**Welcome to Autumn 1 2021** and a very warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children and to their families. Well done to all the children who have made a great start to the term.

Welcome to Chloe and Hailey and their families who have joined our Year 5 class this week.

**Update on proposed expansion**

Following on from the consultation on the proposed expansion of the school earlier in the year, we have received an update from Warrington Borough Council. The proposal is awaiting a response from the planning department and this is expected to be received by late October. Currently, plans are being prepared for tender, which is due to run alongside the planning process. The current timescale would indicate that some building work may commence from the end of January. This is obviously subject to change and we will obviously keep you informed on the progress of planning and tendering when we receive it. As we approach building work commencing we will update parents/carers with the detail once received.

**FRIENDS OF GRAPPENHALL HEYS**

We had a great turn out for our annual AGM last week, where we had lots of familiar faces as well as new ones which was wonderful and gave us hope for the sustainability of the work of Friends!

During the meeting we planned to re-establish some of the annual Friends events and discussed the ways in which any funds raised could support the school, namely in purchasing some more **electronic devices to use in all classes** and **outdoor play equipment for KS1 and 2** which were agreed as the main priorities. As a school we really value the work of Friends in organising lovely events for our school community as well as raising vital funds in the process and would like to thank Mrs Potter for her work as chair over the past three years and Mrs McKerracher for her work as Treasurer as they both step down from their respective roles. We are also delighted to inform you that we now have a substantive treasurer so the great work of friends can continue.

**GRANDPARENT’S DAY**

Today we welcomed back lots of Grandparents into school and it proved to be a very special morning. The children and staff loved having special visitors in school and it seemed that the Grandparents enjoyed themselves too! During the morning we raised over £800 which will be used to directly benefit the children. Our Grandparents are not only delightful, but they are very generous too! Thank you to Friends for providing refreshments for our visitors and setting up the raffle and gift stall. The raffle prize winners will be communicated separately via Parentmail. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and congratulations to the lucky winners. Enjoy your treats!

**RESIDENTIAL VISITS**

The children had an amazing week at Lledr Hall and we are so proud of their behaviour and all that they have achieved during their residential. We hope that the children had the opportunity to make some lovely memories. Thank you to the staff for their hard work across the week. Next week our Year 4 children go to Robinwood for their first residential visit, we look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

**WEAR GREEN FOR CEREBRAL PALSY**

On Wednesday 6th October **we are asking children in school to wear green for cerebral palsy.** We support this day annually as it is something very close to our hearts and directly benefits one of our families. Children can wear green in exchange for £1 donation. We will also host a cake sale at the end of the day so any donations of cakes would be kindly welcomed. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Autumn 1 2021**

Friday 1st October

Grandparent’s day in school

**Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 October**

Y4 Residential to Robinwood

**Wednesday 6** Wear Green for Cerebral Palsy

**Monday 11 October**

Learn with your child week – Nursery

**Tuesday 12 October**

Bags 2 School - Friends

**Wednesday 13 October**

Year 2 visit to Weaver Hall

**Thursday 14 October**

9.30am – show around for prospective parents Nursery/Reception Autumn 2022

**Friday 15 October**

Flu Immunisation Rec – Y6 children in school

**Monday 18 October**

Learn with your child week – Reception

Y6 Bikeability – all week

**Wednesday 20 October**

Early Years – Magician and Disco in school

6-7pm KS1 Halloween Disco – school hall

7.15pm – 8.15pm KS2 Halloween Disco – school hall

**Friday 22 October**

Open assembly 9am in the school hall – all parents welcome (TBC)

School closes and After School Clubs finish

Forthcoming events

 October 2021

**LEARN WITH YOU CHILD – NURSERY AND RECEPTION**

In the coming weeks we welcome Parents and carers into Reception for a taster session. A separate letter will be sent with the details for your class. We look forward to you joining us!

**Flu Immunisations for Reception – Year 6**

Just a reminder to complete the online consent for Flu Immunisation please, which takes place on **Friday 15th October**. A copy of the letter is attached.

**Academy Photography**

If you wish to order photographs of your children, please follow the instructions on the packs sent home and ensure that your order is completed by **Monday 4th October.** Orders sent into school will be collected on Wednesday 6th October by Academy. There is also an online ordering option.

**Broken or unwanted jewellery needed**

If you have any broken or unwanted jewellery, our art club and Mrs Gordon would appreciate any donations that you have, please pass them into school via the school office or the class teacher.

The following children have celebrated or are celebrating their birthdays in September/October and have received or will be receiving their birthday pencil and sticker…

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| Rory A | William B | Gracie B | Anita C | Aurora C |
| Benjamin C | Maisie L | Robert McL | Nate M | Sammie R |
| Hollie S-H | Sophie S | Hannah T | Kisa W | Nathan W |
| Oliver B | Billy B  | Teddy B  | Fletcher B | Annabelle B |
| Noah G | Sonny-Ray H | Wynn H | Fern H | Teddy M |
| Sadie M | Chinmayi M | Joseph N | India P | Amalie P |
| Anna R | Edward S | Chloe W |  |  |

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

**Friends News**

**Macmillan Cake-away**

Thank you to all those who donated cakes and bought cakes on Friday 24th September, we raised £309 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone involved.

**Tuesday 12 October**

Bags 2 School

**Attendance**

**Our school target is 96%.**

**For the year our current attendance is 95.5%**

**Week ending 24 September 2021**

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| Year | Attendance(%) |
| Nursery | 96.5 |
| Reception | 94.3 |
| 1 | 93.7 |
| 2 | 98.7 |
| 3 | 91.3 |
| 4 | 99.3 |
| 5 | 94.3 |
| 6 | 96. |

**Well Done 4!**