



# Graveney Primary - Newsletter 5

*'Learning and Achieving Together'*

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## Photographs

Welcome back to school, I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday. This term is another fun packed one here at Graveney. We have already faced our first challenge, unfortunately our photographer arrived here in school a day earlier than we were expecting! We have therefore re-arranged this date; **our individual and sibling photographs will now be taken on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November during the morning**. If you would like a photo with any younger siblings, please let the school office know so that these can be organised with the photographer. Please note that all pupils need to wear their school uniform on this day (we will adapt our PE lessons to make them appropriate). Football club will still take place after school, if your child is taking part in this club they will need to bring in their kit to change into at the end of the day.

## School Dinners

Chartwells who provide our school dinners have also notified us of an increase in the cost of our school dinners, with effect immediately these are now £2.73 per day. Please can a remind everyone that all dinners (even if your child is entitled to a free school meal) must be booked on our app. We are still needing to contact some parents daily who have not booked these, from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November if there is no booking made of the app will assume that you will be providing them with a home packed lunch. Parents will be expected to bring this into school at lunchtime if their child does not have a lunch with them.

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, you should still apply, this does benefit both you and the school financially.

## Poppy Appeal

The box to support the Poppy Appeal is now in school. If you would like to purchase a poppy, wrist band, snap band these are now in the school office. We will be bringing these to the gate in the playground to collect your donations for them over the next few days where we will have their cash donation box.



## Snacks at School

Over the holidays your child may have been eating you out of house and home; how is it they do 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 healthy snack or piece of fruit to eat during the break time this is welcomed (sorry no crisps or chocolate for play time snacks)



## Allergens

Due to some allergies within our school, we are now a nut free school. If a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed politely and we will explain why this has been done. We thank you for your support and co-operation regarding this matter.



## Children in Need



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need. The school council have requested we have a talent show to celebrate this event and this will also be a non-uniform day for our pupils – anything goes so fancy dress, PJ's or their favourite football kits can be worn for the day. We will also be collecting a donation for this charity on our App for those who would like to support the incredible work that they do for children and their families.

## Times Tables Rock Stars Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 14th November 2024. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](https://play.ttrockstars.com).

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 14th November 2024. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.



## Parking

Thank you to everyone who has responded so positively to the new signs outside of the school – we have dramatically reduced the number of people using the zig-zag lines. We have now unfortunately had some parents using the end of Sandbanks as a place to stop and drop off their children, this is a very busy junction in the mornings and not an ideal place to stop and drop off from. Please remember that our carpark is the safest place for you to stop and drop off your children.

## Important Dates:

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 2
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9.30–11.30am Open morning for Reception starting September 2025
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Cake stall – Bumblebees and Dragonflies to bring in cakes
- 11<sup>th</sup> – No Swimming – Faversham Pool Closed
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need – Non-Uniform and Talent Show
- 18<sup>th</sup> – School Photos (Individual and Sibling Photographs) – Please note new date
- 18<sup>th</sup> – No Swimming – Faversham Pool Closed
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 9.30–11.30am Open morning for Reception starting September 2025
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day – bring along teddies and bottles for our Tombola stalls

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Bumblebees and Ladybirds Nativity - further details to follow
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations (All year groups)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fair - 2pm – 4pm more information to follow
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day – more information to follow
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Panto Bus will be in school
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Final Swimming session
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner – further details to follow
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term – school closes at 2pm

Don't forget to sign up for the link to the [school calendar](#) on our website. All the important dates for this year have already been added 😊