



Newsletter 2
29th September 2017

Our amazing school!

Exciting times during child initiated in Year R.....



27/9/17 Samuel enjoyed filling up the watering cans and pouring them down the drainpipes.

Whooshing water play!

Delicious mud kitchen surprises!



27/9/17 Jona made a chocolate cake and labelled it.

Money Money Money in Year 1!



What can you buy for 50p?

Our children can help you!



Year 2 visited the Gurdwara in Gravesend. They learnt lots about the Sikh faith, tried some food in the Langar Hall and were amazed by the beautiful building. They really enjoyed their visit 😊



School Improvement Update

- We continue to promote our goal of achieving 97% attendance for all this year. Our children are eager to come to school and achieve recognition for their class award each week. Please could we ask for your support to refrain from taking your children on holiday during school time.
- I am pleased to report that the team have begun their projects to continue raising standards for our children:
- We are currently working with the trust schools to improve transition from Year R to Year 1. We have secured a place on the "Gravesham reading for outstanding writing" project and are excited to work with advisers and local schools in moving our practice towards outstanding.
- We have also secured a place on the project "Journey towards outstanding" to enhance leadership practice for moving the school towards outstanding.
- Finally we are continuing to enhance our practice with ensuring our vulnerable groups make expected progress each year in line with their peers. We have begun embedding cursive writing with all of our children in keystage 1 and will hold workshops in term 2 to support interested parents with this.
- We will also run workshops in term 2 around phonics, reading, writing and maths to support parents with supporting their children at home. More information to follow in term 2.

New Notices

- Please be advised that from the 1st October the old one pound coin will not be legal tender. The breakfast club and school will not accept these coins after this date. Thank you.
- On Thursday 5th October 2017, the school will be carrying out the school census which is required by Kent County Council and the Department of Education.

Community news

Thank you to everyone who made donations towards our messy play hut. The children have been busy decorating it ready for its official opening to the school community on Monday 2nd October.

Thank you for Jeans for Genes donations we managed to raise £224.00 for such a great charity.



Don't forget to send in your Harvest Donations if you are able to do so —this year we are supporting the Gravesham Food Bank. Thank you.

Day to Day

- Please remember to book your appointment for Parents Evening on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October. If you are experiencing difficulty please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to help you.

MEET YOUR



TEACHER

- The school spends a small amount of their budget on spare underwear and clothes for emergency situations. However, this stock is diminishing quickly —please could we ask that you send in a bag of named spare clothes for your child.

- Please support our Road Crossing Patrol lady, Mrs Duley, by supervising your children when crossing the road. Mrs Duley is there to stop traffic so you are able to cross safely. Thank you.



- **Conduct towards staff**—Please could I remind parents to engage in a professional manner with myself and my team. We are here to support your children and yourselves and if you have any issues or concerns please share these in a calm manner. Please speak to us as you would expect us to speak to you. Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Kotze

Diary Dates

Date	Event
5 th October	year 1 Harvest Assembly to parents - 9.15 am
6 th October	year 2 Harvest Assembly to parents - 9.15am
9 th October	year R Harvest Assembly to parents 2.45 pm
10th October	Parents Evening—3.30pm—5.30 pm
12th October	Parents Evening—4pm—7pm
12th October	School Photos
18th October	Last day of term 1

Reading Afternoons

To promote reading for enjoyment, the team have asked if they could open the doors to you for you to join your child in class to enjoy books with them from 2.45pm The dates are as follows:

23rd November

7th December

25th January

22nd March

10th May

21st June

We will do our best to keep these dates but they may change in order to meet the needs of the school.

Open Afternoons

Our open afternoons for new parents who wish their children to join our school in September 2018 - you are warmly invited to visit our school from 2pm - 2.45pm on the following dates:-

8th, 16th & 28th November

4th, 6th & 11th December

9th & 11th January

Please let friends and family know too if they have children wanting to start in September 2018.

Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:

Week beginning : 15.09.17

Attendance: Class 5 99.44%

Walk on Wednesday: Class 7

Disney Points: Pascal

Buster Book Club: Class 7

Week beginning: 22.09.17

Attendance: Class 12 99.44%

Walk on Wednesday: Class 11

Disney Points: Sebastian

Buster Book Club: Class 5

Whole School attendance: 96.5%

Whole school target: 97%

