



6th January 2023

Welcome back to the Spring Term

It has been so lovely welcoming the children back in to school this week. They have settled brilliantly back in to school and are already showing great learning behaviours.

We will be continuing to work on our school rules of **ready, respectful and safe**.

Children will be praised on how well they follow these rules, on the effort in their learning time and their general attitude to learning and each other in school. They will receive praise in the following ways;

- green tokens—these are added to the whole school collection efforts in order to earn their end of half term treat day.
- Golden bricks—these are awarded for children who are working hard and showing any of the school values
- Wonderful Wednesday Lunchtime—children are selected to have a special lunch with myself and Mrs Duncan. This is to celebrate those children who have quietly been getting on with their learning or tries exceptionally hard to improve in lessons.
- Fantastic Phone calls—teacher's will let myself or Mrs Duncan know when the children have gone above and beyond, we will then give you a call to let you know the wonderful things your child has done at school.

Dates for your Diary

3rd January—INSET Day

4th January—Children back to School

9th January—Taking Care / Protective Behaviour Learning begins this week

10th and 12th—Year 2 Reading Booster Groups begin (selected children)

27th January—Year 1 Class Trip to the Transport Museum

3rd February—NSPCC Number Day (more info will follow soon)

6th February—Children's Mental Health Awareness Week begins.

14th February—Safer Internet Day

We will be planning opportunities to invite parents and families in to school throughout this term. More information will be coming to you soon.

Year 1 Trip to the Transport Museum

Year 1 children will have the opportunity to visit the Coventry Transport Museum as part of their

On the Move topic learning.

If you have not yet returned your permission slips and contributions please can you do this by Monday 16th January. If we haven't had enough contributions we may have to cancel the trip.



Attendance

Attendance has been wonderful this week in school and we are all getting used to the earlier starting time of the school day.

SAM (School Attendance Matters) is going to the

winning class... Moorhen Class

OTIS (On Time in School) is spending the week between the winning class Gosling Class.

This week's Whole School Attendance is **90%**
We are aiming for a target of 96%.



Curriculum Information

We have updated our curriculum this academic year and all information about what the children are learning can be found on our school website. On our website you will also find examples of the children's learning, key policies and information about our wonderful school.

www.raceleysinfant.co.uk



Year 1 Home Learning

As part of our geography learning at the beginning of next term we would like you to talk to your child about landmarks you see on your way to school. These could be buildings, post boxes, parks etc. Please point out to your child that landmarks do not move.

Coming Soon...

Thank you to all who have contacted myself or some of our parent champions already we will look to set our first meeting in the New Year. Please keep an eye out on the Website for the date for this.

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PE Days

These will remain the same as this term
Reception—Tuesday
Year 1—Wednesday and Friday
Year 2—Monday and Thursday

Children must wear PE Kit to school on these days. Can we please ask that the children wear their school jumpers or cardigans on PE Days.

Applying for a Reception Space

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2023 please remember to submit your applications by 5pm on the 15th January. Applications received after this time could mean that you are placed on our waiting list.

If you know someone with a child starting next year please ask them to take a look at our website for more information.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>



Volunteers in School

We are always looking for volunteers who could come in to school regularly to support with reading with our children. All we'd ask is for you to complete a DBS check and then we can arrange a class for you to support. If this is something you think you'd like to help with please email Mrs Duncan.

duncan.l1@welearn365.com

Year 2 Children

All children in Year 2 will need to make sure that they have made their applications for their junior school place in Year 3 by 5pm on Sunday 15th January.

Our friends at Race Leys Junior School are holding an Open Day Event on Friday 13th. Please see information attached.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Celebrating our Learning



Cygnets Class have loved their learning this week. We have been creating our own snowmen, exploring animals from the polar regions, creating dens and investigating number bonds to 5.



Gosling class have worked hard this week on their imaginative play and working with their friends in the land of make believe and stories. They have been exploring icy jobs like keeping warm and catching their food. In the water play they have been investigating floating and sinking surfaces to save our polar bear friends.

We have been astounded this week with the children's reading and writing skills. They have been using their phonic sounds to read and write various 3 letter words. Our reception children have made wonderful progress in their phonics learning and continue to impress us each day with their enthusiasm for writing.



Celebrating our Learning



Year one have started their new topic 'On The Move'. They have enjoyed learning a new song and learning the Makaton signs that go with it.

We are looking forward to performing it in a few weeks time.

Year 1 have been learning about the names of 3D shapes and lots of new vocabulary. We have learnt their names - cube, cuboid, cylinder, pyramid, prism, cone and a few funky songs to help us remember!



As part of our new topic **On Safari**, we have been learning about Kenya and where it is. We have also written an email to a school in Kenya to find out more about how they live and how this may be the same or different to our lives.





