

# GRASSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday November 4th 2019

# NEWSLETTER

## Books and Reading Diaries

Can you please help us by ensuring that children have their books and reading diaries (preferably in book bags) every day. We have bought lots of exciting new books for the children to read. They are able to take home their reading book plus a library book of their choice every week. Please note if children lose their books and/or reading diaries we will be asking for £2.50 towards the cost of a new book/reading diary. Thanks for your support with this.

## Newsletter - now electronic only

The newsletter is now electronic only. If you would like it emailing out to you, please provide us with an email address. The newsletter will also be put on the app and the website each week. If you require a paper copy, please ask for one from the office.

## Advert for a Cleaner

The school requires a friendly, hardworking cleaner to work after school till 5.30pm each evening. Please apply through Derbyshire County Council online.

## Attendance

Please fill in a leave request form if your child is taking ANY leave from school. Any holidays in term time will not be authorised, and a penalty notice will be issued. If you consider your request to be an exceptional circumstance please take an exceptional circumstance request form. Please note that if your child has attendance below 96% any request for leave will not be authorised even if the reasons are exceptional. Any absences that are not explained either before or on the day of absence by 10am will also be treated as unauthorised leave. Please telephone school before 10am on each day of absence. Thank you.

## Breakfast Club update

Breakfast club opens at 7.45am. Please do not send your child to breakfast club after 8.30am as they are starting to clear up then. NB Please book by phoning or emailing. Breakfast club is currently £1 per child (50p if entitled to free school meals). However, due to increasing costs, the price will be increasing to £2 per child (£1 if entitled to free school meals). The price increase is from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

## After School Child Care

After school child care is now open after school until 5.30pm. It is £4 up until 4.30pm, and then another £4 till 5.30pm (If you stay for the whole time it will be £8 per night or £40 per week). Please book and pay at the office. Thanks.

Monday - Crafts

Tuesday - Board games (bring your own)

Wednesday - outdoor (weather permitting) / indoor activities

Thursday - Lego/mobilo

Friday - Chill out

## Parliament News

- Thank you for your kind donations to the foodbank. We raised £24.56 for a very worthy cause. The money is going to the Trussell Trust Food Bank Charity.
- Children in Need - Children can wear their pyjamas/onesies (and a dressing gown) and that they should bring in a donation of 50p or £1. There will also be Pudsey merchandise and raffle tickets for sale soon: pin badges £1, raffle tickets 50p.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

Breakfast club runs daily from 8am. £1 per day per child (50p if eligible for free school meals). Please book for this provision at least the day before so that we can ensure correct staffing ratios.

**Monday:** Kung Fu club with Wendy in the school hall 4.30 - 5:30 pm. Y2 upwards. This is payable to Wendy.

**Tuesday:** Football club with Miss Wallhead 3:15 - 4:15pm Y4, Y5 and Y6  
Film club Mrs Long and Miss Millward - Years 3,4,5 and 6 - 3.20 - 4:30pm Library

**Wednesday:** None

**Thursday:** Film Club for KS1 with Miss Gore and Miss Long 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
Netball club for Y3-6 with Miss Wallhead 3.15pm - 4.15pm

**Friday:** No clubs

There are also lots of lunchtime activities/clubs provided including sport, music, crafts etc..

All after school clubs require signed parental permission and charges may apply.

### Diary Dates for the year:

Please note: there may be additional or amended dates to your yearly list of diary dates. Please check future newsletters.

4 November 19	Children start back
5 & 6 November 19 3.30pm till 6.30pm	Parents' Evenings (letters already gone out)
12 November 19	Messy morning in KS1 (Y1 and Y2)
15 November 19	Children in Need - Wear pyjamas/onesies and bring a donation of 50p or £1 Raffle tickets (to win a cake) and Pudsey merchandise being sold after half-term
20, 21 & 22 November 19	Y5 to Lea Green
25 November 19	Y4 to Whitehall
26 to 29 November 19	Y6 to Whitehall
3 December 2019	Christmas Hoops House Afternoon (Parents Welcome from 1.15pm)
9 December 2019	Lower KS2 concert 2pm-3pm and 6pm-7pm £1 per ticket
10 December 2019	EYFS concert 9.30am - 10.15am £1 per ticket
11 December 2019	KS1 concert 9.30am £1 per ticket
12 December 2019	Upper KS2 concert 2pm-3pm and 6pm-7pm £1 per ticket
13 December 2019	Christmas Dinner Day
16 December 2019	Christmas Fair
17 December 2019	Christmas Choir to perform at community centre
18 December 2019	KS1 Christmas Party
19 December 2019	KS2 Christmas Party

20 December 2019	Carols Round the Tree 2.30pm (parents welcome) Children Break up
6 January 2020	Children back to school

### Praise Assembly

Every week our Praise assembly is on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. We will text you on Thursday to let you know if your child is due to receive a learning challenge certificate. Can you try to keep it a secret please so that we can make it a nice surprise for them? Please come to school at 2.25pm and then make your way up to the hall. Once in the hall, please sit on the bench at the back to watch the assembly. There is limited room in the hall so we are asking that there are no more than two parents/carers per child. Also, please leave prams outside the hall. Thanks.

### Reception Places 2020

If your child is due to start in Reception class in September 2020, you have to apply for their place online between 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Attending our nursery does not automatically guarantee you a place, so please apply at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx> Thanks.

### Policies & Safeguarding

Mrs Sharon James is the lead person for safeguarding children. If you would like to see the safeguarding policy or any of our other policies they are available on our website (these are regularly being added to following each governors meeting) or you can get a paper copy by request from the school office.

NB: Youtube is not suitable to be accessed without adult supervision. However, there is a YouTube kids, which is more appropriate. See the link for more information on settings and controls:

<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

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