

Grayshott CE Primary School

Headteacher – Mrs S Pritchard

Newsletter 6 – Thursday 12th October 2017



Attendance Award Winner: Blue Class

Dear Parents

Harvest Festival

Thankfulness has been the theme of our school worship this half term and the children had the opportunity to share some of their ideas at our Harvest Festival at St. Luke's church this morning. I would like to say thank you to all of our parents and family members who came along to join us in our worship this morning and for your generosity in donating to Vaughan House in Guildford.

Blue class/Green class – theatre workshop

On Wednesday 4th October, Open the Box theatre company visited Blue and Green classes and let them through a fascinating and exciting workshop where they learnt a great deal about the events surrounding the Great Fire of London. Starting with children helping to perform magic tricks to spell key words linked to the topic, the children then travelled back in time to 1665 where they learnt about what London was like during the time of the plague and cold winter leading up to September 1666. They then met Thomas Farrinor in his bakery and helped him bake bread for the King, before meeting Samuel Pepys and re-enacting some of the different ways Londoners worked together to put out the fire. It was a fantastic morning filled with drama, music and a whole host of facts that even the teachers hadn't learnt before! Both classes really enjoyed their morning!

Purple Class visit to Butser Ancient Farm

On Tuesday, Purple Class stepped back in time to the Stone Age when they visited Butser Ancient Farm. They had a truly memorable day investigating a number of Stone Age and Iron Age houses and taking part in some brilliant hands-on activities. The children built fences and walls using Stone Age methods and materials. They also learned the ancient craft of cordage and found out what field archaeologists do when they dug for artefacts in the archaeological pit.

Our guide was particularly impressed with our excellent behaviour, thirst for knowledge and enthusiasm! Well done Purple Class and thank you to our fantastic parent helpers for helping us to make the most of a super learning experience!



Book Week

The Power of Pictures takes place at Grayshott from Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November.

Simon Murray, author and illustrator, will be kicking the week off with a presentation to the whole school involving live drawing, poetry and the imaginative origins of his character, 'Icky Doo Dah', followed by workshops in class. Throughout the week the children will explore the wonder of picture books thorough 'gallery walks', drama, story boarding and much more. Every class will produce an imaginative response to the book and these will be displayed in The Power of Pictures Exhibition in the hall on the Friday. More information will follow shortly, including a request for parent helpers to assist the children with their wonderfully creative work.

Gold class visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

This week Gold Class went to Queen Elizabeth Country Park to undertake a 'Think Safe' course. Whilst there, the children had workshops from members of the fire service, police and the RNLI trust about how to stay safe and what they should do in an emergency. As usual, their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

Clubs news

There will be no art club next week (Wednesday 18th October) due to the school disco. There will also be no art club the first week back after half term (Wednesday 1st November) due to parents evening. The last art club of the term will be on Wednesday 6th December.

Please see the attached flyer regarding running club.

Parents' Evening

Year R parents' evenings will be held on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November 4.00pm-7.00pm. Sign up sheets will be outside reception from tomorrow morning.

For all other year groups there will be an optional parents' evening, with a focus on pastoral concerns. This is not an opportunity to discuss children's academic progress. Parents only need to attend if they have a particular concern and therefore only one evening, Wednesday 1st November, has been allocated for this. Sign up sheets will be available outside reception from tomorrow morning.

If you are signing up for more than one appointment, please leave a 10 minute gap between them which will help us stay on time! Thank you for your co-operation.

Staff News

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Dan Bennett, St. Luke's youth worker, will be joining the staff three lunchtimes a week. Mr Bennett will be organising active outdoor games and encouraging children to make the most of the new playground equipment.

Your time to shine!

On Thursday 19th October the school will be taking part in a non-uniform day to raise awareness of road safety. Please come to school dressed as brightly as possible!



School Disco - Wednesday 18th October

Join the PTA in the school hall on Wednesday for the school disco. £3.00 entry which includes a snack and drink. Children are welcome to come in their party clothes.

Red class and KS1 at 3.30pm - 4.45pm

KS2 at 5.15pm - 6.30pm

Please note that red class children will need to be chaperoned with one adult to every two children and younger siblings are unfortunately not able to attend. We apologise for any inconvenience but this is to ensure a safe and fun time is had by all. We look forward to seeing all the children there for dancing and party games!

Kind regards

Sharon Pritchard

Mrs S Pritchard
Headteacher

Attachments

Run Club flyer



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Diary Dates 2017/2018

October

Monday	16	Open morning, 9.30am – 11.00am
Wednesday	18	PTA School Disco, Red class and KS1 at 3.30pm - 4.45pm PTA School Disco, KS2 at 5.15pm - 6.30pm
Thursday	19	Your time to shine
Friday	20	Silver class assembly, 9.05am Break up for half term
Monday	23-27	Half term
Monday	30	Return to school, 8.45am

November

Wednesday	1	Optional Parents evening Y1-6, 4.00pm – 7.00pm Red class parents' evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	2	Red class parents evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Monday	6 – Friday 10	Book Week
Thursday	9	School nurses to measure Red and Gold classes
Friday	10	Open morning, 9.30am – 11.00am
Monday	20	School Photos
Friday	24	Purple class assembly, 9.05am

December

Saturday	2	Christmas Fair – details to follow
Tuesday	12	KS1 Christmas Production, 1.30pm
Wednesday	13	KS1 Christmas Production, 6.00pm
Friday	15	Panto
Monday	18	Gold class WW2 Exhibition to parents, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday	21	Church Service, 9.30am End of Autumn term, Christmas holidays

January 2018

Thursday	4	Inset day
Friday	5	Inset day
Monday	8	Return to school, 8.45am
Tuesday	9	Parents evening, all year groups, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	11	Parents evening, all year groups, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	18	Surrey Get Vocal Creative workshop, Guildford Cathedral – details to follow

February 2018

Friday	2	Green class assembly
Friday	9	Break up for half term
Monday	12-16	Half term
Monday	19	Return to school, 8.45am



March 2018

Friday	16	Blue class assembly, 9.05am
Wednesday	21	Year 2 & 6 Parents evening 4.00pm-7.00pm Surrey Get Vocal at Guildford Cathedral – details to follow
Thursday	22	Year 2 & 6 Parents evening 4.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday	29	Last day of Spring term
Friday	30 – 13 April	Easter holiday

April 2018

Monday	16	Return to school, 8.45am
Tuesday	17	Parents evening, Years R, 1, 3, 4 and 5, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	19	Parents evening, Years R, 1, 3, 4 and 5, 4.00pm – 7.00pm

May 2018

Friday	4	Yellow class assembly, 9.05am
Monday	7	Bank holiday
Tuesday	8	Return to school, 8.45am
Monday	14	SATS week for Gold class
Friday	25	Last day school
Monday	28-1 June	Half term

June 2018

Monday	4	Return to school, 8.45am Silver class to Stubbington
Friday	8	Silver class return from Stubbington
Monday	11	Gold class to Rockley
Friday	15	Gold class return from Rockley
Thursday	21	Surrey Get Vocal at Guildford Cathedral – details to follow
Friday	22	Red class assembly, 9.05am
Wednesday	27	Gold class leavers' service, Guildford Cathedral, 12.30pm – 2.00pm
Thursday	28	Sports Day

July 2018

Tuesday	3	KS2 production, Grayshott Village Hall, evening (time tbc)
Wednesday	4	KS2 production, Grayshott Village Hall, evening (time tbc)
Friday	20	Gold class leavers' assembly
Friday	20	End of Summer term
Monday	23	Inset day

