



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Summer Term Week 4

It has been very exciting for the children to watch the fencing going up around school and I am delighted, as it will further enhance the safety of the children at play and lunchtimes. I also had a pre-start meeting with Warwickshire County Council, regarding the accessible path up to the field, tarmacking our existing path and installing fencing around the field and at the end of the hall. This development will be starting soon.

The other exciting bit of news is that we now have a new shed on our school allotment – thanks to Bloors for organising this and for all their hard work constructing the base and erecting the shed. It looks brilliant! If the weather at the weekend allows, I am hoping to start laying the weed membrane and to make some raised beds.

We had a visit from Teresa Mpofo, headteacher at our Sponsor School, Lawrence Sheriff School on Thursday and she was super impressed with the work the children were doing, as well as their behaviour and attitudes to learning.

We also had a monitoring visit from one of our Trustees, Kathryn Evans, who met with a group of children from Nursery and reception to ask them about what they liked about their learning and school generally. They were very impressive in the way they answered.

Please remember that **THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY** as it is a Bank Holiday. We hope you enjoy your extended weekend – let's hope we see some sunshine! See you all on Tuesday for a 4-day week.

### Half Term Holiday Club



### Gymnastics Holiday Sessions



Open to members and non members of school age!

Tuesday 28th May (9-11am)  
Wednesday 29th May (9-11am)  
Thursday 30th May (9-11am)  
Friday 31st May (9-11am)



**Booking is essential**

Email: [info@rugbygymnasticsclub.co.uk](mailto:info@rugbygymnasticsclub.co.uk) to book

### Year 1 Teacher

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Amanda Cation as our Year 1 teacher. She is a highly experienced teacher and cannot wait to start at The Griffin. Before starting in September, she will be spending 2 days with us getting to know the children and meeting with staff. She and the Year 1 Teaching Assistants will also be at the Information evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Thank You

It has been so helpful at wraparound this week as everyone has remembered to pre-book their sessions – thank you. Also, your patience during the fencing work and with the parking during the Polling Day were much appreciated.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Riyan for working so hard on his toileting, coming into school so much more confidently and ...

**Reception** – Kirpa for the improvements in her phonics and reading, as well as her super work around the classroom, especially in the creative area. Well done.

## House Points

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

## The Nursery Building

As you know, our Nursery children will be based in their own building from September and the move has already begun. Mr Pouton has been busy taking items across – new rugs, a water play table for 2 year olds, furniture, tricycles and all sorts of exciting things – so that the rooms will be ready to welcome our new Nursery cohort on their transition sessions.

This does mean that the Nursery building will no longer be available for hire.

## Casual Supply Teacher Vacancy

As well as our Midday Supervisor and Caretaker vacancies, we are looking to recruit a casual supply teacher. This means that where possible, if we need a supply teacher, it will be someone who the children know and who knows them and our systems.

## Rhubarb Wednesdays

I just wanted to let you know that we have managed to buy a water butt and some rattan baskets for Nursery with the money raised from the rhubarb sales – this is absolutely wonderful!



## Reception Reading

Could you please start sending in the home reading diaries every day and let Miss Byrne know if you have lost yours, as these will be essential for our 'Out of this World' Reading program, which will be starting next week. Thank you.

## Dates for the Diary

**06/05 – Bank Holiday Monday**

**15/05 – Deadline for Twycross Zoo voluntary contribution**

**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**

**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 – parents welcome)

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

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

**12/07 – FROGS Dress Down Day & Disco** – further information to follow

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

**15/07 – Open Classrooms** (2.45pm – parents welcome)

**18/07 – End of Term**

**19/07 – Staff Training Day**