



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 2

Happy New Year

What a cold but beautiful week we have had – it has been good to see the children arriving all wrapped up nice and warm, as we still go out onto the playground at lunchtime if it is not too icy. The children don't seem to feel the cold so much as they are busy running and playing!

This week it has been super to see our Reception children building their words and sentences using their phonics and developing their Talk for Writing with their text, 'Whatever Next!'. They have been learning about the difference between Day and Night and in maths they have been using ten frames and representing numbers in different ways. Our Nursery children have also been using Talk for Writing to act out and retell 'Going on a Bear Hunt' and I happened to be showing Teresa Mpofu, Headteacher of Lawrence Sheriff School, the fabulous learning around the school when this was going on – we were really impressed!

Wraparound

It has been super to see some new faces at our before and after school wraparound session. Please do remember to book your sessions in advance on ParentPay. If you are able to book the entire half term in one go this is our preferred option – you do not have to pay for it all in one go if that is an issue – but it helps us know who to expect. If you have an odd session that you need your child to come to then please try to let us know by the Friday of the previous week. Thank you.

A Roaring Success

Our special Dinosaur Day Menu on Thursday was very popular – thank you to Alex for making it such fun for the children.



'Invite an adult to Lunch' Day – correction

Apologies for any confusion from last week's newsletter – the date for this event is Friday 23rd February – but it is **not** the last day of this half term, it is the first Friday back after our half term break.

FROGS – our Fabulous Fundraising Group

We held a FROGS meeting on Tuesday evening at 7pm and are delighted to announce that our events at the end of last term at the production (Raffle, Refreshments and Photos) as well as the Christmas Wrap Room raised almost £800. This is amazing - thank you so much for your support. Our next events are going to be.....

The first ever **Griffin School Disco** on 9th February from 5.30-6.30pm.

A **Table Top Sale** on Saturday 16th March 11am-2pm. If you want to sell, tables cost £10 and set up is from 10am. Please email if you wish to book a table. For buyers, it is £1 entry (children free). Refreshments available.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Tommy for making such a fabulous start to Nursery. He is very helpful and plays really well with others.

Reception - Zora for really impressing us with his progress since returning in January. He is also always extremely kind.

House Points



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

Term Time Holidays

We have a shared responsibility and duty to ensure that children are at school so that children achieve to their full potential. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. The regulations re term time leave of absence are detailed below.

- Headteachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.
- Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.
- The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent. i.e the parent with whom the child normally resides.
- Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in advance and failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as “unauthorised”.
- Applications for Leave of Absence which are made in advance and refused will result in the absence being recorded as “unauthorised”. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice, if the child is absent from school during that period.

- The Warwickshire Attendance Service have the authority to consider issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Leave of Absence in line with the Warwickshire County Council’s Non-School Attendance and Penalty Notices Code of Conduct. (A copy of which can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilnonattendance>).
- Each application for a Leave of Absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.**

Dates for the Diary

- 16/01** – FROGS meeting (7pm at school)
- 24/01** – Food Workshop (Reception Class only)
- 24/01** – Website photos being taken
- 09/02** – Chinese New Year Focus Day (Parents invited to join us at 2.30pm)
- 09/02** – DISCO (FROGS event 5.30-6.30pm)
- 12/02** – HALF TERM
- 19/02** – Second Half Term Starts
- 20/02** – Parents’ Evening (3.30-6pm)
- 22/02** - Parents’ Evening (3.30-6pm)
- 23/02** – ‘Invite an adult to Lunch’ Day
(Nursery 11.45am-12.15pm – parents arrive at 11.30am)
(Reception 12.15-12.45pm - – parents arrive at 12pm)
- 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