



# GRAPPENHALL HEYS NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

November 2021

Welcome back to Autumn 2 half term. We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable break.

## Email address

A polite reminder that the school email address has recently changed to [grappenhallheys\\_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:grappenhallheys_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk). Please update your contacts lists accordingly. Please also note that with immediate effect we will be closing the address [head@grappenhallheys.co.uk](mailto:head@grappenhallheys.co.uk). This was originally set up during the pandemic to allow parents to contact Mrs Jackson out of school hours regarding positive Covid cases to allow her to isolate individuals and classes. As children are no longer required to isolate as a close contact, the out of hours email is no longer required. If you do need to contact Mrs Jackson, please contact the school via telephone or the office email address indicated above.

## Pupil Premium

As a result of Covid, many family circumstances have changed. Please see the attached information sheet on Pupil Premium to see if you are eligible for any assistance. Details are on the information sheet about how you can apply.

## Year 6 Bikeability

Well done to all the Year 6 children who took part in their Level 1 & 2 Bikeability during the last week of term. We are really proud of you.

**Friday 5 November – own clothes day in exchange for £1 – British Hedgehog Preservation Society.** We will be raising money for this charity on Friday, this will help to contribute to our school becoming a Hedgehog Friendly School. Also don't forget to continue to litter pick around your local area and share a photo of how much you have collected via SeeSaw as part of the Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge, which runs up until 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## Year 3 and Year 4 Rugby Coaching Sessions

The sessions will start on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November and will be for 3 weeks (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Nov). Please send your child in their PE kits and waterproofs as they will be out in all weathers.

## Parent's Evening Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Parents evening appointments will be available to book from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November via ParentMail. Please note that Year 5 parents will be able to book appointments for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November only, a separate date will be made available for parents not able to attend or book an appointment on this date.

## Nursery Learn with Your Child

The rescheduled sessions will now take place week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Parents will be invited to book onto a session. More details will be sent via SeeSaw.

## School Expansion

You may be aware that planning permission has been granted for the school expansion. The Local Authority are still awaiting final confirmation of the section 77 application with the Department for Education. When this is received it is anticipated that all stakeholders, including parents will receive an update from WBC. In the meantime, I would encourage parents to dismiss any timescales suggested in local media, for the project as these are not yet confirmed or realistic!

## Forthcoming events

### Autumn 2 2021

#### Monday 01 November

School opens and After School Clubs start.

Presto Music Presentation to children  
Parents Evening Appointments available to book

#### Wednesday 03 November

Flu Immunisation mop up session

#### Thursday 04 November

Y3&Y4 Rugby Coaching PM for 3 weeks

#### Friday 5 November

Hedgehog Preservation Society fundraising - own clothes in exchange for £1 donation

#### Tuesday 9 November

Show around for parents of children due to start Reception Autumn 2022

#### Wednesday 10 November

Yoga workshops

#### Thursday 11 November

Y4 Swimming commences, please attend school at 8.30am

Y3&Y4 Rugby Coaching PM

PM Year 3 and Year 4 Warrington Wolves Rugby training

#### Monday 15 November

Anti-bullying week

#### Tuesday 16 November

Reception and Y3 Science workshop  
Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

#### Thursday 18 November

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Y3&Y4 Rugby Coaching PM

#### Friday 19 November

Children in Need

#### Monday 22 November

Nursery Learn With Your Child week



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### Nut Free School

As a school we endeavour to be nuts free as we have children in our school community with allergies. This relies heavily on support from Parents. So we politely remind all parents to ensure that snacks and lunches brought into school from home do not contain peanuts/nuts of any type. Lunch boxes, snacks and treats for birthdays must all be nut-free in the main ingredient list. It is permissible to bring in food which says 'has been processed in a factory containing nuts' but not 'may contain nuts'. We do not allow items which state nuts as the main ingredient.

**Birthday cakes and treats:** In order to avoid cross contamination birthday treats sent into school should be either individual treats or if it is cake, they should be in separate wrappers and will be given out after school and eaten only when leaving school. We do not expect parents to provide food made in a nut free environment but they should not have nuts in the ingredients. Ensuring treats are individually wrapped reduces the risk of cross contamination. School staff will read labels for other food allergens and any child with an allergy will be given a 'free-from' treat to take home.

This policy is to keep all our children as safe as possible

### Clothes Bank

You may have seen we now have onsite facility to recycle clothes. Please use the clothing bin as it raises funds for school.

### WOW Tracker Walk to School Challenge

In October we awarded 150 badges across Reception to Year 6, which represented a total of 67% actively travelled to school. Remember that to qualify for a WOW badge each month, a child needs to actively travel to school (Walk, Cycle, Scooter, Park and Stride) one day per week to qualify. The aim being to reduce the amount of car traffic/pollution in and around the school during drop off and pick up and encourage active travel to school.

September's Class of the Month: Year 2 with 85 % total active trips

October's Class of the Month: Year 2 with 86% total active trips

Congratulations to Year 2.

Here is a link to a video which explains how the WOW tracker works:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HB6h24HcTZA>

The following children have are celebrating their birthdays in November and have received or will be receiving their birthday pencil and sticker...

Luis A	Ghaus A	Shaurya B	Mateo B	Emiliano C
Grace D	Amelia D	Isaac D	Ruby F	Holly F
Robbie F	Amelie H	Alfie L	James M	Jason N
Gabriella N	Ben O	Mason S	Hugo S	Aria S
Tyler W	Keane W	Naiyah W		

**A Very Happy Birthday to you all!**

### Friends News

Please see the attached information sent out with this newsletter.

### Attendance

**Our school target is 96%.**

**For the year our current**

**attendance is 95.7%**

**Week ending 22 October 2021**

Year	Attendance (%)
Nursery	82.7
Reception	95.3
1	92.4
2	93.3
3	98.3
4	96.3
5	97.9
6	90.2

**Well Done Year 3!**