

CHARITY NEWS

We are supporting the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal again this year. From 1st March, Daffodil badges will be for sale in school for a suggested cost of £1.00. Last year we raised just over £60.00 so let's see if we can do better this year.



On Friday 15th March we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. The children can wear something red that day and bring a donation for this charity.



Just to let you know that the final amount raised for the British Legion Poppy Appeal was £229.19. Thank you for all your support for this amazing charity.

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Miss Jones to school and hope that she soon settles into her Year 1 class. Although Miss Jones is the teacher, the class will still be called 1HB for the rest of this year.

Mrs Callander is still off sick and we all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to school later this term. In the meantime, Mrs Salisbury is the Teaching Assistant working with 1HB.

Headteacher's Farewell—I have written many letters over the last 17 years as Headteacher of Greasby Infant School but this is one of the most difficult. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that I will not be returning to school in September as I have decided to retire. It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with so many wonderful children and their families and I have loved watching the children grow and develop into such amazing young people. They make me proud every day and I know that they will all go on to do great things in later life.

There are so many things that I am grateful for, not many Headteachers have the opportunity of working with such fantastic staff and an incredible Governing Body, who work so hard to ensure that the children in our school receive the best education possible and also have lots of fun in doing so. I will truly miss everyone in my incredible extended family.

I will keep our school community updated about the staffing changes and introduce the new Headteacher, once they have been appointed.

Although I am sad to be leaving, I am excited about the future and the next chapter in my life. I wish everyone at Greasby Infant School all the very best and I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength.



January 2024

GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed time together as a family.

Mrs J. Tomkinson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY

5-11th	Childrens Mental Health Week
9th	FOGIS Valentine's Disco
13th	Shrove Tuesday
19th-23rd	Half Term Break
26th	Children Return to School

MARCH

7th	World Book Day
8th	FOGIS Onesie-upon-a-time
Week beginning 11th	Parent-Teacher Meetings by appointment
11th-13th	Book Fair
15th	Red Nose Day
26th	F2 Easter Celebration Afternoon (parental invitation and more details to follow)
27th	Year 2 Easter Celebration Morning (parental invitation and more details to follow)
27th	Year 1 Easter Celebration Afternoon (parental invitation and more details to follow)
28th	End of Spring Term—non-uniform day
29th	Bank Holiday
1st-12th	Spring Break
15th	Start of the Summer Term

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating throughout the week with lots of different book related activities.



On World Book Day children can come dressed as a character from their favourite book.

We are also looking for mystery readers to offer to read a story to the children in our special story tent. If you are able to support this activity or would like any more information please contact the school office or Mrs Clark.

More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week, this year is "My Voice Matters". Organisers, Place2Be, say that this is about empowering children to be able to express themselves. More information about different activities taking place during the week beginning 5th February will follow.

ATTENDANCE

Class Attendance so far this Year

★ F2SC 96.1% 1CW 96.6% 2JB 95.9% 2HP 96.2% 1HB 95.0% ★



Well done class F2GC, keep up the good work!

Considerate Parking

Please can I ask that when you are bringing your children to and collecting them from school, you are considerate to those people who live on Hall Drive and Barker Lane. I know that it is very busy at these times, but please try to park safely, do not block drive ways or drive on the pavements. Please can I also ask that you do not walk across the school car park as we have recently had a several incidents and we want to keep everyone safe and happy in our school community.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Epiphany

Year 1 children enjoyed their visit to Greasby Methodist Church on 12th January, where they found out more about the Epiphany story. Thank you to everyone at Greasby Methodist Church who supported this activity, we really appreciate all the hard work that goes into creating and delivering activities like this. Also a big thank you to the volunteers who walked with us to church.



RockSteady—The whole school and parents had a wonderful afternoon listening to the amazing RockSteady Bands performing at their special concerts. The children showed great courage and confidence performing for their friends and families. They had learnt many new skills throughout the term and despite the break over Christmas, they performed brilliantly. A huge thank you to Ollie for all his hard work and support throughout the Autumn Term.



Snow day fun— The F2 classes went out in small groups to explore the snow and enjoyed trying to build mini snowmen. There wasn't enough snow to build bigger ones!



Fake-away lunch— On Thursday 18th January everyone enjoyed their take-away lunch, especially the sachet of tomato sauce! Thank you to Debi, Rachel, Cath and the midday team for another lovely lunchtime.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch—On Monday 22nd January the children learnt about the different types of birds found in our school grounds and made birdcake feeders to help take care of the birds in the cold winter weather. Further information about the Big Garden Birdwatch can be found at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

