

Greystoke Newsletter



Minister of State for School Standards

Greystoke was very pleased to receive the following letter last week from the Rt Honourable Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards:

Dear Mrs Thornton

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2017 phonics screening check.

Early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading. There is a substantial body of evidence demonstrating that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With **100% of pupils at Greystoke reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 3% of all primary schools in the country.** Your success in teaching phonics means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal again this year with a range of goods on sale during **break time**. These will be on sale this week from **break time on Thursday 2nd November**.

Friendship Bracelets and Slap Rulers are priced at £1 and Wristbands and Reflectors are priced at 50p. We are asking for a donation of 50p for Poppies. Please help support this charity.



Christmas Cards



Sample Christmas cards designed by your child are being sent home in book bags today. These will be available to order as cards, mugs, fridge magnets, teddies and lots of other products!

Please make sure that you have your order back into school by the end of day on **Wednesday 8th November** and that any cheques are made payable to Greystoke Primary School.

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House Points

Dragons	349
Minotaurs	323
Phoenix	314
Unicorns	296

Well done Dragons!

With this newsletter:

- DSAT Admission Consultation by email
- Pantomime Letter
- Christmas Card Designs

Children In Need

On Friday 17th November Greystoke will be going **spotty** supporting the BBC's Children In Need. We are asking the



children to wear something with spots on and donate £1.

Please return your completed flu immunisation forms back to the office by 8th November.

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School Dates:

Thursday 2nd November - Emerald Class Assembly
Friday 3rd November - PTA Disco
Thursday 9th November - Botanical Gardens Trip Year 2
Thursday 9th November - Warwick Castle Trip Year 5
Friday 17th November - children In Need
Thursday 23rd November - Crimson Class Assembly
Thursday 30th November - Christmas Decorations Afternoon

Diwali Celebrations

Many thanks to Mrs Joshi who came into school last week and taught year 2 children about Diwali. She helped them create Rangoli patterns in coloured powders and bought in clothes for the children to try on.



Diwali foods and sweets were also shared. The children thoroughly enjoyed their learning experience.

Halloween Disco Tickets Friday 3rd November

Infant Disco 6pm-7pm
Junior Disco 7.30pm-8.30pm
Nursery children are welcome to the infant disco but parents must stay with their child.

Tickets are £2 - from the office
Prizes for the best fancy dress and best dancers!

Try our Yucky Dips and play games!

Certificates

Last week certificates were awarded to:
Poppy in Aquamarine class for her outstanding homework on space.
From Indigo Class Mya for creating a fantastic PE gym routine and being really helpful around class.
Jamie from Crimson Class for his excellent understanding of Roman numerals.
From Magenta Class Erin for her great history work on Roman Leicester.
Isabella in Turquoise Class for always working well in a group and improving in her basic skills test.
In Violet Class Finley for his fantastic performance of a poem on squirrels and George for his brilliant silhouette in the style of August Edouart.
Curtis from Purple Class for showing confidence in recalling times table facts.
From Yellow Class Bethany for her summary of the Dogger Story.
Joseph from Green Class for being more confident and independent.
Daniel from Orange Class for his great set of instructions.
From Red Class Rohan for his great phonics and super work with o'clock times.
In Blue Class Hugo for his o'clock work and also helping his friends.
Nursery were pleased with Colton for lovely creative work and Piper for writing the letters of her name.

Staff Retirement

We must say thank you and goodbye this Friday to Mrs Smith who has managed our school kitchen for 25 years. We wish her well for a happy and well deserved retirement.

Leicester South Foodbank

The foodbank would like us to pass on their gratitude for the food donated through our Harvest appeal and say how much they appreciate our compassion for those in need. The food will be put to very good use.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat the whole family if they are found. The treatment must be repeated until the hair is clear on more than one occasion to prevent a repeat occurrence.

Decorations Afternoon

Our annual Christmas decorations afternoon will take place on Thursday 30th November from 1.30pm. Please can we remind parents that younger siblings/babies cannot be accommodated in school on this day.