



Graveney Primary - Newsletter

1

'Learning and Achieving Together'

3rd September 2024

Contact us: office@graveney.kent.sch.uk Tel: 01795 532005

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 are joining us this week. We hope you all have lots of fun learning and achieving with us. Next week they will be staying a little longer and joining us for lunches (finishing at 1.30pm). If there are any Ladybird Parents who would like to meet with Miss Goodsell or Miss Crickson for a chat next week, please do speak with her to arrange a convenient time in the afternoons.

Staffing Update

I would also like to officially welcome Miss Crickson our new Ladybirds class teacher to the team (she will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and also Miss Rickard who will be supporting in the Ladybirds and also in the Bumblebees.

Mrs Cramphorn has also joined our team this term and will be supporting learning in the Scorpions class.

Mr Waters will also be spending more time here at Graveney this term, and will be supporting in all our classes and also with our PE lessons this term.

ALL PE lessons this year will be taking place on a Monday and a Wednesday when he is here in school.

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, I 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.

Please note that our PE days have changed this year. **PE will now take place on a Monday and Wednesday each week.** 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 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 snacks play time)

The menu for school dinners is available on the School Gateway App. The price of the school dinner is £2.58 per day for pupils in Year 3 -6. These should be ordered before 8.45am on the day that it is needed.

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

All dinners 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 send 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. Running out of pancakes can be very distressing!!

Our other afterschool clubs will start next week.

This term will be:

Monday – Football Club with Mr Waters (Years 1-6)

Tuesday – Judo Club with Caz (Year 1-6)

Wednesday – Basketball with Mr Waters (Year 1-6)

Thursday – Dance with Elodie (Year 1-6)

Friday - Choir with Elodie (Year 2-6 only)

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 .

Kent Test

Wishing all the pupils taking the Kent Test on Thursday
12th September lots of luck.

