



Newsletter 21st December 2018

Our School News

We have had a lovely week in school counting down to Christmas. The children have been brilliant and have loved taking part in all the events, particularly the Christmas parties and Christmas dinner. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and determination to always provide the very best for our children. I think we are all ready for a Christmas break now!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the children, parents, staff and school community for making me feel so welcome this term and for making it such an enjoyable time. I have loved being part of your wonderful school and that is down to you all. Mrs Acheson will start in January as your new Headteacher and I know you'll make her feel just as welcome.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Swimming

In January, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will continue to swim on a Monday afternoon. The first session will be on Monday 14th January. Children in Class 3 and 4 will not swim now until after May half term.

Forest School – Year 5 & 6

The children in Year 5 & 6 will be taking part in Forest Schools after Christmas. This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and their first session will be the first day back on Tuesday 8th January.

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 would like your child to attend, sign the declaration and return to school.

After School Clubs

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

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

Classes 3 & 4

From January, Mr Breckon won't be teaching on a Monday and so Mrs Lewis will be teaching Class 4. She will also be teaching Class 3 on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Lewis has been working at Fountains for the last term teaching Year 5 & 6 and is now going to work across the Federation in a number of classes.

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.



Forest School



This week, as it was the last session for Year 3 and 4, we toasted marshmallows and made smores for snack. Our final group used saws, peelers and knives to make their Stone Age weapons.

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.

Woodwind & Guitar Lessons

Mrs. Lumb and Mr. Rudland Simpson both have spaces available for music lessons. If your child is interested, please enquire at the office.

Attendance

Week commencing 17th December the whole school attendance was 93.9%. Class 3 had the highest attendance with 98.7%



FROGS (Friends Of Grewelthorpe School)

FROG's Christmas Fundraisers

Refreshments served at the school production raised £147.30

Raffle ticket sales raised £325.00

The collection for Breast Cancer raised £67.59

Refreshments at the carol concert raised £26.46

Prosecco Draw

The winning number was 19 which belonged to Helen Peacock. I will let Helen Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket. A £145 was raised for FROGS.

CHRISTMAS DVD

The Christmas production DVD is still available to order along with last year's DVD of Aladdin.

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

Tesco - Catterick token collection

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Great news - Grewelthorpe's school has been selected to be one of the 3 charities that's represented in Tesco Catterick store from Tuesday 1st January 2019 to Thursday 28th February 2019

Please help us gain the most tokens - At the end of your Tesco shop you are given a token to put in one of 3 charities boxes towards the exits. Grewelthorpe's is raising money for new white boards and other ITC equipment. The charity with the most tokens is awarded the funds for their causes. Please, please spread to word!

School Lunches week commencing 7th January

Mon: Organic Pork Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce & Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn. Banana Muffin, Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt.

Tues: Cottage Pie, Medley of Vegetables, Crusty Wholemeal Baguette. Roly Poly & Custard, Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt.

Wed: Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Wholemeal Bread. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt.

Thur: Mexican Beef Tortilla Wrap with Rice, Mixed Salad with Grated Carrot. Apricot Bar, Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt.

Fri: Young's Fish fingers, Carrot Sticks & Apple Salad, Chipped Potatoes, Cheese & Onion Flatbread. Fresh Fruit or Organic 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.

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!

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We look forward to seeing you there.