



# The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
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## Message from Mrs Ballinger

It was a privilege and delight to welcome prospective Reception 2023 families to our open morning on Wednesday. The morning consisted of an information session and tour of the school. A real highlight was watching our Y6 House Captains stand up and talk about our school and what we have to offer. They were phenomenal! Thank you and well done Humphrey, Harry, Ben, Kit, Luca, Karson, Abigail & Leni, you did a fantastic job of promoting our school and made us all super proud. The parents visiting thought that you were amazing!



It certainly began to feel a lot like Christmas this week as FROGS hosted the Christmas Craft Club after school sessions. There was a large variety of crafts for the children to enjoy and complete and this would not have been possible without all the hard work and preparation before the day, in addition to all the parental assistance/support during the sessions.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ASSISTED!**

The clubs were incredibly well attended and the festive atmosphere and buzz in the hall was wonderful to be part of.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

Last week we enjoyed hosting the Scholastic Book Fayre in school for the first time in a few years. Thank you so much to all who visited and bought some books. Thank you also for being patient whilst using the cashless system! We took £965.46 which was incredible, this has raised £463.76 in commission.

This will be spent on new books for the school library.



## Carol Service



We are excited to be able to return to St. John the Baptist Church for a Carol Service on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

This is an opportunity for the Greysbrooke community to come together to sing some carols and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

The concert will begin at 10am and we would love it if you could join us.

## Christmas Performance



Just a note to say that if you are attending an afternoon performance and wish to collect your child/children immediately after the performance you may do so. Children can be collected from the usual KS exits in the playground.

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**Thank you  
for supporting our Children in Need fundraising**



It was Children in Need day on Friday November 18th. We had a great day in school joining in with fun Pudsey related activities. We raised £424.00 as a school. Thank you to everyone who donated.



A special mention for Celia in Year 4 who worked especially hard to raise money and baked delicious cakes for the staff to buy; She raised £35.71! Well done Celia we are all incredibly proud of you and your fundraising achievement!



Also well done to Rose and Macie from Year 4. The girls put together their sweets and sold them to raise £13.05



## 'The Floor is Lava'

Congratulations to Sam, Year 1, who has won the competition to name the new Key Stage 1 play equipment. This was a competition that we ran for children in Key Stage 1.



Children were asked to think of a name for the new equipment and give their reason for the name. The Key Stage 2 School Council then had the tricky job of short listing the names before an online vote was carried out. Thank you to all children that took part, we had a great response and it really was very difficult to narrow down the choices. Sam's winning name was 'The Floor is Lava' with his reason being, you need to move across the equipment and not touch the floor.

Sam wins a small prize and will have his winning name placed on the equipment.

## Lichfield Food Bank

We have received a thank you letter from Lichfield Food bank for the harvest donations you gave. In total the food weighed 113kg which is the equivalent of 269 meals. That is fabulous, thank you so much.

Earlier this week we sent out communications about the Reverse Advent Calendar which we will be doing again this year. A copy of the calendar is attached to this edition of Grapevine and any donation you can make will of course be greatly appreciated.

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## Music Tuition

Next term we have spaces for children in Key Stage 2 for keyboard tuition.  
The cost of this is £68 a term and classes are held on a Tuesday afternoon in school hours.  
If you are interested please contact the school office at  
[notifications@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:notifications@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk)

## School Clubs

Please keep an eye out for information about the clubs that will be on offer for Spring term.  
We are busy putting together the timetable and will get this information out to you in the next few weeks.

## Support

We know that families across the country and our local area are being affected daily with the rise in fuel / energy costs and inflation and that this is an expensive time of year.



We are here to support and can signpost you to services which may be able to assist so if you are worried, finding it hard to make ends meet, please do reach out to us. You can make contact via the notifications email.



## Important Dates



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - INSET DAY - School closed to pupils  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - last day to return Ticket slips for Christmas performances  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Progressive sports in School all children to wear sports kits  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - School Age Immunisation Team on site for Flu vaccinations  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - FROGS non-school uniform day - more info to follow  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Last session of Dance Depot for the term  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - 12 - 3pm Greysbrooke Christmas Fayre  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - last session of Multi skills sports club for the term  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - last session of Football club for the term  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performance Rec/KS1 at 2pm & KS2 at 6pm  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performance KS2 at 2pm & Rec/KS1 at 6pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Grandparents Christmas Performance Rec/KS1 at 10am & KS2 at 2pm  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper day - more info to follow  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Pantomime Trip  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner day  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Reception & KS1 Christmas party  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm for parents of children in the bands  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Party  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am Carol service at St John the Baptist Church Shenstone

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## Learning Update

### Reception



We have been learning about Diwali, we had a great time tasting Indian Food, we tasted naan bread, pakora's, onion bhajee's, mango chutney and vegetable samosas. We used lots of describing words to say how we felt about the different tastes.



