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## DECORATIVE JUMPER DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Graham James Primary and Little J's Nursery will be having a Decorative Jumper Day!

As you will remember, we were due to have a Jolly Jumper Day before Christmas which was to raise money to buy a Nintendo Switch for Basildon Hospital Cancer Apartment. This was where one of our pupils spent so much time whilst undergoing treatment for Leukaemia. This apartment is used for children undergoing treatment for Cancer who are unable to go into the main children's play area.

Amelia has now successfully finished her treatment which is wonderful news. We all felt that this was such a worthy cause and something everyone wanted to support, that we did not want to let the opportunity to raise money go by.

So on Wednesday we are asking children to come into school in a Special Jumper. It can be a Christmas one if you have one you want to wear, it can be a glittery one or a bright coloured one, it just needs to be one that makes you smile!

Children do not have to wear uniform, but we ask that they do not wear football kits. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1.00 per child and this will go towards purchasing the Nintendo Switch to raise a smile for the children that need it most. We will be making sure the Hospital knows that it has been bought by the children and families at Graham James and that we have raised this in support of Amelia who was so courageous and her family and friends that have been amazing throughout her journey!

## DIARY DATES



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Decorative Jumper Day - see across

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Return to Little J's Nursery

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Break up for half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Return to Little J's Nursery



## THEME



Our theme for after the Easter holidays is about "Spring and Growing."

A topic plan will be given to each parent. A home learning challenge will follow shortly should you wish to get involved.

Our living eggs will be arriving on 12<sup>th</sup> April and once they have hatched the children will have the opportunity to hold the fluffy chicks.

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please can we remind you that children should not ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds. Recently we have had a number of children who have been hurt by nursery children riding into them.

## IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF...

If your child is absent, please phone on the first day of absence and leave a message when prompted. Please state the following:

- your child's name
- reason for being off

### CLOTHING

All items of clothing should be clearly named.

We have an increasing amount of jumpers and cardigans. Please check if they belong to your child.

Please ensure any clothing lent to your child is returned as we are now running very low on spare clothing.

If you have any socks, tights or underwear your child no longer needs please could you donate them to us.

Wellies - if your child comes to nursery in wellies please also provide a change of footwear.

### NUT FREE NURSERY

We are a nut-free nursery. We have an increasing number of children with severe nut allergies.

Please do not send your child to nursery with nut products in their packed lunch. This includes peanut butter and Nutella.

Cadbury and Co-op both sell nut free chocolate spreads.

### WAITING LIST

We have a long waiting list for our Nursery. If your child has a younger sibling and you would like them to attend Little J's, please see Mrs Tolan-Wheeler in the school office to put your child on the waiting list.

### SPRING

As the weather becomes a little warmer please can you make sure that your child has a jumper or cardigan.

### SEPTEMBER SCHOOL STARTERS

If your child is due to start school in September, please could you inform your child's key person which school you have applied for.

### PARKING

There is no parking on the school grounds. We have had reports of Nursery parents parking in the disabled bay. Please note this is only for disabled badge holders.

Also, please refrain from walking up the drive particularly now there are construction workers using the drive to access the building site.

### SNACK MONEY

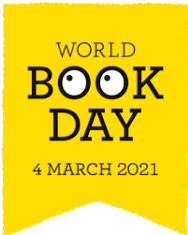
Just a gentle reminder please ensure you pay your child's snack money. It is 20p per session.

## HOLIDAY DATES 2020-21

<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> Half term: Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October Christmas break: Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Half term: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Easter break: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Bank holidays: Good Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, Easter Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> Half term: Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June Bank holidays: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Last day of school is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2021**

We may have been in Lockdown but it didn't stop some of our children dressing up for World Book Day.







## EASTER HUNT



Graham James PTA have organised an Easter Hunt for all the children on the Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March within school and Nursery. Each child will receive a pack of smarties (or alternative for children with allergies), Over the Easter holiday if your child keeps the empty tube and would like to earn or ask friends and family for 20p's to fill the empty tube and return back into Nursery after the Easter Holidays. Any returned tube with any amount of money will be entered into a prize draw to win Adventure Island tickets for a family of 4!!!

## PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Our last theme was "people who help us". Can you spot your child in our displays?

