



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 10th November 2023
Autumn Term Newsletter No: 5

Message from Mrs Ballinger

Welcome back to Autumn 2! I begin with a reminder that this half term is always an incredibly busy time of the year with lots of events scheduled on the run up to Christmas. Therefore, in order to stay up to date, be sure to keep your eyes on emails, texts, Twitter/X...we will do our best to give as much information and notice as possible!

It has been wonderful to see the children return this week with enthusiasm and immersing themselves in their learning and we are super excited to see what they will achieve this half term!

As you are aware, working effectively in partnership with parents is essential in aiding a child's progress and so thank you to all parents/carers who visited school on Tuesday and Thursday this week for parents evening meetings. We relish having the opportunity to be able to talk face-to-face with you about your child's progress and attainment and share their learning journey with you. For any parent/carer who was unable to attend but would still like to make an appointment, please contact the school office to organise a mutually convenient time for this to take place.

Attendance at school is not only a legal requirement but also a key factor in ensuring your child gets a broad and balanced education whilst enabling them to make progress. Missing time from school can lead to children having gaps in their learning and at risk of falling behind. Arriving late to school can not only lead to anxiety for the child who is late, but it also disrupts teaching routines and can affect the learning of others. It is our aim for all children to achieve at least 96% attendance. The table below highlights how much learning time is lost as a result of poor attendance / punctuality:

Attendance %	Days absent over school year
95	10
90	19
85	28
80	28

Minutes Late every day	Days of education lost per year
5	3
15	10
30	19

Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting families who we are concerned about and offering support to improve attendance and punctuality rates.

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On Tuesday evening, FROGS members met to discuss upcoming fundraising events and we are pleased to share the dates below for the remainder of the Autumn term:

Date	Event
Fri 24 th November	Teddy donations for GB Christmas Fair to be dropped off at school today
Sat 25 th November	Village Christmas Fair - FROGS @ The Cooper Rooms
Mon 4 th December	Donation Day for GB Christmas Fair to be dropped off at school today - children to wear non-uniform today
Mon 4 th December	KS2 Christmas Craft Club 3.15-4.30pm
Thurs 7 th December	Rec / KS1 Christmas Craft Club 3.15-4.30pm
Sat 9 th December	GB Christmas Fair at school 12-3pm

We will be looking for volunteers to help run and support these events so if you are able to help, please contact your class representative to express interest.

Village Christmas Market 25th November 2-6pm

Can you spare an hour or more helping in the Cooper Room?

A WhatsApp group has been set up, you can join the group using this link

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kvo7ieJ1WpUE4uIhUOr0Ua>

We are grateful for any support helping set up, run and clear up at this wonderful event.

Thanks in advance FROGS

Teddy tombola collection - 24th November

Do you have any new or pre loved unwanted teddies that you would be willing to rehome?

If you do, please bring your teddies to school and drop off at the bike shed, where FROGS will be collecting them (AM).

We will also be sending out detailed information via FROGS letter and Whatsapp message.

Thank you for your generosity and support

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Harvest Donations



A huge Thank you to everyone for your donations to Lichfield food bank prior to the half term break. Your generosity and support was greatly appreciated. Once again in December we will be supporting the Lichfield food bank with our reverse advent calendar.

Flu Vaccination - NHS consent

**Flu vaccinations will take place next Monday
13th November**

Last reminder to all parents that you need to complete the flu vaccination consent online.

To do this you will need your child's NHS number and a link to get this number is included in the email sent to you on the 25th of September.

NHS Families text support service & School Nurse - Virtual Drop In

NHS Midlands partnership have introduced a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire, and a virtual drop in school nurse clinic every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please see flyers attached to this edition of the Grapevine for more info on these NHS services to support families.

ATLP - TT Rock Stars Competition

**Monday 13th to Friday 17th November
8am to 6pm daily**

Next week during the times noted above children are encouraged to build a score on TT rock stars as part of an academy wide competition.

A special assembly will be held in the following weeks for winners.

To kick the week off Children are invited to **'Mad Hair Monday'**

Come to school with wild Rock Star hair...channel your inner Ozzy, Bowie Hendrix or Madonna



Children in Need



Children in need day is next Friday 17th November.

Children are asked to come to school in non-school uniform and donate to our just giving page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/greysbrooke-primary-school-1695637770223>

This year's theme encourages you to be SPOTacular We will be carrying out activities related to children in need in the classroom.



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 **SCHOLASTIC**

Next week

Daily from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the school hall



Forest School request.....

If anyone has any plain, light coloured sheets or duvet covers they no longer need, we would love them for our outdoor learning area.

