

# ***Greyfriars Academy*** **Newsletter October 2018**

More information on our website

<https://www.greyfriarsprimary.academy>

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year, and a warm welcome to all our new parents and carers.

We are well and truly back to school; our new reception children are all full time now and we are all enjoying working and playing hard!

## **A Smart Start!**



Thank you for your support in ensuring your children are smartly dressed in school uniform. This helps the children develop a sense of pride and identity as members of the Greyfriars team! Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform, especially blue sweatshirts, P.E and swimming kits are clearly named.

## **Events so far this term**

Year 5 & 6 Residential to Aylmerton Study Centre - We took 39 children to Holt Hall for 4 nights at the beginning of term. It was a very successful event enjoyed by all.

## **Spun Glass Theatre**

Blakeney and Cromer Class were very fortunate to have a visit from Spun Glass Theatre Company;



The excellent activities explored themes running through Shakespeare's "The Tempest". Children explored storyline, character creation and location displacement in the play itself before thinking about how that related to their knowledge of refugees today. Amazing day!

## **Whole School Cross Country**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, children from years 1 to 6 went over to the Walks for our annual cross country run. They supported and cheered each other on and it was great to see so many of them taking part.



## **Active Kids Festival**

During the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> October, fourteen KS1 children took part in an Active Kids Festival event at Lynnsport. The children participated in a variety of activities and there will be more opportunities for this in the future.

## **Free Dictionaries**

These were given out to all Year 5 and 6 by King's Lynn Rotary Club. Many thanks to their members.

## Image Musical Theatre 'Robin Hood'

Last week we were very lucky to be entertained by



the Image Theatre. All the children were involved in the performance, either singing or acting and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

## KWEST Launch Event



Last Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October all the schools in our Multi Academy Trust came together for the first time. This took place in the barn at Lynnsport and all children from Greyfriars Academy, Kings Oak Academy, Highgate Infants, Churchill Park Academy, St Germans Academy, Magdalen Academy and Wimbotsham & Stow Academy met to give a short performance of singing and mime to each other, which together told the history of King's Lynn. A photo was then taken of everyone together creating a wonderful rainbow! We are looking forward to exciting opportunities in the future to work closely with the children and staff across these schools. Look out for details in the local press.



## Premier Sport After School Clubs

Next half term, gymnastics on a Tuesday for children and possibly fencing on a Thursday will be on offer. If you want your child to take part there are leaflets in main reception, although some were sent home earlier this term. Premier Sport offer really good clubs with experienced instructors, feedback has been very good from this half term. You need to book online using the details on their leaflets. Please ask at the office if you are not sure what to do.

## Before and After School Club

The sessions are from 7.30am until 8.30am and 3.15pm until 4.30pm or 5.15pm. The cost is £2 for a morning session, £2.50 from



- 4.30pm and £1.50 from 4.30 - 5.15pm. Children take part in a range of exciting and enjoyable activities; such as cooking, gardening, art and games. The club is well supervised by experienced and qualified school staff and the children are provided with nutritious breakfast or teatime snacks.

We would ask that parents pick up their children from any after school clubs as the days start to get darker earlier, rather than them walking home alone.

## School Photographs

You should have received your photo proofs by now. Don't forget to place your orders early so that they can be delivered in time for Christmas.

## Class Names - Reminder

Although we have been using names for the classrooms for a few years now, here is a reminder:

Mrs Coleman	Snettisham
Mrs Stanley	Heacham
Mrs Holmes	Thornham
Miss Cook	Hunstanton
Mrs Emery	Brancaster
Mrs Moyle	Sheringham
Mr Hartley	Holkham
Ms Nordloh	Cromer
Ms Black	Blakeney
Mrs Marshall	Winterton

### Support for Parents

Just a reminder that our Parent Support Advisor, Shelly Whitmore is available whenever you have a concern or need some extra help and advice. Shelly can be easily contacted through the school office.

### Parents in School

We welcome you on to our playground at the start and end of the day and are happy for 'short chats' at these times. However, the teachers need to bring their classes in promptly to start learning in the mornings, so we would appreciate it if you make an arrangement to meet teachers at a more appropriate time, or chat to Shelly if you need to talk about something that needs a bit longer.

### Coming into school

In the interest of pupil safety it is important that parents and carers do not enter the school via the corridor doors, either to get to the office, go to the cloakrooms or speak to a teacher. Always use the main gates in Hospital Walk or the back gate from The Walks to go in and out of school at the beginning or end of the day. You can then walk around the playground and enter the school via the main reception door.

### Communication

We now email all letters as well as sending a letter home with your child. We also use texting for short messages so it is really important we have the correct information for you. If you want to keep up to date with school events and information please check your child's bag for letters and check your emails and texts regularly. If you have any concerns about not receiving enough information please speak to someone at the office.



### School Dinner Payments

Just a reminder that dinners should be paid for on the day or in advance. Please bring cash to the school office in a named envelope and place in the secure box in main reception.

### Remembrance Day

As usual we have been asked to sell poppies by the Royal British Legion. These will be on sale from Monday 5th November so if your children would like to buy a poppy please send in a donation during that week.



### Flu Vaccination for Year R to Year 5

This will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, please see attached letter from the NHS, consent forms will be sent out soon.

### School Meals

There will be a new menu from next half term. Details attached.

### FrOGS

Have a look and 'like' our Friends of Greyfriars Facebook page, where you can see all the latest news and events.

Dates for your diary - lots more will be added to these but we will keep in touch as more dates are arranged.

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Town Cross Country
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir out
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Xmas play to parents
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas lunch
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Xmas holidays

Hope you have a great Half Term. We will see you back at school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.