



06/12/21
Issue 4



JOLLY JUMPER DAY



On Friday 10th December we will be taking part in Jolly Jumper Day. Your child can come to School wearing a Christmas jumper if they have one. There is no need to purchase one if you do not have one though.

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 for wearing non uniform and this money will go to our chosen charities which are Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and Kids Inspire who provide mental health and trauma recovery support for children, young people and their families.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Tickets will be sent home this week. There is no charge for tickets however we will have charity buckets out on the door. Our chosen charities are Essex and Herts Ambulance and Kids Inspire.

We are asking parents to wear a mask if they are able to.

DIARY DATES



Friday 10th December
Jolly Jumper Day - Details across Reception/KS1 - Christmas Lunch

Monday 13th December
KS2 Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 14th December & Wednesday 15th December
Christmas Plays

Friday 17th December
Last day of term

Tuesday 4th January
Return to school

Wednesday 5th January
6CM Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th January
6JCA Class Assembly

Wednesday 19th January
4AS Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th Assembly
1GS Class Assembly

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING IN CORRINGHAM TOWN CENTRE



Our Year 4 & Year 5 children made Christmas decorations to decorate one of the Christmas trees in Corringham Town Centre.

The tree is outside Gregg's

ATTENDANCE

The classes with the best attendance in week ending 26/11/21 and the winners of the Graham James Attendance shield are:

EYFS/KS1

Miss Robert's Class 2KR with 98%

KS2

Miss Walker's Class 3MW with 96.4%

IMPORTANT NOTICE -

DINNER MONEY

Reminder that dinner money should be paid on the day or in advance.

Our preferred method of payment is Parent Pay. If you do not have a log-on, please ask at the office and we can arrange this for you.

Now more than ever we are encouraging parents to pay using ParentPay where possible as receiving cash payments increases the chance of contact between staff, parents and children whilst social distancing measures are in place - exposing everyone to unnecessary risks.

It is the parents' responsibility to know how much credit is on their account. Parent Pay now shows up to date running balances.

Office staff will now only send dinner money arrears texts once per week.

However, please note that we do not allow arrears to go over £11.00. We will not provide a school dinner for children if the arrears are over £11.00 and parents will be contacted informing them that they need to either pay before lunch time, bring in a packed lunch or collect their child to take them home for lunch.

REGULAR ARREARS

When an account is regularly in arrears, we will insist on payment up front and a lunch will not be provided without payment in advance.

BREAKFAST CLUB

When arrears reach £11.00, parents will be contacted and asked to bring the arrears up to date immediately. Failure to do this could jeopardise a child's place at Breakfast Club.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive either:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Universal Credit - provided your total net earnings are no more than £616.67 each month, starting from 1 April 2018
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please apply online if you think you may be entitled.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Even if you do not currently pay for your child's meals (because they are in reception, Year 1 or Year 2) you should still apply if you think you are entitled. Whilst in lockdown we were able to make weekly payments to families who receive free school meals and you could miss out if we went into another lockdown.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION:

Should you have any queries or concerns, in the first instance please ensure you speak with your child's teacher.

After speaking with the class teacher, and you are unhappy with the response received please follow the escalation procedure below:

- Class Teacher
- Key Stage Assistant Head Teacher (by appointment)
- Deputy Head Teacher - Mr Turner (by appointment)
- Head Teacher - Mrs Back (by appointment)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Freddie (3MW) was chosen to lay the poppy wreath for his Beaver group at the Remembrance service.



Layla-Rose (1GS) kept herself busy whilst at home with Chickenpox by decorating her window with this lovely Poppy display.



MILK

Children under 5 receive free milk at school.

If your child is over 5 and you would like them to receive milk then please register your child online, visit www.coolmilk.com The current cost is approximately 22p per day.

IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF...

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

- your child's name
- class
- **reason for being off**

It is not sufficient to just say that they won't be in. As a school we are expected by Ofsted and the Local Authority to know why a child is not in school and report any cases where there are persistent and/or unexplained absences.

Please ensure that you send a letter in with your child when they return to school. Please state the reason for absence as we need this for your child's file.

When children are off regularly and parents do not call in to report their child's absence we will consider doing a home visit.

LATENESS

Can we please remind you that the school day starts at 8.55am. We have an increasing number of children arriving after this time. It is disruptive to classroom and office staff when your child is late and your child is missing out on valuable learning time when they arrive after their classmates.

Letters are sent home to those with persistent lateness and meetings will be arranged if there is no improvement after the first letter has been sent.

