



Griffydam Primary School



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Parent Newsletter

Friday 30th June

Dear Parents and carers

As we approach the end of the summer term the children at Griffydam are definitely showing the Griffydam Way.

On Saturday, it was brilliant to see so many families enjoying the PTA picnic. It was such a lovely event where we could all celebrate together being part of the Griffydam community. Both children and parents had a wonderful afternoon which got even better when the ice cream van arrived.

On Tuesday, the children were reaching for the stars when they competed for their house on Sports Day. The children really did their best for their house with Green Dragons coming first.

Then on Thursday evening, Class 4 really raised the bar in terms of end of year performances, it really was The Greatest Show.

The children are so talented, the singing was brilliant and they had such presence on the stage. How they all learnt their words and acting parts in such a short time amazes me. They should all feel incredibly proud of their performance.

Today we welcomed the new children who will be starting at Griffydam in the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see them all and Miss Blaydon, their new teacher, is really looking forward to welcoming them all again next week when they come in for their transition days.

Miss Wills

Uniform

Thank you all for making sure your child comes to school in school uniform. All uniform is available from YourSchoolUniform.com. The uniform is Navy trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt. White polo shirt, blouse or shirt.

White or black socks or tights.

Black shoes (trainers must not be worn)

In the summer, a blue gingham summer dress may be worn as an alternative to the main uniform.

Royal blue 'Griffydam' sweatshirt or cardigan.

Please could we ask that all uniform with our old logo, which was replaced 6 years ago, is no longer worn after the summer break. We thank you for your support.

Calendar Dates

July

- 3rd – Year 6 Leavers BBQ 6pm
- 6th & 7th – Transition afternoons
- 10th - Ocarina concert Class 2
- 12th – End of term celebration assembly, 9am
- 14th – last day of term

Autumn Term 2023

- School Opens Tuesday 29th August 2023
- Inset Day Friday 13th October 2023
- Half Term Monday 16th – Friday 20th October 2023
- School Closes Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

- School Opens Tuesday 9th January 2024
- Half Term Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February 2024
- School Closes Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

- School Opens Monday 8th April 2024
- May Day Monday 6th May 2024
- Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
- School Closes Thursday 11th July 2024

INSET DAYS (when school is closed to pupils):

- Thursday 24th August 2023
- Friday 25th August 2023
- Friday 13th October 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- Friday 12th July 2024

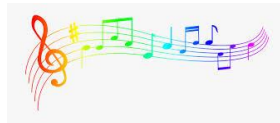


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Class 2 Ocarina Performance

Class 2 have been very busy this term learning a brand new instrument, the ocarina! They would very much like to invite you to a short performance to see how much they've learned!

The performance will be on **Monday 10th July at 2.40pm** here at school. We do hope you can come along and enjoy their musical talent!



Last Day of Term

Our final day of term (Friday 14th July) will be a fun filled day of a morning in the woods doing forest school activities, and an afternoon filled with sports. Please could the children come to school in clothing suitable for both activities (PE kit is fine).

Staff Changes

We are very excited to welcome a new teacher to Griffydam who will be joining us after the summer holidays! Miss Blaydon will be working in Class 1, supported by Miss Barker. Miss Blaydon will be in school between now and the summer holidays on certain days, so please do say hello if you see her!

That does unfortunately mean we're having to say goodbye to two of our much-loved team. Mrs Moore is moving on after teaching at the school for over eight years, but has been a parent here for much, much longer! She is moving to a brand new school that has a forest school focus. We cannot thank her enough for everything she has done over the years for the school community, particularly in the role of Forest School Lead.

Mr Nevin is also moving onto a new position after three years here at Griffydam. He came to us as a sports apprentice at just sixteen years old and has become a valuable part of our team. He is an incredible role model and we will sincerely miss his enthusiasm and dedication to the children, and staff alike. Not to mention his wide range of fancy dress!!

We all wish them both the best for the future and hope they come back to visit us soon.

Summer Reading Challenge



Coalville and Ashby libraries are once again holding their summer reading challenge! Pop in to sign up your child for some summer holiday reading!

