

# Greystoke Newsletter



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## Settling In

The children and staff are all settling back well into school life with all the new starters getting to grips with the way the school works. The split of year 5 and 6 children into single classes appears to be going well with the smaller class sizes benefitting learning.

There have been some changes to the school over the summer which include a 'book nook' for KS1 children to enjoy by the office and a 'reading shack' for the KS2 children. There are fiction and non-fiction books in both areas.

## Respect Assembly

The focus of this weeks assembly has been about respect; self respect and respecting others in our words and actions. On this note, we would request that whilst in and around the school grounds we are respectful and courteous of others. We would therefore ask that no bikes and scooters are ridden in the grounds and that children are taught to give way to pushchairs and wheelchairs.

## School Trips

As I'm sure you are aware from watching the news and reading the newspapers, schools budgets for the coming year are very tight. As such the school is becoming ever more reliant on parents meeting the full costs of school trips and experiences. In previous years the cost of some trips have been quite heavily subsidised by the school, but in the present circumstances that will not be possible. In the future if a parent does not pay for their child to go on a trip or on an in-school experience the visit/experience is likely to be cancelled for **all** children.

Please support the school to make learning fun for your child.

## Year 3/4 Children

Please could we ask parents of children in years 3/4 not to accompany their child to their classroom in the morning as we are trying to encourage children to become a little more independent. Teaching staff will still be available to talk to parents at the end of the day or Mrs Gray is usually on the playground to welcome children into school in the morning.

### House Points

Dragons	117
Minotaurs	115
Phoenix	115
Unicorns	119

Well done Unicorns!

### With this newsletter:

- Scholastic Books
- Brockington Letter  
Yr 6 Children
- Black Hole Year 6
- Toy Workshop  
Year 1
- Life Education  
Years 3/4, 5 and 6
- Swimming Rec-Yr4
- Year Planner
- E-mail Attachment

## Brockington Open Morning

All year 6 children will be coming home today with a letter from Brockington inviting them to an open morning and evening. Children and parents will make their own way to and from Brockington on the morning and return to Greystoke mid-morning. **If your child requires a hot dinner on this day it will need to be ordered on Tuesday 26th September.**

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## Term Dates 2017/2018

### Autumn Term

October Half Term Monday 16th -  
Friday 20th October  
School closes Tuesday evening 19th  
December for Christmas

### Spring Term

School Opens Monday 8th January  
2018  
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:

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd  
September Year 6 Residential  
Thursday 21st September - Violet  
Class Assembly  
Wednesday 27th September - Year 1  
Toy Workshop  
Wednesday 4th October - Year 6  
Black Hole Experience  
Thursday 5th October - Indigo Class  
Assembly

### Certificates

Last week certificates were awarded to:  
Finley from Aquamarine for his amazing enthusiasm  
for science.  
From Crimson Class Mia for demonstrating her skills  
confidently to her peers.  
In Emerald Class Mia for her outstanding attitude and  
effort in all areas.  
Grace from Magenta Class for her great science work  
on light.  
In Turquoise Class George for reflecting on his work.  
From Violet Class Abbie for her fantastic start to year  
3 and enthusiasm for reading.  
In Purple Class Joseph for clarifying words in reading.  
Jasmyn in Yellow Class for her good understanding in  
maths of place value.  
From Green Class Ava for her good work particularly  
in English.  
Jacob from Orange Class for his super work in maths.  
Lillian in Red Class for painting a fabulous picture of  
herself.  
From Blue Class Darcie for her excellent work with  
maths.

### Brockington Orchestra

Brockington Orchestra is looking to invite able  
musicians from years 5 and 6, who play orchestral  
instruments to get involved with their orchestra.  
The orchestra meets on a Thursday from 3.30-  
4.30pm at Brockington. Parents would be required to  
drop off and collect their child from rehearsals.  
For further information please contact Ms O'Hara by  
email on [roh@brockington.leics.sch.uk](mailto:roh@brockington.leics.sch.uk)

### £1 PE T-Shirts

We still have a small  
number of PE t-shirts left  
with the old school logo  
on. These are on sale  
from the office for just £1.  
Sizes and colours are  
limited, but if you are  
interested please see the  
office.  
Any remaining t-shirts will  
be disposed of.

### PTA Support

Please support the PTA  
AGM next Wednesday  
20th September, 8pm at  
The Plough in  
Littlethorpe, they are  
always happy to welcome  
new members!  
As the present PTA is  
stepping down they will  
be looking for people to fill  
committee positions  
otherwise the PTA will  
unfortunately cease.