

# ***Grewelthorpe CE Primary School***



**Newsletter 23rd November 2018**

## **Our School News**

### **Carol Concert – Year 3 & 4**

Class 3 will be attending the cluster Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The coach will be leaving at 10am so the children can rehearse. The children will require a packed lunch. **Please inform the office by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November if your child would like a school packed lunch.** The children will need to wear school uniform. Parents are welcome to attend the service, please enter the church using the main entrance on Kirkby Road from 1 pm. Please complete and return the attached consent form by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Swimming**

For a number of different reasons, we have been looking at a new way to provide swimming for the children in our school. We have taken into account everyone's viewpoints, the financial implications, the impact on learning time and the quality of the swimming provision we provide and we feel we have decided on a great compromise. Therefore, from January when the children go swimming it will change slightly.

-In Autumn term and the second half of summer term (after May half term) Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will go swimming on a Monday afternoon.

-In the spring term and the first half of summer term (from Easter to May half term) Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go swimming on a Monday afternoon.

We have kept our two (30 minute) swimming slots on a Monday afternoon and so as Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can swim altogether, when they go they will all get the full hour teaching time. Therefore, they are still getting the same amount of swimming time that they currently get but it will be condensed into one and a half terms. There will be no swimming on a Wednesday morning anymore.

As the younger children have to swim in two groups due to the number of non-swimmers, they will swim for one 30 minute session when they go, which we think is adequate and appropriate for their age.

Therefore, in January swimming will be for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are swimming on Monday afternoon.

### **C02 reduction week**

The school council are working towards the 'Green Trees School Award' through the Woodland Trust. As part of reaching the gold award there are several tasks to work through. Promoting reducing C02 emissions was one of them. Therefore, the School Council would like to have a walk to school/car share week. If you don't live within the village and cannot walk to school then car sharing with another family would count towards a C02 reduction. They will record the cars coming to school and hope to see a reduction during that week. As an extra incentive they would like to award a cupcake to anyone who manages to achieve this. The C02 reduction week will commence on the week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Meet Mrs. Acheson – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Mrs. Acheson, our new Headteacher, will be in school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at the end of the school day to meet parents and staff. Mrs. Acheson will be joining our Federation as Headteacher in January. You are more welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and to meet her.

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## Nursery



On a Monday afternoon the Nursery children have a wonderful time baking with Mrs. Wicks. As the Reception children go swimming, it's the perfect opportunity for small group activities such as baking. This week they baked fairy cakes and had lots of fun doing it. If you would like your child to attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon please speak to Mrs. Simpson or any of the Class 1 adults.

## Forest School

We are very proud to have had our achievements through Forest Schools recognised by the Learning through Landscapes team and have been awarded a plaque to display.



The children were very excited this week to roll a rather large pipe down the field and play with it. We used all of the 'loose parts' to build tall strong towers to hold an egg, putting our teamwork skills and knot tying to the test. We carried on with our Stone Age weapons, using saws, peelers and knives. We have some amazing Archers ready to hunt!

As the weather is now getting colder please can you ensure your child brings the following: warm fleece or thick jumper, tracksuit bottoms or thick long trousers, winter coat, extra socks, hat & gloves and wellies.

## Christmas Play – Archibald's War

This year's Christmas performance's takes place on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm and Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Due to health and safety, fire regulations and limited space in the hall we will have to allocate tickets. Tickets will be available from the office free of charge, we will allocate 2 tickets per family and any spares will be available the week of the performances.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, a grand total of £207.10 was raised.

## Rag Bin

The recent collection from the Rag Bin situated behind The Crown Inn raised £50 for school funds.

## Book Award

Thomas and Tegan Ford entered a children's short story competition run by Scriba, a Bradford based PR Company to raise interest in literacy among primary aged children. Thomas' story, 'The Hungry lion' was one of the 5 winning entries. Winners received 50 book for the school library.

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Grewelthorpe's booked arrived and were keenly unpacked and distributed to classrooms by Thomas and Tegan.

Thomas has written a few words about his entry. The title of the book was called 'Hungry Lion' 2 and could contain no more than 250 words. 'My story was about a lion who was very hungry and was tricked by a dingo. It was an adventure story.

## Attendance

Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November the whole school attendance was 91.7 %. Class 3 had the highest attendance with 95.5 %



FROGS (Friends of Grewelthorpe Schools)

## FROG's Christmas Fundraisers



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Christmas Shopping Night, Grewelthorpe Village Hall  
7.30 pm**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair – Grewelthorpe School.**



## **School Lunches week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November**

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

Tue: Minced Beef & Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage & Carrots, Sunflower Seed Bread. Sticky Date & Apple Bar with Cheese, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

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

Thur: Minced Beef & Yorkshire Puddings, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Sweetcorn, Herbie Bread. Artic Roll & Peaches, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.

**Fri:** Fish Fingers, Peas & Baked Beans, Chipped Potatoes, Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt.

## **Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** Meet Mrs Acheson at 3.30pm.

Car share week

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church



Tuesday 4th

Wednesday 5th

Thursday 6th

Friday 7th



## NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER CALENDAR



<b>November 23rd</b>	 <b>Christmas Shopping Night – Grewelthorpe Village Hall, 7.30 pm</b>
<b>November 30th</b>	 <b>FROG's Christmas Fair</b>
<b>December 3rd</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Carol Concert – Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b>December 4th</b>	<b>Class 1 Nativity Play – 9.10 am</b>
<b>December 13th</b>	<b>Christmas Play – 1.30 pm</b>
<b>December 14th</b>	<b>Christmas Play – 6.00 pm</b>
<b>December 18th</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b> <b>Carol Concert – St James Church 2 pm</b>
<b>December 20th</b>	<b>Christmas Parties</b>
<b>December 21st</b>	<b>School Closes – 2.30 pm</b>

## School/other Information & Website

Wine Tasting 30th November 7:30pm-10:00pm

Come along and sample wines from around the world and pick up some great wines to consume over the Christmas and New Year Period. Light buffet. Proceeds in aid of St James and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe.

Tickets £15.00 per person from Susan Rizos – Ring 658200.

All previous newsletters are also now available online. [www.grewelthorpeschool.co.uk](http://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.