for being so kind and helpful – Mr Pouton says it is like having a 4th Early Years Educator in the room when he is around!

Reception – Niamh for simply being a superstar – not only when taking on an additional role in the play but generally always trying to do her best in the classroom.

House Points

The winning house this week is . Well done to everyone in Ruby House. The house with the most gems in the Treasure Chest will get an extra playtime next Friday.

Wraparound Activities for Next Half Term

Here is a reminder about next half-term's activities.

They are:

Monday – Puzzles/Board Games

Tuesday – Multi-Sports

Wednesday – Mini Rugby

Thursday – Arts & Crafts / Round the World

Friday – Ball Skills

Please book your sessions in advance on ParentPay.

Next week, we will be contacting any parents who have outstanding payments from this term. All fees need to be paid by the end of this term.

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.

The Gruffalo

There are a few parents who still need to provide their voluntary donation towards this trip and provide consent. Please go onto ParentPay to do this before Tuesday morning as we will not be able to take your child without your consent.

Dates for the Diary

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)

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

**HAVE A RELAXING AND RESTFUL
WEEKEND EVERYONE**

