

# ***Greyfriars Primary School*** **Newsletter March 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are, at the end of a busy and productive half term!

Thank you to all the children and staff who have continued to work hard, and to you for your ongoing support.

## **Goodbye**

We say goodbye to Mrs Harper this week who is going to live and work in America. Mrs Harper has been a super teacher and colleague and we will all miss her. We wish her lots of luck for the future and welcome Miss Norris, an experienced EYFS teacher who will take her place for the summer term.

## **Trip to the Mart'**

King's Lynn Rotary Club yet again gave pupils from local schools the opportunity to go the Mart as a special treat during the school day. This year children from year 6 went along and they thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Our thanks go to the Rotary Club for organising this event.



## **World Book Day**

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The children looked amazing in their various costumes and we all enjoyed the day. Many thanks for all your support and creativity in helping your children get into character!

## **Music for Youth**

Uke 'n' Toot 'n' Tap

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 performed in the Music for Youth Regional Festival at Springwood High School. The performance group, expertly led by our Music Teacher Miss Berners, performed brilliantly. We are now waiting to hear if they are going to be selected to perform at The Symphony Hall in Birmingham which is the next round of the festival.



## **'Green-Fingered' Pupils**

Mrs Holmes' class spent an enjoyable afternoon last week when they joined staff from the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council to plant bluebell bulbs in the Walks. The children worked really hard and look forward to seeing the results of their planting in the future!

## **Healthwatch assembly**

Last week all our children watched a play put on by the Healthwatch team. It was a fun interactive play all about Healthy Living and featured their elephant 'Nelson'. This was followed by some class work completing surveys

about the children's view on visiting doctors' surgeries. There should be some feedback later in the year.

### **Mini Gear**

Thank you to everyone who has entered the mini GEAR.



The event takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. More details about the day will be sent home next half term but in the meantime keep collecting your sponsorship. Remember, all the money we raise will go straight to the FROGS who are looking at fundraising to improve the playground this year.

Additional sponsor forms can be collected from the office. Happy running!

### **West Norfolk Swimming Gala**

2 of our pupils, Jamie and Esmie took part in this, having worked hard to get to this stage in the competition. Both gave an excellent performance and achieved very well. Congratulations girls!

### **Ryston Runners Cross Country**

Once again we saw a fantastic turnout of runners from Greyfriars at the last of this year's cross country races. Greyfriars runners were very pleased to be awarded 3rd place in the Schools' Competition and the following children were awarded a Ryston keyring memento for completing 3 or more races; Esmie and Lola Kidman, Jamie and Rhys Sturge, Edvardas Baltrunkis, Harry and Thomas Malton, Hette Koulman and Olivia Wynd. Many thanks to all the children who came along and took part and thanks for the support of all the parents too!



### **Clubs information**

Football clubs will not be continuing during the Summer term but should start again in September.

We are starting Archery for the summer term. If you didn't manage to get on this there is a reserve list in the office. Please see the office if you want to check your child is on this.

### **Before and After School Club**

The club will be moving to a new location after Easter. It will be in the Training Room, which is the room located opposite the school office. Entrance will be through the gate by the school office. There is a small parking area here that you can use to drop off or pick up the children for club.

### **Swimming**

Please remember that on swimming days your child will need short swim trunks or a one piece costume along with a swimming hat and towel. Next term Year 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be doing lifesaving so please provide shorts and a t-shirt week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## School Dinners

There will be a few changes to the dinner menu next term:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April Beef Enchilada will be replaced with Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Every Wednesday custard will be served instead of natural yoghurt for dessert.

## Friends Of Greyfriars School (FrOGS)

Please like and share our Facebook page. This is where we post details of our fund raising events and will be a useful place for you to check for upcoming events.

## ATTENDANCE

We know children cannot help being ill and that this is more likely at this time of year, but please send your child to school whenever possible, we don't mind a few snuffles if they are well enough! If a child has been sick, due to a sickness bug, please ensure that they are kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. If your child is absent from school, please could you make sure you let the school office know the reasons why, as the school can only authorise absence when we have been given a valid reason. Also, please avoid making routine medical appointments during the school day and arrange these for after school or school holidays.



## Advance Notice

Next year we will be having a training day on a different day to other schools in the area. This will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This means that our school calendar will not be the same as the Norfolk County Council calendar. Our training days will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Please note that Greyfriars will be open on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, which may be a training day for other schools in the area.

Dates for your diary - further dates will follow:

Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April 6pm	Meeting for parents re Aylmerton trip
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3/4 Topic Launch Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	KS1 Topic Launch Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Netball tournament at KES
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Aylmerton
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Possible trip out for Year 3 and 4
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Speaking Competition
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June to 28 <sup>th</sup> June-	KES Taster Days
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Springwood Taster Days
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Frogs Disco
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports 1.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5/6 trip
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports 1.15pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Frogs Carnival
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 play for parents
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers assembly

We have also attached a list of dates for Story Café next term.

We wish you a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.