



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 6

We have had so many visitors in school this week it has been wonderful! We had an impromptu visit from one of Warwickshire County Council's project leaders, who was showing the school to a new colleague. We had a group of headteachers in for a meeting and tour, as well as staff from Lawrence Sheriff, a work experience student from Ashlawn School, a team to put up some signage around the serving hatch and parents at the parents' evenings and for lunch today. In class, nursery children have been learning about and describing the animals in their book 'Dear Zoo' and Reception children received a letter from 'the Man' in The Giant Turnip, their class story.

### Warwickshire Music Service - Singing Stars

We are so lucky to have been included in this trial programme from Warwickshire's Music Service. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March in the afternoon, Nursery and Reception will each enjoy a singing session with a Music Vocal Specialist who will work alongside Mr Pouton, Miss Byrne and the children to explore the world of rhyme, song and sounds! How exciting!

### World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Yes – this is fast approaching! We are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. In the morning we will have a range of activities for the children based on different books. There is nothing better than a story at bedtime and so, in the evening, we will be holding a bedtime read from 6.00-6.30pm. Children can come back to school in their pyjamas, with a cushion/pillow if they want, and listen to a bedtime story – siblings are welcome too - before heading home to go to sleep. Please let your teacher know numbers, if you are coming, so we know how much hot chocolate to prepare. AIP are also running a colouring competition – in bags today - with a prize for Nursery and Reception. Please return by 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### Small ...but Mighty!

I am delighted to tell you that we have been awarded £800 from the Tesco Blue Token scheme to spend on outside PE equipment. Thank you so much to everyone who put tokens into the box – it just goes to show that, together, we can achieve great things!

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you for such high attendance at these sessions – we are so pleased to share how well your child is doing at school. Evidence shows that children make the best progress when parents and school work together, so your attendance is really important and helpful. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a telephone appointment instead. We are attaching the information from Compass about

### Norovirus

Unfortunately, we have had lots of cases of vomiting in Nursery this week. We have reported it to Public Health England. They advise that the most effective way to stop norovirus spreading is by washing hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after using the toilet and to remember the 48 hour rule.

**'Happy, Kind and Confident'**

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Neriah for showing great progress in her confidence and also for her love of books and passion for reading.

**Reception** – Arthur for working so hard on his phonics, reading and writing. Great stuff Arthur!



## House Points

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

## Vacancies

We are starting our recruitment campaign early in order to find an excellent teacher and teaching assistant for September when our Reception children move into Year 1.

## New Faces

A very warm welcome to Miss Powell, an apprentice Teaching Assistant in Reception. She is already a great addition to our fabulous team and has made a great start. We have also welcomed Mrs Carruthers, a new cleaner, this week to help The Griffin sparkle and shine.

## Watching and Waiting

Our Reception children have been busy watching our eggs in their incubator to see if any cracks were beginning to appear and I am pleased to report that all 10 have now hatched. As you can imagine, it has been very exciting! Our Nursery children came to visit our new fluffy friends too! If any families know of anyone who keeps chickens and might want to re-house our chicks once we have done all of our learning, please let us know.



## Dates for the Diary

**04/03 – Colouring Competition Closing Date**

**07/03 – World Book Day**

**07/03 - World Book Day Menu** (more details to follow)

**07/03 – Bedtime Story at School** (6-6.30pm)

**07/03 – Warwickshire Music EYFS Singing Stars**

**15/03 – Red Nose Day** (Cake Sale)

**16/03 – FROGS Table Top Sale** (11am-2pm, £10 a table)

**21/03 – Warwickshire Music EYFS Singing Stars**

**22/03 FROGS Easter Bonnet Parade and competition**  
(50p entry – prize for all entries. Parade at 2.45pm – parents welcome)

**22/03 - Last day of Spring Term**

**25/03 – EASTER HOLIDAY**

**08/04 – First Day of Summer Term**

**06/05 – Bank Holiday Monday**

**27/05 to 31/05 – Half Term**

**03/06 - Second half term starts**

**05/06 – Class Group Photos**

**11/06 – New Intake Parents’ Information Evening** (for our September Nursery and Reception families - 6pm)

**18/06 – Year 1 Parents’ Information Evening** (tbc)

**28/06 - New Intake ‘getting to know you’ session** (am)

**04/07 – New Intake ‘getting to know you’ session** (pm)

**05/07 – Sports Day** (1.30pm)

**08/07 – Reserve Sports Day** (1.30pm)

**10/07 – Move Up Morning** (Children will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom - where possible)

**12/07 – Annual Reports out to parents**

**15/07 – Open Classrooms** (2.45pm)

**18/07 – End of Term**

**19/07 – Teacher Training Day**