



Griffydam Primary School



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Parent Newsletter

Friday 29th August

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to school! It was so lovely to see you and the children this week. I truly hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and that everyone had some time to relax, away from the daily routines.

I would like to express a heartfelt welcome to our new families and children. I hope the children have had the best first few days and grow to love our school as they start with us at Griffydam.

We listened to what parents have asked for over the last year and would like to invite all parents to join us for an inspire workshop based around homework. Parents and Grandparents in Class 3 and 4 are invited to come in and work with their child on Century and TTRS, using both the computers and iPads. You will be able to ask any questions about what the children will be learning this year. Parents and Grandparents in Class 1 are invited to come into class and work with their child on the many continuous provision activities that they will be doing daily. Parents and Grandparents in Class 2 are invited to come and join in the fun and learn about Anima phonics and reading. Griffydam Primary School has a wonderful ethos, which Governors, PTA members and our regular volunteers are privileged to regularly see. I would like to thank all parents who help ensure the success of the school. I'd particularly like to thank the Governors for their continued support and the PTA for raising much needed funds to enable us to provide the children with wonderful experiences. There are many ways you can support and it doesn't have to involve a lot of time. We appreciate anything you can do, whether it be volunteering in school, listening to children read or supporting the PTA.

Kindest regards,
Miss Wills

Dates for your diary

September

25th – School photos
27th – MacMillan Cake Sale (further details to follow)

October

11th – Harvest Assembly
14th – Parents Evening
16th – Parents Evening
17th – Celebration Assembly
17th October - half term holiday
(Inset Day Friday 18th October 2024, school closed to pupils)

Pupils return to school Monday 28th October

Parent Inspire Workshops

Class 1 – Wednesday 18th September
Class 2 – Thursday 12th September
2.30pm
Class 3 – Tuesday 10th September
2.30pm
Class 4 - Wednesday 11th September
2.30pm

We would like to welcome you to these sessions. It is a great opportunity to come and work and play alongside your children and learn a little more about how we teach your children at Griffydam.





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PTA News

A huge thank you goes to the PTA for raising much needed funds to enable us to provide the children with wonderful experiences. The PTA is currently looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please come along to the AGM on 13th September at 9am here at school.

Pre-Loved uniform

For many years now, the PTA have regularly held uniform sales on the playground. They have a good selection of school jumpers and cardigans, PE uniform and a small selection of trousers, skirts and dresses. All that is asked in return is a small donation.

If you ever need any items of uniform at any time during the term, please drop an email to pta@griffydam.leics.sch.uk or pop into the office and we'll check if the sizes you need are available (no need to wait for another sale).

Break Time

Please remember that you do not need to send your child with a snack at break time. We provide every child with the option of a piece of fruit at breaktime. Please feel free to give your child their favourite fruit from home if they do not like the ones at school. Please do not send packets of crisps and/or chocolate rolls.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Thank you to everyone who has changed their child's drink to water.

Book Bags

Thank you again to the PTA for supporting the school by providing each child with a book bag to carry their books into school. On forest school days we are happy for them to bring in a different bag to hold their forest school kit. It has made such a huge difference to the cloakroom in KS2.

A couple of parents have asked about using the old style Griffydam bags and I just want to confirm that children are welcome to use either the new bags or those provided on the school uniform site.

Volunteering

Have you ever considered volunteering in school? Would you like to share in reading with the children once a week? We'd love to hear from you!

Please drop Mrs Blake an email for more information!