We made diya lamps, fireworks and this wonderful display showing all of our work. We read the story of Rama and Sita and wrote about it.



We have just started learning about the story of the Gruffalo, we had a fantastic time looking for the different characters from the story on the playing fields. We found an owl in a tree, a mouse in a hole and a snake in a bush. We made the snake his own log pile house.

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## Year 1



Remember, remember, the fifth of November!

Year 1 have really enjoyed becoming historians and learning all about The Gunpowder Plot. Developing their understanding of chronology, they began by exploring the concepts of past, present and future. They were then able to apply this knowledge to their learning on Guy Fawkes; exploring who he was, the events that took place, why they took place and what became as result of this build-up of events. Take a look at our Twitter page to see the class in action!

Greysbrooke have been supporting some great causes over the past few weeks and Year 1 really came together for 'Anti Bullying Week'. We spoke about how our kind words really can make a difference. Each child was given a name of one of their classmates that they were to write an anonymous message to using their kind words. The care and support that they all showed for one another was so special to see, and the smiles on all of their faces helped them understand just how powerful our kind words can be!

In Geography, Toothless the dragon has been taking Year 1 on a tour of

the UK and teaching them all about the countries that make up our nation. From cities and cultures to landmarks and ancient legends; the class have been fully immersed in their 'tour', developing their atlas skills and learning all about the four main cardinal directions (Just ask them about the North, East, South and West song...) They really are excited to continue their tour and meet more of Toothless' friends along the way. I wonder where Toothless will take them next?



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## Year 2

Building on their knowledge of Shenstone, Year 2 have broadened their horizons, travelled slightly further afield and have been learning all about the history of Lichfield. We have found out what has been in Lichfield for over 1600 years and what has been more recently built. Did you know there used to be a cattle market where Tesco now stands, people used to drink the water from Stowe Pool and Beacon Park used to be farmland?

We have found out about some of the different buildings in Lichfield and some of the not so pleasant things about Tudor buildings!

We have also been finding out about one of Lichfield's most famous residents-Samuel Johnson. We have been using printing materials from the Samuel Johnson museum to create their own dictionary.

If you want to find out more about the history of Lichfield, why not download the Lichfield Time Travellers App, where you can open time portals and meet people from Lichfield's history while collecting rewards for your Time Traveller's Backpack.



We had great fun this week at the end of our DT topic. After having tasted dips and dippers, we made our own guacamole dip. We spent the morning chopping and mashing, squeezing and mix until we had guacamole. We tasted this in school with our favourite dippers, it went down very well!



Our science topic has been looking at humans and animals. We have been looking at the differences between young and old, sorting animals and finding out how to look after ourselves. We designed a healthy meal using the Eatwell plate and carried out an investigation about germs. We used glitter to represent the germs, looked at how easily they spread and the best way to remove the germs.

As well as this, we have written some fantastic descriptions about Pudsey Bear, taken part in the whole school art project, practiced our sketching skills, worn odd socks, learnt lots of new shape words in maths, created dreams and wishes for Mrs Coxon's baby, found out about the continents, added to our phonics knowledge and have been getting ready for the Christmas performance.



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The students, parents, and staff of  
**GREYSBROOKE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

Thank you for your Harvest food  
donations!

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Thank you for helping us support  
people in need in Lichfield and the  
surrounding villages

**Thank You!**

Find out more: [www.lichfield.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.lichfield.foodbank.org.uk)

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- Income maximisation
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### Self referral

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- Name
- Contact info
- Address
- Where have you heard of this support
- What support you require

# Reverse Advent Calendar 2022

 <b>1</b>	Tinned Veg	 <b>2</b>	Biscuits	 <b>3</b>	Tinned soup	 <b>4</b>	UHT milk	 <b>5</b>	Tinned ham	 <b>6</b>	Chocolates
 <b>7</b>	Tea bags	 <b>8</b>	Stuffing	 <b>9</b>	UHT fruit juice	 <b>10</b>	Cereal	 <b>11</b>	Toilet rolls	 <b>12</b>	Coffee
 <b>13</b>	Crisps	 <b>14</b>	Stew	 <b>15</b>	Tinned fruit	 <b>16</b>	Mince pies	    	<u>Happy Christmas</u>		

Thank you so much for you generous support in helping families this Christmas.