After School - Club Timetable

Monday	Jujitsu ran by Angela Conquest	
Wednesday	Football Club	Year 1
Thursday	Boys' Football Football Club Study Club	Year 5 Year 3 Year 6
Friday	Girls' Football Boys' Football	Year 6 Year 5-6



CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 19th November the staff and children all wore "Pyjamas for Pudsey" for a donation of £1.00 per person. We sold Pudsey merchandise and collected coins all week. Thank you to all those who donated. We raised £1167.41 which is amazing! Thank you so much.



P.E. KITS

Please could you ensure children have both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits.

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| Indoor | - | red or black shorts, plain white T-shirt and plimsolls/trainers |
| Outdoor | - | Outdoor trainers, tracksuits or joggers and sweatshirts or hoodies (any colour) |

EARRINGS ON P.E. DAYS

Reminder that the only earrings that are permitted in school are simple stud earrings. These should be removed on P.E. days. Those who have newly pierced ears i.e. within the last 6 weeks, may keep them in provided that ear tape is worn. This must be provided by the parent.

BREAKFAST CLUB - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the popularity of our Breakfast Club, we do ask that you pre-book. Places should be booked by Friday for the following week. Forms can be collected from the school office.

The advance notice will help us ensure that the club is fully staffed and enough food is ordered.

Please arrive before 8.20am for your child to receive breakfast.

Although we ask parents not to, we know that some do continue to drive into the school grounds and we ask that you ensure you turn your engine off when the car is stationary to prevent the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION

Please ensure someone is here to collect your child at 3.15pm. If you know you are going to be late then please make arrangements for someone else to collect your child at 3.15pm.

If your child is going to a friend's house after school, please write a note letting the teacher know that another parent will be collecting your child.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE 5 YEARS OLD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND AUGUST 2023?

WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG FOR A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL TO VISIT THE CLASSROOMS AND SEE THE CHILDREN AT WORK?

WE WILL BE CONDUCTING FINAL TOUR ON:

**WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022 10.00am
ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!**

NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK. JUST TURN UP

PARKING

There is no parking for parents on the school grounds. This includes Breakfast Club drop off. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

In addition, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking in the side roads and do not park across driveways (this includes the dentist surgery).

ODD SOCKS DAY

To celebrate what makes us all unique the children were encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November, the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.





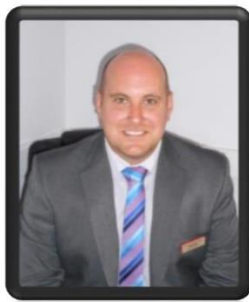
Graham James Primary Academy



What to do if you are concerned about a child or family at Graham James Primary Academy

If you have concerns about the welfare of a child or family in our academy, please contact one of the designated team below **immediately**.

Meet the Safeguarding team at Graham James Primary Academy:



Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL)
Mr Richard Turner
Deputy Head Teacher



Deputy DSL
Mrs Petra Back
Head Teacher



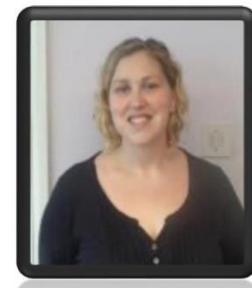
Deputy DSL
Mrs Julie Conroy
Assistant Head Teacher



Deputy DSL
Miss Michelle Walker
Assistant Head Teacher



Deputy DSL
Mrs Karen Lane
EYFS Lead (Early Years)



Safeguarding Governor
Mrs Annaliese Day
(Annaliese can be contacted via the school office)

In a circumstance that you are unable to speak to the above members of staff you can also contact:

- Thurrock Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): 01375 652802
- Thurrock Emergency Duty Team: 01375 372468
- Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP): 01375 652813
- Thurrock Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 01375 652535
- Police Child Abuse Investigation Team: 101 or if immediate protection is needed 999
- Childline: 0800 11 11
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

APPLYING FOR RECEPTION 2022 PLACE

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for their reception school place for September 2022.

The applications opened on Monday 1st November and you must apply before 15th January 2022.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES ARE BACK!

We are pleased to announce that class assemblies are back. Please check the first page of the newsletter for upcoming assemblies. Parents are welcome to watch class assemblies. They take place in the morning and are usually finished by 9.45am. Other family members are welcome to attend if parents are unable to watch.

DANCE SUCCESS FOR LYLA

On Sunday 21st November Lyla took part in the BDO dance championship competition and placed 1st for her team dance and 1st for her duo dance.



