



GRAPPENHALL HEYS NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

March 2022

Welcome back to Spring 2 2022. We hope that you had a restful half term break and are looking forward to a busy half term!

Update from Mrs Jackson

You will have received an update from Mrs Jackson earlier today concerning COVID, Staffing and the School Expansion. Warrington Borough Council will send a further communication prior to the building works commencing.

World Book Day

On Thursday, children are invited into school as a book character and then we will continue our celebration of literature by classes working with a poet in school on Friday.

Dental Health Checks for Children Aged 5 Years Old

Letters with permissions attached will be sent home today to parents of children who will be aged 5 on or before 16 March. Please complete the form, if you received one and return it to school, a Parentmail will also be sent out. This is part of a national survey of people's teeth. This year the survey will look at the health of 5 year olds' teeth. A dental nurse will be visiting the school on Wednesday 16th March to carry out the survey.

School Meals/Snack Accounts – End of Year – Year 1-6

Please can we remind parents that all accounts on ParentPay must be in credit by **Year End on 1st April**, any outstanding debt is then passed to the school as a debt to pay. Please log onto www.parentpay.com and check your child's account and ensure that it is kept in credit.

Scholastic Book Fair Friday 18 March – Wednesday 23 March

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school. The fair will be open before school and after school each day, where a selection of books will be available to purchase. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Opal Project

We will be sharing a leaflet with you later this week detailing our plans further. We are so grateful for the parental support so far. If you can spare some time to help develop the outdoor play space for KS1 and KS2, we would really appreciate any time that you can spare!! This is open to parents/carers/grandparents. Our first project is to create an impressive mud kitchen in KS1 and KS2, which is well on its way! Please contact the school office if you can help in terms of materials, resources or time. Thank you also to those children and families who have supported the 'Twos Day' Fundraiser. We will update you with the total raised once confirmed.

Jubilee Celebrations

We are busy planning a week of celebrations later in the year to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Details of our plans will be shared closer to the time. But in the meantime, please see information overleaf about a gift pack available to order via Friends to commemorate the event. Class reps will gauge interest and then if viable, orders will be made via Parentmail.

Nursery Admissions September 2022 –Parents are requested to return forms to their first preference school by the closing date of **2nd March 2022**. Parents/carers should be informed by the school of their first preference whether a place is available by the end of April 2022. The sessions allocated may be confirmed at a later date

Guitar Lessons

Schools – Liverpool Music School

We work with many Schools throughout the Northwest supplying expert Musical tuition to individuals and small groups. If you are interested in having your child attend lesson in their school please complete the following form: liverpoolmusicschool.co.uk

Forthcoming events

Spring 2 2022

Monday 28 February

School opens After School Clubs start

Tuesday 01 March

Y4 Samba Drumming

Y5 Swimming lessons start (5 week block)

Guitar lessons start for children who have booked them

Wednesday 02 March

Basketball assembly

Thursday 03 March

World book day

World Book Day Pebble Art Collection

Friday 04 March

Poet – Paul Delaney visiting school

Monday 07 March

Y6 Mock SATs – all week

Parents Evening Appointments go live on ParentMail

12pm Closing Date for Assistant Head Teacher posts

Wednesday 16 March

Dental Health Check for children who are 5 years old

Friday 18 March

Book Fair starts

Sunday 20 March

UN Happiness Day

Monday 21 March

STEM Week

Tuesday 22 March

Parents Evening 3.30pm

Wednesday 23 March

Mother's Day Market

Thursday 24 March

Mother's Day Market

Parents Evening 3.30pm

Friday 25 March

Mother's Day Celebration

Monday 28 March

Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Wednesday 30 March

Friends Easter Market

Wear Blue for Autism Awareness

Thursday 31 March

Friends Easter Market

Fun Food Chef

Talent Show

Friday 1 April

Easter Egg Hunt

Fun Food Chef

School Closes and After School Clubs finish



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WOW Tracker Walk to School Challenge

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.

February's Class of the Month: Year 2 - Congratulations!

February 2022 – 160 badges awarded across Reception – Year 6, 69% active trips to school.

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

Theodore B	Eleanor B	Ethan BS	Taylor B	William C
Shuman F	Jude G	Daniel H	Naya K	Thomas K
Polly L	Vedant P	Oliver P	Ella T	Neel V
Isabelle W				

A Very Happy Birthday to you all!

Friends News

2022 challenge Update

Just a reminder that the sponsorship money (cash/cheque) deadline is **1st March**. Please remember to put your name & class on the front of the envelope provided and to place your completed sponsorship form inside. With this form, we are able to claim 25% in gift aid! We can't thank you enough for your continued support. All money raised in this challenge will go towards the Opal Garden Project.

Friends Meeting

Following on from requests for a Friends daytime meeting, our next meeting will take place at **9:15am on the 3rd March in school**. It would be great to see as many faces as possible but understand this day meeting may not work for everyone. Please spread the word.

Pre Loved Book Sale 3-3:40pm Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th March

Come along and enjoy the Pre Loved Book Sale - a chance for the children to talk about, share and enjoy new (to them) books, while also raising money for the school. Books and bundles £1, sweet treat bags also available £2. We kindly ask that you have the correct change to minimise the handling of cash.

Grappenhall Heys Jubilee Commemorative Gift Set

You will probably know by now that there is an extra special long bank holiday weekend coming up for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To commemorate the occasion and give the children something to treasure forever, Friends will be selling a jubilee gift set (details to follow). Children can sport the pin badge on their uniform and the coin could be a special keepsake for a time capsule or memory book. All money raised will be used to purchase vital facilities to enhance the education and wellbeing the children at Grappenhall Heys CPS.

Attendance

Our school target is 96%.

For the year our current attendance is 95.2%

Week ending 18 February 2022

Year	Attendance (%)
Nursery	95.6
Reception	98.0
1	93.7
2	95.0
3	98.3
4	97.0
5	98.3
6	86.3

Well Done Year 3 & Year 5!