



February 2017

GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents

Everyone has enjoyed our recent Chinese New Year celebrations and we hope that 2017 the Year of the Rooster, is a lucky year for you all.

Mrs J. Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY

10th	School Disco
13th	Sports Afternoon - selected pupils only
17th	Non-uniform Day
20th-24th	Half Term Holiday
27th	Staff Development Day
28th	Children return to school

MARCH

2nd	World Book Day
3rd	Onsie-upon-a-time 6pm
Week beginning 6th	Parent-Teacher Meetings by appointment
Week beginning 20th	Creative Week
24th	Red Nose Day
26th	Mothering Sunday
31st	End of Term — non-uniform day

APRIL

3rd-17th	Easter Holiday
18th	Start of Summer Term

World Book Day



Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating throughout the week with lots of different book related activities. All children will receive a World Book Day voucher to buy a special World Book day book, or to put towards a book of their choice.

On World Book Day the children can come into school dressed as characters from their favourite books. Don't forget to bring the book with you to share with your friends.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill and will not be attending school it is important that you contact the school office on the first day of absence. You can either phone, e-mail or call into the office. If the absence has not been reported by 9.30am, school will contact the parents to discuss the reasons.

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Holidays should not be taken in term time as children miss vital aspects of their education which they find difficult to catch up on. The Headteacher is unable to authorise absences in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. These need to be put in writing to the Headteacher and discussed with the school, prior to the absence. Where the school has concerns regarding attendance the School's Educational Social Welfare Officer will be informed.

★	Class Attendance this term	★
F2EH 97%	1CP 96.7%	2KF 96.7%
1LH 96.1%	F2SC 96%	2JB 94.3%

The National Average for attendance is 96%, nearly all our classes are above this. Come on class 2JB!

100 Club

Congratulations to Alison Hatfield who was the 100 Club draw winner for January.

Good Luck to everyone for the next draw.

Recent School Activities

Epiphany

Year 1 children enjoyed their visit to Greasby Methodist Church on 19th January, where they found out more about the Epiphany story. Thank you to everyone who supported this activity.



Junior Chefs

As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations the children developed their cooking skills by making Chinese Noodles when the Junior Chefs visited school on 26th and 27th January. Everyone enjoyed their cooking sessions and learnt a great deal about Chinese food and how to cook it.



Chinese New Year Celebrations



The whole school took part in two weeks of activities to celebrate the Chinese New Year. During the celebrations the children explored different activities around Chinese New Year. The children also learnt about traditional Chinese New Year stories and found out that 2017 is the year of the rooster. If you are born in the year of the rooster, you are said to be independent, honest and confident.



CHARITY NEWS

We will be supporting the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal again this year. Daffodil badges will soon 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 24th March we will be raising money for Comic Relief by holding a "Wear Red" day. If you would like to take part, please wear something red and bring in a donation to support this charity day.



Parking around School



As you know we regularly have problems with parking around the school site and following a suggestion from one of the school neighbours, we are holding a competition to ask children to design a "Safe Parking" sticker.

Thanks to Mr Tony Cox, one of our School Governors, we have received sponsorship from Jaguar Landrover and will be turning the winning design into car stickers for all our parents, who I am sure are all considerate parkers.

We hope that all children will take part and there will be a prize for the best design in each class as well as the overall winning design. Sticker designs will be laminated and displayed on the school railings as a reminder for visitors to park safely, thinking about pedestrians and also showing consideration for our school neighbours.

The designs need to be returned to school after the half term break and will be judged by Mr Tony Cox, Councillor Wendy Clements and a group of school neighbours. The winners will be announced in one of our Celebration Assemblies during March.

The design sheet will be sent home as a homework activity for the half term break. Make the design as bright and eye-catching as possible. We want everyone to park safely and with respect for others.

Good luck to everyone and I can't wait to see all the amazing designs.