



Graveney Primary - Newsletter 1

'Learning and Achieving Together'

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Welcome Back

It has been wonderful seeing our pupils returning this week and a special welcome to all of our new children who have joined us this term.



A big welcome to the new Ladybirds, who have had their first full week in school. We hope you all have lots of fun learning and achieving with us.

Staffing Update

If you are not already aware, Mrs Frost will be going on maternity leave on Friday 26th September. We wish her all the very best at this exciting time. Many of you have already met Miss Phillipson, who is the TA in Bumblebees.

Mrs Older joins us in the Ladybirds as the TA and Miss Reynolds (yes, another one!) is Miss Goodsell's job share (teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Ladybirds).

Mr Waters will be in school on a Wednesday alongside Mr Young. Together, they will be teaching PE across the school.

ALL PE lessons this year will be taking place on a Monday and a Wednesday.

I know that you will all make them feel welcome in our team.

School Gateway

All bookings for lunches, clubs and trips along with any payments must be made using our app. If you need support with accessing School Gateway please contact the office, we will do our very best to help you.



Schoolgateway

All parents must have this app as we use it for all our email, text messages and payments. Access to the app is available here [School Gateway Login](#) please use the telephone number and email address which you have shared with us to set up your account.

Uniform

The children have all returned looking very smart in their uniforms. **Please ensure that all of their uniform is labelled, we know how frustrating it is when they lose a new jumper.**

We do have some spare uniform here in school, if you are keen to support recycling, please feel free to come and look through the cupboard, the items needed could be there... Let us know so that a convenient time can be arranged for you to look.

As PE will take place on a Monday and Wednesday each week, children must wear appropriate PE clothing on these days. This term, we will also be taking the Dragonflies for swimming lessons as a part of our PE curriculum, this will also take place on a Monday.

Eating at School



Over the holidays your child may have been eating you out of house and home; how is it they always need something to eat? Pupils in the Ladybirds and Bumblebees are already provided with a free piece of fruit each day; however, these are not provided in Dragonflies and Scorpions. If children would like to bring in a snack for break times, please ensure these are healthy and not crisps, chocolate etc. Any fruit, vegetable, cereal bar, cheese or cracker-based snack would be ideal.

The menu for school dinners is available on the School Gateway App. The price of a school dinner is £2.85 per day for pupils in Years 3 -6. These should be ordered before 8.30am on the day that it is needed and can be ordered in advance if you prefer.

Children in Key Stage 1 (Bumblebees and Ladybirds classes) are all entitled to a free **hot** school dinner (Universal Free School Meals).

All dinners, including Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals, must be booked using our app.

If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit; <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>. Even if they are in Ladybirds and Bumblebees (and may not wish to have dinners regularly), you should still apply, this does benefit the you and the school financially.

Class Dojo



We enjoy celebrating achievement here in school, to keep track of your child's rewards in class and also if you would like to message your child's class teacher please use our Class Dojo – a reminder for how to log on to check their progress will be sent over the next few days.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Both our before and after school provisions are available for all pupils to attend daily. Sessions must be booked in advance using the app to ensure that we have the correct provisions in place.

Our other afterschool clubs started this week. Please remember, these are chargeable at £4 per session and spaces should be booked via the app before 2pm on the day, or in advance should you prefer.

This term will be:

- Tuesday – Judo Club with Caz (Year 1-6)
- Wednesday – Football with Mr. Waters and Mr. Young (Year 1-6)
Children will not be able to take part if they don't have football boots, shin guards and football socks

All clubs MUST be booked on the School Gateway App, we regret that spaces are limited – if you would like to be placed on the waiting list of a club, please contact the school office via email office@graveney.kent.sch.uk.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 22nd September - Last day to purchase books from the Book Fair after school in Hall
- Thursday 2nd October - Special Census Day lunch menu – details to follow
- Friday 3rd October – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Graveney at 9:30am (parents welcome)
- Tuesday 14th October - Parent Consultations (Not Ladybirds)
- Wednesday 15th October - Parent Consultations (All Classes)
- Friday 17th October - End of Term 1 – **3.15PM FINISH** – We are off for 2 weeks (Half Term break & Inset week)
- Monday 3rd November - Start of Term 2!
- Thursday 13th November - Individual/Sibling School photographs
- Friday 14th November - World Diabetes Day - Non-Uniform Day - wear blue!
- Wednesday 10th December - Ladybirds and Bumblebees Christmas Nativity Performances
- Monday 15th December - Panto Bus in school – Sleeping Beauty
- Friday 19th December - End of Term 2 - **2pm FINISH** – **No Activity Club available**