



# Griffydam Primary School



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## Parent Newsletter

Friday 22nd September

Dear Parents and carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we have had a Griffydam. In class 1 (The Busy Bees), the children have been making and tasting porridge while learning about the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. In Class 2 (Julia Donaldson) the children had a lovely time in forest school this week. When it started to rain the children seem to enjoy it even more and were busy trying to catch the raindrops. Class 3 have just started to play the steel pans. Wow they really are learning quickly. Look out for the date when will be putting on a performance for parents in December. The children have had a very exciting time in Class 4 when they had a visit from the Space Centre. They saw rockets being fired ( one actually hitting the ceiling!!!) and learnt about how the rocket fuel propels the rocket into space.

Thank you to everyone who enquired about become a school governor. I am delighted to announce that we have 2 new parent governors, Mr Silver and Mrs Boast. Governors play a key role in the life of any school and myself and the other Governors are looking forward to working with them both. Thank you to everyone who managed to attend the first inspire workshops on reading last week. Our next inspire workshop will be next half term and we would like to invite parents or grandparents to come and make a Christmas decoration.

I am hoping to see as many of you as possible from Reception to year 6 at the cross country tomorrow at Market Bosworth. We did brilliantly as these events last year and look forward to taking even more children to the medal presentation event this year.

I am excited to announce that Griffydam is going to the Young Voices event. Key Stage 2 please check out the information below.

Miss Wills

## Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2023  
Inset Day Friday 13th October 2023  
Half Term Monday 16th – Friday 20th  
October 2023  
School Closes Friday 22nd December 2023

### September

29th – Macmillan cake sale after school

### October

2nd – School photos  
6th – Harvest Assembly (9am)  
9th – Parents Evening  
10th – Class 4 visit to The Space Centre  
11th – Parents Evening  
12th – Celebration assembly (9am)

### November

3rd – Flu immunisations

### December

1st – Whole School Panto  
13th – FS/KS1 Nativity (time TBC)  
22nd - Celebration Assembly  
Christmas crafts inspire workshop – date TBC  
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – date TBC





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## Works going on in school

Over the summer, we were very lucky to install new Eco friendly lighting throughout the school, not only making our classrooms brighter but also reducing our electricity bills.

Some of you will have seen the area of the top playground that has been sectioned off. This is due to natural fungus fruiting beneath the playground. We have been informed it is all safe but are waiting for the treatment to begin. We have a couple of repairs to complete on the trim trail and then we are hoping to see this open after half term. We have also had new gates fitted at the front of the school.

## Tuck Shop



We operate a small tuck shop each day at breaktime for children in Classes 3 and 4. The price list is as follows:

Snack-a-Jacks 40p  
Cheese biscuits 20p  
Milk biscuits 20p  
Jelly 10p

## PTA

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Bird who has been the PTA chair for three years as she steps down this year. We would like to welcome Mrs Chapman to the role of Chair, Ms Turner in the role of Deputy and Mrs Vogtlin continues her role of Treasurer and Mrs Smethurst as the Secretary.

Last night, the PTA kindly agreed to purchase some new musical instruments that will be appreciated by all of the children in school and will definitely star in the Christmas Nativity. Watch out for the PTA newsletter to find out what events are coming up next.

If you were thinking of joining the PTA please do so as all of the funds raised go back into the school and adds that little bit extra.

## School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 2nd October. He will be taking individual sibling and class photographs during the morning. Please ensure your child has their school jumper or cardigan that day. If you would like a photograph to include a preschool sibling, this can be done between 8am and 8.30am. Please come to the hall via the front office that morning.

## Harvest Assembly



Our whole school assembly will be on Friday 6th October at 9am. We really hope you can come along and share in the children's performances which they are all working hard on. We are hoping to be joined once again by 'Newlands House' who are a care and nursing home in Netherseal, whom we have supported for many years. Any donations of food items (fresh or tinned) brought in by the children will be donated to the residents and are always enourmously appreciated. Please bring any donations on the morning of the 7th.





## Pre-Loved uniform



For many years now, the PTA have regularly held uniform sales on the playground. They have a good selection of school jumpers and cardigans, PE uniform and a small selection of trousers, skirts and dresses. All that is asked in return is a small donation.

If you ever need any items of uniform at any time during the term, please drop an email to [pta@griffydam.leics.sch.uk](mailto:pta@griffydam.leics.sch.uk) or pop into the office and we'll check if the sizes you need are available (no need to wait for another sale).

## Recycle your Batteries!

Did you know you can bring your old batteries to school to be recycled?

Bring your old batteries to the school office and they will be recycled once we fill the container!



## MacMillan Cake Competition & Sale

You will have seen we will be holding a cupcake competition on Friday 29th September, followed by a cake sale at the end of the school day. We are really looking forward to seeing the children's decorating skills!

If anyone is free to help during the sale please let Mrs Blake know, we'd be very grateful for anyone who can spare half an hour.

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**Congerstone Primary School**  
**Cross Country**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**Races for Foundation Stage to Year 6**  
**First race: 11.00am prompt**

Venue: Market Bosworth Country Park  
Park Road  
Market Bosworth  
Leicestershire  
CV13 0LD

Unfortunately parking in the Country Park is not available due to the barrier entry system causing long delays and tail backs on the main road. Parking will be available at Market Bosworth Rugby Club at a cost of £2. There is a 5-10minute walk from the car park to the race area, please allow plenty of time.

Hot food and drinks will be available thanks to Friends of Congerstone School.

N.B All spectators should keep to the spectator areas of the course and out of the start/finish area.