Thank you



Dates for your diary



Please see the Calendar attached for important dates this term,
including payment deadlines!

This calendar will be updated and circulated with every edition of the Grapevine

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Learning Updates

Reception

Reception have had an incredibly busy half term. We have been busy learning our Set 1 letter sounds and are now starting to orally blend. In Maths we have looked at counting and subitising to 10, we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes and are now gaining an understanding of one more and one less.

Our curriculum has focused on topics linked to ourselves, traditional stories, autumn and also Diwali. We have worked really hard to understand the key vocabulary linked to these topics; understanding why we are unique and how we can all be different, the features of traditional stories and why Hindus celebrate Diwali.



A large part of settling into school has been working on our personal, social and emotional development. We have worked on developing our friendships, expressing our feelings, celebrating our individual differences and knowing how we learn best. Our fine and gross motors skills are developing daily and we thoroughly enjoy our expressive arts linked to our topic work.

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We were very excited about our 'Stick day' where we turned a boring old stick into something special, we also enjoyed a woodland walk. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from PSCO Rachel who came to introduce herself to the class. She talked about her role, her uniform and car and then let us try on the hats and see the car close up.



We look forward to the coming months with topics based on the Gruffalos child, woodland animals and Christmas.

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Year 1

Remember, remember the 5th of November!
It's been a great start back to the autumn term and year 1 have been working hard, as always. Continuing our learning of The Gunpowder Plot, we have spoken all about the importance of bonfire night and why we celebrate it every year. To support this, in our Art lesson, we created a firework display using the drawing skills that we have been practicing.



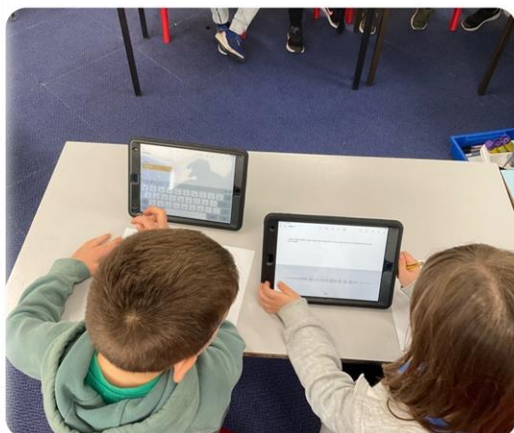
In maths, we have started a new unit on subtraction and the class have been great in using lots of resources to aid them with their learning. It's been lovely to see them all learning together and supporting one another.



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In computing, the class have been learning all about how they can use their iPads to help them when writing. They have been challenging themselves to use more complex vocabulary in their pieces of work and have been using the dictation tool on the iPads to help them with their spelling of some trickier words.



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Year 2

Year 2 were pleased to share their Harvest assembly with their parents at the end of last half term. Children sang songs, showed artwork, and shared what they had found out about traditions of Harvest festival. They shared a Harvest alphabet, even managing to find a food for the letters x- a xigua a type of watermelon and z- zucchini which we call courgette.



They are looking forward to their next opportunity to perform at Christmas

In history, children have been building on last year's local history topic and are spreading their knowledge a little further to Lichfield. They have looked at how Lichfield has changed over the years. They have compared maps from 2022, 1951, 1903, 1608 and were surprised to find that some buildings have been in Lichfield for over 400 years, some buildings have moved places and some have different uses.

In Lichfield you used to have a school but now it is a home. There is Stowe Pool you used to eat the fish in it but you can't do it anymore.

Violet

Tesco used to be a pub and before that it was a cattle market. In 1608 Beacon Park was not there it was a farm.

Marisa

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Stowe Pool was a place where you used to be able to have a drink, you can't drink the water in it now.

Caleb

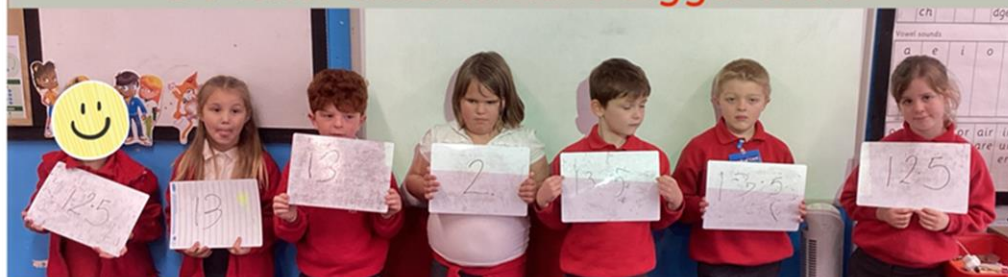
Their next discovery will be to find out who this man is and what he has to do with Lichfield.



