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Parent Newsletter

Friday 13th September

Dear Parents

At Griffydam we have an open-door policy, and welcome you coming in or writing to us to let us know what you think, whether it is good or an area that we can improve in. With this in mind, there is a link to a google form at the end of this newsletter for you to answer a few questions about communication in school. We value your responses as to which forms of communication works best for you and how we can improve communication.

Today we held the PTA AGM, and it was wonderful to see a couple of new faces at the meeting. The PTA do a brilliant job of raising funds for school and would like to bring back the school cinema evenings, but for these to run we need more members. If you would like to volunteer to become a PTA member please email the PTA at PTA@griffydam.leics.sch.uk.

During the next few Friday assemblies, we will be working on the school Vision and Values in house teams. I would like every child to draw a picture that shows an understanding of our school Vision and Values. It could be a picture of them reaching for the stars or being a kind and caring member of our community. The winning pictures from each house will be displayed on a notice board and shared with parents. I have added the Vision and Values to the bottom of the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who came to the inspire workshops. Some of the feedback, we received is that you would like to do more, would like the craft activities and would like a math workshop. So I am pleased to tell you that the next one this year will be the Christmas craft event and the dates will be share before half term.

Kindest regards,
Miss Wills

Dates for your diary

September

25th – School photos
27th – MacMillan Cake Sale (after school)

October

11th – Harvest Assembly 9am
11th – PTA Movie Night
14th – Parents Evening
16th – Parents Evening
16th – Bags2School collection
17th – Celebration Assembly 9am
17th – 25th October - half term holiday
(Inset Day Friday 18th October 2024, school closed to pupils)

November

5th – Flu immunisations
15th – Children in Need
29th – PTA Disco

Parent Inspire Workshops

Class 1 – Wednesday 18th September
8:45am (straight after drop off).

Thank you to everyone who came to our inspire workshops this term. During the sessions we explained to parents in KS2 how to use Century and TTRS and why they really support your children's learning. If you missed the sessions, please check out the copy of the slides with the link below.

Class 2 had a wonderful reading and phonics-based workshop where parents got the opportunity to read with their child.

[Link to KS2 Slides](#)





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Phones in school

Thank you to all parents who do not use their mobile phone when picking up and dropping off your children. Please could I politely remind parents not to use their phone in the playground when dropping off and picking up unless they need to take an urgent phone call. Thank you in advance.

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25th September.



Individual, sibling and class photographs will be taken during the course of the morning.

If you have a preschool sibling and would like to have them included in the sibling photograph, please bring your children to the hall between 8-8.30am that morning as these will be taken before school starts.

Proofs and order forms will be sent out once they have been received from the photographer.

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.

Harvest Assembly

Our whole school harvest assembly will be held on Friday 11th October in the hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the children speak and sing about the season of harvest.

We would like to invite the children to bring in an item of food which will be donated to Newlands House in Netherseal, a residential home we have supported for many years. We are hoping one of the residents will be able to join us from the home for the assembly. The home are extremely grateful for any donations, either fresh or non-perishable food items.



Secondary School Open Evening Dates

18th September - Iveshead School
19th September – Iveshead College
19th September – The Castle Rock School
19th September - Castle Donington College
23rd September – The Newbridge School
26th September – Ivanhoe College
3rd October - Ashby School



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PTA News

The PTA held a very successful AGM this morning. Thank you to everyone who attended. Please could you put these dates in your diary and let the PTA know if you would like to become a member. The PTA would like to publish the following events:

Treat Fridays

A tuck shop on a Friday. We are aiming for the last Friday of each month. Dates will be sent out once confirmed.

October

11th - Movie night

November

29th Disco night

December

TBC Santa visits school

February

7th – Disco night

March

21st – Movie night

April

4th – Chocolate Bingo

May

16th – Movie night

June

21st – Summer Fair

More events to follow



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Look at the learning we have been doing this week.





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Vision

We are a happy, caring, respectful community where children are encouraged to explore an exciting curriculum and become independent, resilient and confident learners, that are ready to take the next steps on their learning journey.



The Griffydam Way Our Values



We are explorers

We are discovering what's possible. We are curious and we like to think like Mathematicians and Scientists.



We are part of a community

We know the impact our actions can have on others around us. We care for our school community, our family community and the wider community.



We are kind and respectful

We choose to treat each other with kindness, warmth and care, believing that everybody matters.



We reach for the Stars

We always strive to push the limits. We are resilient and if at first we struggle, we always try again.



What a wonderful way to celebrate Roald Dahl day. Thank you so much to a child in Class 2 who brought in this wonderful picture of Roald Dahl's Enormous Crocodile.



This week we have learnt our new story map for Jack and the beanstalk, we learnt actions, key language and acted out the story together.

We performed parts of the story to the class in our groups.

