



# Greystoke Newsletter

## PTA - Help Needed!!

We are very lucky to have a PTA at Greystoke Primary School. They help the school by raising money which we are able to spend on wonderful things like playground equipment and new tablets. This year, they have paid for the theatre trip buses and crackers for Christmas dinner. The events they organise are to help raise this money but also a chance for parents and children to meet and to support the school. Our discos are some of the most well attended in the area and movie night was a great hit!

In order to carry out all this voluntary work, they need a band of helpers to keep these events going. Helping the PTA can be anything from giving time at an event to taking on a role on the committee but they do need a commitment from parents that they will help.

At the moment they are struggling for support and for the PTA to continue they do need some more parents to make a commitment to help. If everyone can give a small amount of their time, it would be great.

Mary Thornton

## PTA Vacancies

The PTA urgently need a new, committed PTA Treasurer as this role has become vacant. We are also looking for a Vice Chair to support the existing roles. Unfortunately, the PTA will cease to exist and future PTA events will therefore not take place if these positions are not filled. If you are interested in either position or wish to find out further details please message us via the PTA Greystoke Facebook page or leave your details with the Office for us to contact you. Our next meeting is Wednesday 1st February, 8pm, at The Plough in Littlethorpe, **everyone is welcome.**

## Social media

I would like to make it clear where, as a school, we stand on the use of social media. I think it is great at times and allows huge amounts of information to flow and I am sure that many parents and other professionals enjoy the news of the school on our twitter account.

But the use of social media must have some boundaries which I would like to clarify. If you attend a school event, production, achievement or class assembly, we are happy for you to take photos or videos but **they must only be for private family use and not posted on social media.** There are children in our school whose photos are not allowed to be published and parents who don't want their children to have their photos taken. As you are not aware of who these children are, it is easy to show them in any shot you take even if they are only in the audience.

I know that photos continue to be shared openly on line and if this continues then, in order to safeguard the children, I will have to say no photos at events. I think that would be a shame as I am sure they add to the memories of the events.

Mary Thornton

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### House Points

Dragons	133
Minotaurs	173
Phoenix	155
Unicorns	156

Well done Minotaurs

### With this newsletter:

- Reception/Nursery Production Letter
- Football and Fitness Holiday club

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### Term Dates: 2017

#### Spring

February Half Term Monday 13th -  
Friday 17th February 2017  
School closes Friday evening 7th  
April 2017 for Easter

#### Summer

School opens Monday 24th April 2017  
May Day - Monday 1st May 2017  
Half Term - Monday 29th May - Friday  
2nd June 2017  
School closes Thursday evening 13th  
July 2017 for Summer Holiday

### School Dates:

Friday 27th January - Reception Trip  
to West Lodge Rural Centre  
Tuesday 31st January and Thursday  
2nd February - Parents Evening  
Thursday 9th February - Turquoise  
Class Assembly

### Dance Off

Last Friday afternoon, 10 of our Year 5/6 children competed in the DSAT Dance Off Competition at Kibworth Primary School against three other schools. The children danced to the song Cold Water by Justin Bieber choreographed by Miss Reed and performed it in front of two judges and the children from the other schools. The dancers then learnt a new routine to perform. Abigail Prince from our school won the certificate for best learnt new routine, so well done to her and all our dancers who performed brilliantly!!

### Certificates

Last week certificates were awarded to:  
Kieran Page from Emerald Class for putting his hand up and participating more in class.  
From Crimson Class Jessica Osborn for her persuasive advert for homework and her continued hard work in all subjects.  
In Aquamarine Class Joshua White for his excellent writing about Henry VIII.  
Isabelle Browne from Magenta Class for trying really hard to improve her handwriting.  
From Turquoise Class Charlie-Taylor Crowther for his improved attitude towards presentation and quality of his work.  
In Violet Class Evie Downward for her fantastic homework of a Mayan temple.  
Phoenix Tharane from Purple Class for using command, statement and question sentences on writing.  
From Yellow Class Natalia Lightbown for being more confident and fluent in her reading.  
In Green Class Fausto Brown for great maths work and a fantastic dragon for homework.  
Rhys Leach in Orange Class for great maths work.  
From Red Class Charlie Harrison for his amazing effort and improvement in phonics.  
Poppy Jones from Blue Class for fantastic sounding out and reading words in phonics.  
Nursery were pleased last week with Thomas Allsopp for his lovely weather chart and for sounding out his words so well.

### Purple Class Assembly

Last Thursday Purple Class performed their assembly on the topic of "Which is the best way for Mrs Armitage to travel?". Some of the children retold the story of Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake whilst others shared their artwork done in the style of Quentin Blake's illustrations from the book. The children also recounted their knowledge of the visit to Coventry Transport Museum and the history of bikes.

Thank you to Mr Hayes and Purple Class for sharing your knowledge with us.

### Head Lice

Please can we remind parents to check your child's hair for lice on a regular basis and treat the whole family if they are found. The treatment must be repeated until hair is clear on more than one occasion.