Do taller children have bigger hands?



Do taller children have bigger feet?



We are all the same age, are our arms the same length?



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2023 Autumn Term - Parent / Carer Calendar

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Mon 13 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
Mon 13 th Nov	Mad Hair Day & start of the TT Rock Stars Competition
Mon 13 th Nov	NHS Flu vaccination programme
Mon 13 th - Thurs 12 th Nov	Scholastic Book Fayre 3.15pm - 4.15pm daily.
Thurs 16 th Nov	Whole School Art Project - with Kate Brinkworth
Fri 17 th Nov	Y1/Y4 Library visit
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need - non uniform day
Tues 21 st Nov	School tours for reception 2024
Fri 24 th Nov	Y5 Library visit
Thurs 30 th Nov	Last instalment for France 2024
Thurs 30 th Nov	Instalment 2 for Laches Wood 2024
Thurs 30 th Nov	1 st Instalment due for Ingestre Hall 2024
Fri 1 st Dec	Inset Day
Mon 4 th Dec	KS2 FROGs Christmas craft club
Thurs 7 th Dec	Reception Christmas Trip
Thurs 7 th Dec	Reception & KS1 FROGs Christmas craft club
Fri 8 th Dec	Y2/3 visit to Shenstone Library
Saturday 9 th Dec	FROGs Christmas Fayre 12 noon to 3pm
Tues 12 th Dec	Grandparents Christmas Performances KS2 AM & KS1 PM
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Performances KS1 2pm / KS2 6pm
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Performances KS2 2pm / KS1 6pm
Fri 15 th Dec	Y6 visit to Shenstone Library
Mon 18 th Dec	KS2 Christmas party afternoon
Tues 19 th Dec	KS1 Christmas party afternoon
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner day - wear Christmas Jumper / dress today!
Wed 20 th Dec	Rocksteady performance to rocksteady parents@2.30pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	Carol Concert at ST John the Baptist Church @9.30am
Thurs 21 st Dec	Toy day & School closes for Christmas break
Fri 22 nd Dec	Inset Day



Lichfield & Rugeley Music Centre

Rehearsals and Concerts 2023/24

Centre Manager: johanna.owens@entrust-ed.co.uk

Contact us

Call 0333 300 1900 or
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www.themusicpartnership.org.uk

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WHAT'S ON?

Lichfield & Rugeley Music Centre

Venue: King Edward VI School, Lichfield, WS14 9EE

When: Monday weekly and Saturday fortnightly rehearsals

Monday weekly rehearsals

East Staffordshire Stomp

Time: 16:20-17:20

Level: All welcome

Tutor: Mrs Cooke/Mr Reverelle

Lichfield Training Wind Band

Time: 17:00-18:00

Level: Grade 1 to Grade 2

Tutor: Mrs Miller

Lichfield Wind Band

Time: 17:00-18:15

Level: Grade 3 and above

Tutor: Mrs Owens

Rock Band

Time: 17:45-18:45

Level: Grade 3 and above

Tutor: Mr Walters

Lichfield 'Launch Pad'

Time: 16:30-17:30

Level: Beginners to Grade 2

Tutor: Mr Walters

Lichfield Stringers

Time: 17:00-18:00

Level: Beginners to Grade 2

Tutor: Mrs Allen

Lichfield Beginner Wind Band

Time: 17:30-18:30

Level: Beginners and improvers

Tutor: Mrs Smith/Mrs Walters

Staffordshire Jazz East

Time: 18:45-19:45

Level: Grade 4 and above

Tutor: Mr Bennett/Mrs Miller

Dates

September 18, 25 October 2, 9, 16, 23 November 6, 13, 20, 27 (24 Concert Only - Jazz) December 2 (Concert only)
January 15, 22, 29 February 5, 19, 26 March 4, 11, 18 April 15, 22, 29 May 13, 20 June 3, 10, 15 (Concert only)

Saturday fortnightly rehearsals

Staffordshire String Ensemble

Time: 10:00-11:00

Level: Grade 3 and above

Tutor: Mr Galley

Staffordshire Orchestra

Time: 11:15-13:00

Level: Grade 3 and above

Tutor: Mrs Owens/Mr Galley

Dates

September 23 October 7, 21 November 11, 25 December 5 (Concert Only - Cathedral)
January 20 February 3 March 2, 9, 16 April 13, 27 May 11 June 8, 15 (Concert only)

Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm



Your School Nurse
is here to help you
feel healthy, happy
and safe during
your school years
and to get the best
from your
education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and
friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse



Families' Health and Wellbeing Service (0-19)



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NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

We now have a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

TEXT: 07520 615722



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support

Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties

Family health



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

