

Grewelthorpe CE Primary School



Newsletter 14th December 2018



Our School News

Forest School



This week we stayed at school for our Forest School session. We worked on our knot tying skills, learning to tie a reef knot, figure of 8 knot and a clove hitch. After hunting for sticks some children used square lashing to make a frame to hang in their garden for the spiders to build their webs inside. Some children chose to make natural bird feeders to hang in the school grounds to feed the birds through the winter. We ended our session with hot chocolate and marshmallows.

In January Year 5 and 6 will take part in Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon beginning on their first day back.

They must ensure they have appropriate clothing to take part. Each week they must bring:

Layers of warm clothing- no jeans or thin leggings

A waterproof coat and waterproof trousers

An extra pair of warm socks

Wellies

Hat and gloves

A plastic bag for muddy clothing

Our sessions take place in all-weather so please dress children appropriately for the weather. There is very little shelter so waterproofs are essential. The children will light campfires, build dens, use forest school tools and explore hedgerow and woodland habitats. **The rolling consent form will be used when taking children off site for forest school.**

2018 League Tables

This week the Government published the Primary Performance tables for 2018. These are compiled using the results from the Year 6 SATs taken in May 2018; they use them to compare and contrast schools. We are very proud to share that our School has done incredibly well in comparison with the 377 other schools in North Yorkshire. We are joint top of the table for the % of children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, and also for the % of children achieving the higher standard. We would like to say a very big well done to all of our Year 6 pupils from last year and also to our staff team here at Grewelthorpe, particularly Mr Breckon, for such wonderful results.

Christmas outfit day – Friday 21st December

On the last day of term, the children are welcome to come to school in anything Christmas related. It could be: a Christmas jumper, a Christmas t shirt, a Santa hat, and reindeer antlers - anything Christmassy is fine! We be collecting a voluntary contribution for Save the Children if you would like to contribute for this.

After School Care Club 3.30 pm – 5 pm

Attached is the booking form for the after school care club which runs from 3.30 pm – 5 pm.

Please can you indicate which days you will require your child to attend, sign the declaration and return to school by end of school today.

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After School Clubs

After school clubs in the Spring Term will begin week commencing 14th January.

Please find attached the booking form, please can this be returned to school by close of school today to enable us to liaise with the instructors.

Spaces are still available in all clubs. If insufficient interest is shown in a club it will not be viable to run.

Mr. Stokes

Mr. Stokes has worked as our school caretaker for many years now, and at the end of this term he is going to retire. As well as being our caretaker, he has held many other roles at school, such as: running sporting clubs such as football and badminton; being a lunchtime supervisor; helping out on trips; and completing general handy work. He has been an integral part of our school and we will all miss him. We hope he has a wonderful retirement and enjoys a well-earned rest.

We are having a collection for him and so if you would like to contribute then please let Mrs. Barker or Mrs. Simpson know.

Attendance

Week commencing 10th December the whole school attendance was 93.9%. Class 3 had the highest attendance with 99%



DECEMBER CALENDAR



December 18th	Christmas Lunch Carol Concert – St James Church 2 pm - Children can go home after the service.
December 20th	Christmas Parties – Children can come to school in their party clothes.
December 21st	School Closes – 2.30 pm and will re-open on Tuesday 8th January 2019.



FROGS (Friends Of Grewelthorpe School)

FROG's Christmas Fundraisers

Refreshments served at class 1's nativity raised £56.57 for school fund

CHRISTMAS DVD

Thank you very much to Mr. Hall who once again given up his time to record a DVD of the Christmas Production.

Please can orders & payment for the DVD be placed through the school office.

The cost of the DVD is £6.00 and all proceeds go to school fund

School Lunches week commencing 17th December



Mon: Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Carrots & Peas. Rice Pudding & Jam, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Tues:



Christmas Lunch

Wed: Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Carrot, Swede & Peas, And Crusty Bread. Fruity Gingerbread & Custard, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt.



Thur:

Christmas Party Lunch

Fri: Fish fingers, Peas & Baked Beans, Chipped Potatoes, and Wholemeal Bread. Fruit Upside Down Cake & Custard, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt.

Week Commencing 7th January

Monday 7th Training Day

Tuesday 8th

Wednesday 9th

Thursday 10th

Friday 11th

School/other Information & Website

All previous newsletters are also now available online. www.grewelthorpeschool.co.uk

Updated Website App

Our mobile app has been updated and it's available to download from the respective stores.

<http://www.grewelthorpeschool.co.uk/Grewelthorpe-School-Mobile-App/> this app will enable you to receive a notification of school closure and other key news items.

FROG's Exchange

Gillian Boyle is selling items on the FROG's Exchange – The school Facebook Page.

All donations raised will be divided between Grewelthorpe School Fund and Joshua.

Items include school uniform, ski & outer wear, clothes from toddler upwards and books & toys (of which most are new)

On **Saturday 2nd* February 2019**, **Holy Moly & The Crackers** will appear live at Grewelthorpe Village Hall. Since we booked them at the beginning of the year, Holy Moly have become hugely popular, with their new single 'Cold Comfort Lane' used by E4, BT Vision, Capital One, KIA Sportage Cars AND as the end credits track for the 2018 summer blockbuster movie **Oceans 8**. They describe themselves as a 'folk-alt-rock band' but if you're not already familiar with their music you can check them out at <https://www.holymolyandthecrackers.com/>.

Tickets (£15) are now on general sale and can be bought at the Hackfall Café or online

at www.wegottickets.com/event/455333. **Doors open at 7.00pm, on stage at 8.00pm.** We anticipate a sell out so buy early - an ideal Christmas present for the music lover in your life!

We look forward to seeing you there.