



# Griffydam Primary School



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## Parent Newsletter

Friday 22nd September

Dear Parents and carers,

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had at Griffydam. In class 1 (The Busy Bees), the children have been making bread while learning about the story of The Little Red Hen. The wonderful smell of the bread cooking in the oven filled the school for most of the afternoon. In Class 2 (Julia Donaldson) the children have been learning their harvest songs and today were re telling the story of The Mighty Carrot, it was very exciting. Class 3 have been experimenting with water colours and the colour wheel with Miss Calow. Class 4 are just coming to the end of their topic on Space and are really looking forward to going to the Space Centre next week. I have heard from Mrs Shaw that the children who went to play tag rugby really did the school proud, they really got stuck in. The Cross Country at Market Bosworth was a huge success and we had children from Reception to Year 6 taking part. Well done to everyone who managed to attend. There is a lot going on in the 4 days that remain till the end of term with Year 2 and Year 3 out to Multi Sports and the Space Centre trip in Class 4.

A big thank you goes out to the PTA who have been working so hard to clear the pond area and have great plans to rejuvenate it.

Miss Wills

## Calendar Dates

### Autumn Term 2023

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

### October

9th – Parents Evening  
10th – Class 4 visit to The Space Centre  
11th – Parents Evening  
12th – Harvest Festival and Celebration assembly (9am)  
12th – Multi-Sports for Yr 2/3

### 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

## Young Voices

Everyone who wanted a place in young voices was accepted and so we now have a choir of 21 children going to Resorts World in Birmingham to sing as part of one of the biggest choirs in the world. Mrs Witchalls and Miss Wills will be holding practices during the school day.





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## Forest School Kit

Every child at Griffydam gets to do Forest School regularly. Here is a kit list your child needs for each session:

- Long sleeved top
- Long trousers (not shorts)
- Wellingtons/old trainers (only used for forest school)
- Waterproof coat
- Socks

Waterproof trousers are ideal.

If wet weather is forecast, a full change of clothes is ideal as they can come back very damp after their session.

Should children not have the correct clothing they may not be able to participate in the session.



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CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you for all of the wonderful cake donations for the cupcake competition. We raised an outstanding £90 for cancer research.

## Water

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of children having water bottles in school. It is very important that children keep hydrated throughout the school day as a drop in fluid levels does affect the children's ability to concentrate in lessons. By choosing water, this means children are not drinking sugary drinks which contribute to many preventable health conditions like obesity, tooth decay and type 2 diabetes. The children can have chilled tap water via the dispenser in the mobile and it costs less than a penny, 100 times less than bottled water and by using reusable water bottles we can help cut single-use plastics.

## Parking

Thank you to parents for not parking on the school site when you drop off and pick up your children. This is for safeguarding reasons and to keep all children safe.



## Harvest Assembly

Our harvest festival will now take place on Thursday 12th October along with a very short Celebration Assembly. The children have been learning songs and poems ready to share with you and it would be lovely to see as many parents as possible at the event.

All of the kind donations will be collected by Newland House.

