



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 1

What a great start to the Summer Term – it has been a busy week as usual, but children have managed to re-adjust from having had 2 weeks off and have returned to their settled and excellent learning attitudes. We have been busy interviewing for more staff for Year 1 and so have had lots of visitors in school and we were very proud of our Reception children who were a key part of this interview process by meeting our candidates and playing a game with them in small groups.

We had a fire drill to remind everyone of what to do in case of an emergency and, again, your children stayed calm and completed this very quickly, quietly and sensibly. Some super learning has been happening and the children are enjoying watching our caterpillars growing as part of their new topics. Exciting stuff!

Year 1 Teacher and Teaching Assistants

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed to these positions and will be able to let you know who they are once they have informed their own school communities. However, I can let you know that they are excellent and we are very excited to have them working here as they will continue to provide your children with the same high standards they have already experienced.

New SENCO

We have also managed to recruit a SENCO (special Educational Needs Coordinator). Mrs Claudie Patterson will be working for 2 hours a week initially, on a Thursday afternoon and we cannot wait to benefit from her experience and expertise.

Rhubarb

Mrs Hine will be bringing in organic rhubarb once a week for parents to buy at 5 sticks for £1. This will go towards school funds. It will be by the entrance with an honesty box. Please help yourself.

Term Dates and Teacher Training Days for 2024-2025

Autumn Term

- 2nd and 3rd September** - Teacher Training Days
- 4th September** - Children back to school/nursery
- 25th October** - Teacher Training Day
- 28th - 31st October** - Half Term
- 4th November** - Children back to school/nursery
- 23rd December** - Christmas Holiday

Spring Term

- 6th January** - Teacher Training Day
- 17th - 21st February** - Half Term
- 24th February** - Children back to school/nursery
- 14th - 25th April** - Easter Holiday

Summer Term

- 28th April** - Children back to school/nursery
- 26th May** - Half Term
- 2nd June** - Teacher Training Day
- 18th July** - Children's last day at school – end of term
- 21st July** - Teacher Training Day

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Amelia for always coming into school with a smile, saying good morning to every adult and never failing to try her hardest at everything.

Reception – Elizabeth for her fantastic imagination and the great progress she has made since September! Well done.



House Points

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

Wraparound

Please remember to pre-book and pay for your sessions. It is helpful to know who to expect at sessions and saves a lot of time chasing outstanding payments. Thank you.

Christmas Production Photos

We have been made aware that some families did not receive their photo despite paying for it. We are not sure how this has happened and apologise. If this applies to you, please send your name and what you requested to FROGS@welearn365.com and we will get it sorted so that you have this photo for your memory box.

Paediatric First Aid Training

Several staff will be completing this next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have arranged cover as appropriate but it is just to let you know that, although each class will still have familiar staff in it, there may also be some different faces on those days.

Gates

Mrs Isaac's will open the gates at the end of the day just after 3.15pm as this gives plenty of time for Reception parents to collect at 3.20pm and Nursery parents to collect at 3.30pm, the times that the day's sessions end.

Dates for the Diary

- 06/05 – Bank Holiday Monday**
- 20/05 – Book Fair in school all week**
- 22/05 – Reception trip to Twycross Zoo**
- 23/05 – Nursery trip to Twycross Zoo**
- 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)
- 14/06 – FROGS 'Break the Rules' Day** –further information to follow!
- 18/06 – Year 1 Parents' Information Evening** (tbc)
- 20/06 – FROGS Meeting** (7pm at school)
- 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 – FROGS Dress Down Day & Disco**
- 12/07 – Annual Reports out to parents**
- 15/07 – Open Classrooms** (2.45pm)
- 18/07 – End of Term**
- 19/07 – Teacher Training Day**

We hope that our families who celebrate Eid, had a wonderful day on Wednesday.