Race Leys
Junior School

Open Day

Friday 13th January
9-5.30pm



We invite you to join us for our upcoming open day to share the many opportunities that we can offer as part of being in the Griffin Schools Trust and how Race Leys Junior School supports our children to flourish and grow.



Contact: admin2615@welearn365.com to book a place

Educaterers Lunch Menu Week 1

Geeney and Wrenkashire: 59, 259, 1710, 711, 2011, 9123, 501.
Leeds: 59, 259, 711, 2011, 9123, 501.
Oxfordshire: 59, 259, 1710, 711, 2011, 1912, 9123, 501, 202.

Meat Free Monday



(vg) Quorn Dippers G.

OR



(v) Broccoli and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake G.D.

OR



(v) Cheeser Beans D.

OR



(v) Cheddar Cheese G.D.

Tuesday



OR



(v) Cheddar Cheese and Potato Pie D.E.

OR



(v) Cheese D.

OR



British Roast Chicken G.

Wednesday



OR



(vg) Quorn Roast G. Optional Stuffing G.

OR



Tuna Mayonnaise F.E.

OR



Tuna Mayonnaise F.E.G.

Thursday



OR



(v) Veggie Sausage Pattie in a Breakfast Bag D.E.G.

OR



British Ham G.

OR



Friday



OR



Crispy Salmon Fishcake F.G. (v) Rustic Cheese & Tomato Pizza D.G.

OR



(v) Cheddar Cheese D.G.

Week 1 Dessert Menu

Every day we offer:

(v) Yogurt, (D) or Fresh fruit as alternative dessert options

Monday

(v) Chocolate Mousse with Fruit D.
(vg) Homemade Ginger Biscuit G.

Tuesday

(vg) Homemade Lemon Shortbread G.

Wednesday

(v) Homemade Chocolate Cherry Sponge G.E. with Hot Chocolate Sauce D.
(v) Ice Cream Tub D.

Thursday

(v) Homemade Iced Raspberry Cake G.E.
(v) Ice Cream Tub D.

Friday

(v) Ice Cream Tub D.
(vg) Homemade Crunch Cookies G.

All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit juice cordial, semi skimmed milk or water to drink. Some schools offer a Hydration Station instead, comprising of unlimited chilled water flavoured with fresh fruit. **Accompaniments may vary to those shown in the photographs.**

PLEASE NOTE some schools serve the cold option in a shell bag with vegetable sticks or salad, a dessert and a drink.

Key

vg = vegan
v = vegetarian
D = Dairy
N = Coconut/Nuts
S = Soybean
E = Egg
G = Gluten/Wheat
F = Fish
M = Mustard
SB = Soy
SJ = Sunflower

Allergies

Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

Warwickshire Governor Services

School Governance Professional (part time)

Warwickshire Governor Services runs a successful clerking service for schools in the county and surrounding area. We wish to recruit additional School Governance Professionals (formerly known as clerk to the governing board) to deliver a high-quality clerking service to schools, to meet demand.

The main duties are:

- providing advice to the governing body on governance, constitutional, and procedural matters.
- providing effective administrative support to the governing body and its committees, including minuting meetings to a high standard.
- ensuring the governing body is properly constituted.
- managing information effectively in accordance with legal requirements.

School Governance Professionals will be employed by Warwickshire County Council but will usually be allocated to specific schools. Day to day accountability is to the governing body.

This is a flexible part-time role, which can involve clerking for just one school (to fit around your substantive post) or it can be grown to involve clerking for many schools. The hours can be agreed with candidates on an individual basis. Pay (including holiday enhancement) is £14.21 per hour.

You will mainly work from home, with some attendance of meetings at times convenient to the governing body, typically early evening. These are both on-line and in-person meetings (when covid restrictions allow).

We are looking for someone who:

- has excellent written skills, including being able to identify relevant information, take accurate notes at meetings and summarise information to prepare high quality minutes
- is computer literate, especially with Word, web, and email, and has access to equipment for working from home
- is an efficient administrator, able to use initiative and able to work under pressure including meeting deadlines
- can research and manage advice from a variety of sources
- is able to work with detailed information, such as DfE governance regulations and provide detailed and accurate advice
- has excellent communications skills, including the ability to liaise, and build effective relationships with senior school staff and support them in a professional way
- understands the importance of confidentiality and integrity
- is willing to work in the evenings
- will undertake CPD and an accreditation programme

School Governance Professionals will receive support, full induction and will be expected to attend the induction training course, held termly, after appointment. You will also be expected to attend the follow-on Effective Clerking course within the first or second term. Continuing professional development is provided. The role is subject to a DBS check.

If you would like to have a conversation about the role, please email catherinechatterton@warwickshire.gov.uk

The closing date is 24th January 2023.