



GRAPPENHALL HEYS NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

July 2022

We have had a wonderful **Health and Wellbeing week**. Many thanks to Mrs MacCrory for organising the events and a big thank you to all our visitors for leading wonderful sessions across the week. Thank you to our parents for making our first Sports Day in three years a huge success. The children and spectators made it a wonderful day. Particular thanks to our EYFS parents who braved the rain in the afternoon and understood when rain stopped play, we hope you enjoyed the races we managed to squeeze in!

Social Media – A polite reminder that when Parents are in school watching events and taking photos (such as Sports Day) that they ensure the photos remain for personal use and treasured memories and are not shared on any social media platform if they contain images of other children from school. We do not have consent for all children to be on social media and sometimes this can be due to child protection. We do not want to be in a position where we cannot allow photos to be taken as we know how important they are, we just ask that you respect the social media policy.

Meet the teacher day - Wednesday 6th July

As you will be aware that as part of our transition arrangements, children will spend time with their new teacher on Wednesday. Please note that pick up and drop off arrangements will be the same for children for Years 1 - Year 6. Current Reception children spending time in Year 1 will be met on the playground by Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Harman, their new teacher and escorted to their new classroom.

Building Update – A polite reminder that **Children should not be left unsupervised outside of the main reception before the doors open at 8.45am**. We appreciate that some of our older children walk to school but if you could ensure they are not arriving too early. The front of school is now very busy and it is adjacent to the car park road. Children are continuing to arrive early, many unsupervised, playing chasing games and ball games, making it unsafe. Please support us by supervising your child until 8.45 am.

Staff Car park – Thank you to those parents who are now parking outside of the staff car park to drop off and pick up from link club – this is really helpful. Please could we ask for the small minority who are not doing so to begin to use the lay by on Stansfield Drive and avoid the staff car park at all times during the building works. Those displaying a valid blue badge are obviously welcome to continue to use the car park. We are just trying to manage an increase in the volume of traffic at peak times and keep it as safe as possible for all concerned.

School meals/snacks accounts – ParentPay

As we reach the end of the school year, please could we ask that you check your child's account and ensure that the account is in credit before the end of the year. We have a number of children's accounts in debt currently. May we remind parents/carers that the maximum amount outstanding should be no more than -£12, anything above this then we ask parents to send their child into school with a packed lunch and their own snack from home until the debt is cleared.

Year 6 parents, please ensure that ParentPay account is in credit before the end of the school year.

Forthcoming events

Summer 2 Term

Monday 4 July

Y2 Trip to Formby

Tuesday 5 July

Y6 BHS Transition day

Wednesday 6 July

Y6 BHS Transition Day
Academy Deadline for Y6 Leavers and
Nursery Graduation photo orders

Nursery – Y6 Meet the Teacher Day

Friday 8 July

Y6 Heart Dissection

Monday 11 July

Y6 Basic First Aid skills

Wednesday 13 July

Y6 Pets and Pizza

Friday 15 July

Y6 Leavers Fest – camping on the school
field
After School Clubs finish

Tuesday 19 July

Y1 visit to Walled Garden
Y6 Dress rehearsal of Robin and the
Sherwood Hoodies

Wednesday 20 July

Mini Ball in school hall

Thursday 21 July

1.30pm Y6 performance
– Y6 parents/carers only

6.30pm Y6 Performance
– Y6 parents/carers only

Friday 22 July

Y6 Water Fight

Monday 25 July

Fun Day

Tuesday 26 July

Leavers Day
School closes



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Reception parents – You will be sent a ParentMail and an activation letter, for those who have not already set up a ParentPay account, this will be for your child in Year 1 as snacks will then be charged via ParentPay. **Year 2 parents** – please note that from Year 3, all meals and snacks taken at school are charged via ParentPay and your child's account will need to have enough credit to cover meals and snacks taken from September onwards.

Year 6 Production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies Thursday 21 July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Parents of Year 6 children will receive 2 tickets for both performances, these will be sent home in the next week. The tickets will be free of charge. If you do not intend to use them, please share them with other Y6 families or return to school.

Y6 arrangements for the last day of school

Our leavers Assembly will take place on **Tuesday 26th July at 9.15. It will be followed by a breakfast for Y6 children, staff and their respective families at 10:00.** We will then ask family members to leave and for Year 6 pupils to remain in school for shirt signing etc. **Year 6 children can leave school (collected by a parent or nominated adult) at 1.15 pm.** If you need your child to stay in school until 3.15 this is not a problem, please let us know if this is the case.

Mud kitchen/ Art request for items

If you have any utensils/pans that you are about to dispose of please consider donating them to school for our mud kitchen. We are also after wicker laundry hampers, which could be used for storage or play.

Also if you have any old adult or high school shirts which you could donate to school, these make great coveralls for art and craft activities in school. Please send them into school via your class teacher.

Battery recycling

As part of an eco initiative by Duracell, Mrs Gordon has ordered battery recycling boxes for the children, to start in September. To help with this Mrs Gordon has also requested a valpak recycling box that they can be emptied into. This will support our eco status and help promote recycling in school.

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.

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

June 2022 – 164 badges awarded across Reception – Year 6, 73% active trips to school.

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

Oliver A	Isla B	Toby B	Siena C	Riva C
Ophelia C	Bethany G	Tristan H	Austin H	Luke H
Reece J	Hanni K	Jax M	Miah O	Ewan O
Josh P	Francesca S	Joshua S	Ethan S	John S

A Very Happy Birthday to you all!

Attendance

Our school target is 96%.

For the year our current attendance 95%

Week ending 24 June 2022

Year	Attendance (%)
Nursery	90.2
Reception	95.4
1	93.3
2	98.3
3	99.0
4	97.9
5	99.3
6	93.0

Well Done Year 5!