

GRASSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday November 11th 2019

NEWSLETTER

School Events/Trips (Not Residentials)

We want to help families (with more than one child) with costs for events in school and trips. If you have more than one child attending the same event or trip, please just pay for one. Eg. The chocolate visitor in Year 3/4. Thanks.

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.

Christmas Concert Tickets

The Christmas Concert tickets will be for sale from Monday 25th November for £1 per ticket. There is a maximum allowance of 2 tickets per child due to space in the hall. The entry ticket will also give you one entry into the FROGS Christmas raffle. The profits raised by tickets will be spent on Christmas resources for the children.

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. 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 (we made a loss of £778.47 last term), the price will be increasing to £2 per child (£1 if entitled to free school meals). The price increase is from 1st 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 (you can bring your own)

Wednesday - outdoor (weather permitting) / indoor activities

Thursday - Lego/mobilo

Friday - Chill out

Children in Need

Children in Need this Friday - Children can wear their pyjamas/onesies (and a dressing gown) please bring in a donation of 50p or £1. There will also be Pudsey merchandise and raffle tickets for a Pudsey cake for sale this week: pin badges £1, raffle tickets 50p.

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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
Singing club for Y2-Y6 with Miss Eyre 3.15pm - 4pm

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.

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 Crafts 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	Nursery closed due to General Election
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

Nursery Closure Day

We are very sorry but we will have to close nursery on Thursday 12th December due to the General Election. I did ask if the council could hold it somewhere else but they said it was too short notice!

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 11th November 2019 and 15th 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>

PARENTAL CONSULTATION:

We like to involve parents as much as possible in school and love to hear what you think. Here are the main ways in which we will gather feedback:

- Through an annual surveys which we will do during the next Parents' Evenings
- Through Parent View at parentview.ofsted.gov.
- Or simply tell us what you think via text, phone, email or in person

Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you think of our school - Mrs Sharon James

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