



Greystoke Newsletter

Happy New Year - Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and new year and we are now looking forward to another busy term.

Here are some of the activities planned for the next term:
Our youngest children will be looking forward to performing in the early years production and later on, Reception classes will take a trip to West Lodge Farm park. Year 2 will be looking at vehicles from the past whilst visiting Coventry Transport Museum tomorrow. Some of our older children will be completing a bikeability course to enable them to be able to ride their bikes on the road safely. The highlight for our year 3/4 children will be a possible trip to Cadbury World to tie in with their topic of chocolate! We have class assemblies by Yellow and Turquoise classes and also an outside assembly by Magical Maths to entertain the children.

It all looks to be an exciting new term.

Missing Reading Books

After a recent audit, the school has been found to be missing almost **200 reading books**. These books are an essential part of children's learning and development and are a very valuable resource that will be expensive for the school to replace. I'm sure you are aware budgets are very tight and it is money the school can ill afford to spend. We would ask that everybody has a good hunt around at home and return any found books to the school immediately. There will be no repercussions if you find books that have been at home for a very long time, they will just be gratefully received back!!

Applying For Primary School Places

This is a reminder for parents whose children are in our nursery, or whose children turn four before the 1st September 2018. The deadline for applications for your child to start primary school is Monday 15th January 2018.

Please apply online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions and look under Narborough - Greystoke.

English and Maths Guides

We have a limited number of English and/or maths study guides on sale for KS2 children based on the current curriculum which may help children and parents with homework. The guides give information on grammar terms used in English and explanations of how to use them correctly. The maths guides show methods, examples and tips to show exactly what to do.

Each guide costs £2.50 and are available from the office.

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House Points

Dragons	158
Minotaurs	233
Phoenix	135
Unicorns	144

Well done Minotaurs

With this newsletter:

- Karate Leaflet
- Learning Through Drama
- Parents Evening

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Term Dates 2018

Spring Term

February Half Term Monday 12th -
Friday 16th February
School Closes Friday Evening 23rd
March

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 9th April
May Day - Monday 7th May
May Half Term Monday 28th May -
Friday 1st June
School Closes Friday 13th July

School Dates:

Thursday 11th January - Year 2 Visit
Coventry Transport Museum
Thursday 25th January - Yellow Class
Assembly
Tuesday 30th January / Thursday 1st
February - Parents Evenings
Wednesday 7th February - Early
Years Production
Thursday 22nd February - Turquoise
Class Assembly

Year 5 Girls

Over the next few weeks the year 5 girls are being taught about puberty and how their body changes in their PSHE lessons. If you have any issues or concerns regarding this topic, please speak to Mrs Roberts.

Certificates

Before Christmas certificates were awarded to:
Louis from Crimson Class for being a great role model in reciprocal reading and for his great progress in maths.
From Magenta Class Iris and Abigail for their super chocolate poems for homework.
Amelia from Violet Class for her good description in English on settings.
From Purple Class Fausto for finding fraction amounts in maths.
In Yellow Class Ned for his good problem solving and reasoning in maths (fractions).
From Green Class Polly for her improved attitude to learning and trying hard.
Luke from Orange Class for his brilliant letter to Santa with a huge list of Christmas wishes!
In Red Class Valentina for developing confidence in all areas of her learning.
From Blue Class Hollie for her super creations on the creative table and her good behaviour.
Nursery were pleased with all their children for their great learning last term.

Arriving Late

An increasing number of children appear to be arriving late to school in the morning. Can we remind parents that gates open at 8.40am and children should be in school ready for registration by 8.50am. This registration period is used by children to complete feedback from teachers after their work has been marked and is an important part of your child's learning. Please ensure children are in school for this time.

Lunchtime Drinks Prices

Water is free of charge to all children at lunchtime, but drinks are available to buy if required, the prices for these are as follows: Aquajuce 35p, Fruit Juice 35p, Flavoured Milkshakes 45p, Milk 31p and Mineral Water 30p.

Last Term

Casting our minds back to the end of last term, the children all thoroughly enjoyed their trip out to the pantomime to see Robin Hood and were fantastically well behaved. We collected £266 for Save the Children by looking festive wearing Christmas jumpers and we finished the term with our annual carol service which was a wonderful end to the year and was really well supported. Thank you.