CHRISTMAS DINNERS



Christmas Dinner will take place across two days this year.

If your child does not wish to have a Christmas Dinner on their designated day, then please send them in with a packed lunch. **Friday 10th December** Reception and KS1 Christmas lunch. There is no charge for this age group. **All KS2 children will need a packed lunch.**

Monday 13th December KS2 Christmas lunch. Cost £2.20.

All Reception and KS1 children will need a packed lunch.

NUMBOTS WINNERS

HIGHEST NUMBER OF LEVELS PASSED

From 1st - 11th November

1 st	Maisie Groombridge	RAC	1 st	Aiyah Aldridge	RSK
2 nd	Mollie Flowers	RAC	2 nd	Laura Todor	RSK
3 rd	Madeleine Harris	RAC	3 rd	Roman Prior	RSK
1 st	George Winchester	1GS	1 st	Elliot Renew	1KC
2 nd	Lacie Whittle	1GS	2 nd	Alice Homer	1KC
3 rd	Lottie Walshe	1GS	3 rd	Holly Rook	1KC
1 st	Shae Frostick	2KR	1 st	Henry Rose	2LP
2 nd	Arthur Lloyd	2KR	2 nd	Cooper Pogmore	2LP
3 rd	Lila Martin	2KR	3 rd	Jackey Fryatt	2LP

GOLD AWARDS

25.11.21	Rosie Perkins	4AS	}	Great dream stories from our class book The BFG
25.11.21	Casey Campbell	4AS	}	
25.11.21	Cassidy Notley	4AS	}	
26.11.21	Ronnie Lake	3MW	}	Writing a super short narrative
26.11.21	Noa Starkey	3MW	}	
26.11.21	Jenson Rotheron	3MW	}	
01.12.21	Ethan Collier	2KR	}	Amazing apostrophe writing
01.12.21	Lila Martin	2KR	}	
01.12.21	Francesca Walker	2KR	}	
02.12.12	Khloe Divers	2KR		Brilliant Maths Shapes work
03.12.12	Ethan Gilbey	1GS		Writing lots of Penguin facts
06.12.21	Elliot Renew	1KC	}	Christmas story writing
06.12.21	Cleo Gilbey	1KC	}	

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS AWARDS

Most improvement in speed 12th-25th November 2021



Evie Hinks	3OT	1 st	Theo West	3MW	1 st
Cooper Johnson	3OT	2 nd			
Hallie Beard	3OT	3 rd			
Jimmy Ellison	4AS	1 st	Logan Cummings	4SD	1 st
Dylan Gray	4AS	2 nd	Mason McGovern	4SD	2 nd
Daria Gorobic	4AS	3 rd	Riley Beckman	4SD	3 rd
William Dudbridge	5ES	1 st	Travis Gorham	5RW	1 st
Lenny Brown	5ES	2 nd	Jamie Newton	5RW	2 nd
Travis Orwell	5ES	3 rd	Minh Tran	5RW	3 rd
Cameron Akdeniz	6CM	1 st	Thomas Pope	6JCA	1 st
Daisy Griffiths	6CM	2 nd	Adam Wafik	6JCA	2 nd
Lily Beres	6CM	3 rd	Leah Sargent	6JCA	3 rd

READER AND WRITER OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2021



Class	Reader of the Month	Writer of the Month
RAC	Ashley Phillips-Nutley	
RSK	Zack Collier	
1GS	Ava-Rose Eades	Oliver O'Donnell
1KC	Alice Homer	Bella Brooks
2KR	Tomas Latham	Melody Bacon
2LP	Willow Barber	Grace Darrah
3MW	Hollie Sargent	Jesse Renew
3OT	Dara Abdul-Azeez	Oliver Creighton
4AS	Dylan Gray	Sienna Frostick
4SD	Darcy Cutler	Elise Rayner
5ES	Jessie Flowers	Jacob Fox
5RW	Olivia Bassett	Minh Tran
6CM	Cassie Peters-Clark	Evie Bean
6JCA	Daisy Baalham	Bobbie Jarvis

HOLIDAY DATES 2021-22	
Autumn	Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December Half term: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October Christmas break: Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
	Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April Half term: Monday 14 th February to Friday 18 th February Easter break: Monday 4 th April to Monday 18 th April Bank holidays: Good Friday 15 th April, Easter Monday 18 th April
	Tuesday 19th April to Wednesday 13th July Half term: Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June Bank holidays: Monday 2 nd May, Thursday 2 nd June, Friday 3 rd June Last day of school is Wednesday 13 th July 2022