



Newsletter

4.09.19

Recently at Greenfields...

I'm writing this in preparation for the new year, on the last day of my holidays, looking forward to seeing a whole school full of happy, smiley faces, so there's really not that much to say about 'recently', but here goes...

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! And of course a huge WELCOME if you are new to the Greenfields family. I trust you will be very happy here and look forward to many days working with you for the benefit of your child. I hope you all had a really good break from school and have made many happy memories to smile about and look back at with laughter.

Holidays are not ever a 6 week break for teachers, and all staff have been in over the last few weeks preparing their classrooms for their new classes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Non teaching staff have also been in supporting and preparing the classrooms – you have them to thank for many of the wonderful new displays around school that have appeared.

I had hoped to be able to share news of the windows project, but the first meeting has been delayed, so hopefully I will be able to do that soon. I really hope that by half term we have had some new windows put in, but I will obviously keep you informed. We have had several site visits by contractors measuring for our new boilers, which again will be another project that takes place this term. It's all go here!

The Nursery pod has had a complete make-over. A huge thank you to Mr Quarrell and Mr Ray for redoing all the rotten wood facia and repairing the outside. Then thanks to my Dad and daughter Alice as well as Mrs Alousi for joining me in repainting the whole of the inside so that the room looks clean again! I know it won't stay like that forever, but right now it looks good are ready for the biggest nursery class we've ever had!

The hall has had a good clean and tidy up, especially behind the folding doors. All our PE equipment is now stored in our new sheds – accessible for outdoor sports as we have welcomed a new gymnastics school to ours. Thank you to Mrs May in making sure all the equipment is now fit for purpose.

I successfully bid for a grant which was to improve our Breakfast Club, so we now have a special storage for all their game sand toys, and I know that Mrs Cochrane and Mrs Alousi will be spending the rest of the money on new things for the children to play with in the mornings. This has meant the dining room looks cleaner and tidier.

So, as you can see, school has in fact been very busy over the holidays and it wasn't a rest for those of us here. We are ready for a wonderful term. I cannot wait to be a part of a Greenfields Christmas – it's going to be amazing.

Remember all the meet the teacher meetings after school next week – check the diary; and don't forget the volunteer meeting on Friday at 9.45am.

Kate Day

Attendance for the Year



2017-2018 91.8%
2018-2019 94.8%
2019-2020 ????

Thank you so much for trying so hard and helping raise the school attendance by 3% in two terms last year. I really do hope that this year we manage to break that 96% expected level set by the government.

A reminder of how the rainbows work:

Red stripe – whole class attendance for one day

Orange stripe – whole class attendance for 3 consecutive days

Yellow stripe – whole class attendance for one whole week – REWARD – class non uniform day. This happens every time they achieve this.

Green stripe – whole class attendance for 2 consecutive weeks – REWARD – extra play for class for one week

Blue stripe – whole class attendance for 3 consecutive weeks – REWARD – class party where I buy cakes / biscuits / popcorn

Indigo stripe - whole class attendance for 4 consecutive weeks – REWARD – class trip locally

Violet stripe – whole class attendance for half a term– REWARD – class party

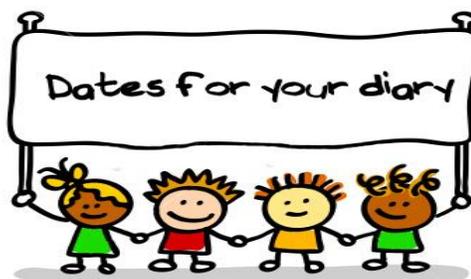
In July we will have Attendance Celebration day. All children who achieve 100% attendance will be invited on a trip with me, 98%+ will attend a party and treat and 96%+ will have non uniform day. To achieve 96%+ you can still have missed a week, or 10 sessions, of the entire school year by being ill. We celebrate all those children who are in school more than the government expectation.

All individual 100% week attendees will put their name in the class raffle box which is drawn every half term in the last Green Book Assembly.

Every term 3 children are awarded an amazon voucher for the most improved attendance.

A reminder that no holiday will be authorized in term time and you may be fined if you do take your child out of school with unauthorized absence.

Heads up for events next year...



6.9.19	Volunteer meeting – Hall 9.45am
9.9.19	Year 6 Mock SATs week Meet the Teacher Week – all meetings 3.30pm Year 6 and Year 1
10.9.19	Meet the Teachers Year 5 and Year 4 3.30pm
11.9.19	Meet the Teachers – Early Years at gam with Tapestry training Year 2 at 3.30pm
12.9.19	Meet the Teachers Year 3
18.9.19	E-safety Day Evening workshop for Parents Recycle with Michael deadline for clothes bags
20.9.19	Jeans for Genes non uniform day
26.9.19	Sustainable Futures Exhibition 3.30pm
27.9.19	MacMillan Coffee Morning
3.10.19	Harvest Assembly
21.10.19	Y5/6 Bikeability Course all week
25.10.19	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
28.10-3.11	Half Term
6&7 11.19	Parent's Evenings 3.30pm – 7pm
11.11.19	Anti Bullying Week
15.11.19	Children in Need
5.12.19	Christmas Fair
11.12.19	Christmas Concert Performances
19.12.19	Christmas Party Day
20.12.19	End of Term 1.15pm

Sustainable Futures

We start the new term with a new topic for the entire school – that of a sustainable planet for the children. I am sure you have all seen the devastation in the Amazon on the news over the holiday which is truly shocking. I am often more shocked that it takes politicians and people in power days to debate whether to do something when tragedy like this is happening right now. I feel we have a duty of care to explain to the children the destruction we as humans- are doing to our planet, and if we do not try to reverse this, the futures that our children will have to face and deal with.

Each class has a text which they are focusing on for the next few weeks and then they are learning how they can make a difference individually as well as collectively. Please talk to your children about what they are learning and encourage them to be environmental helpers in your houses – recycling, turning taps off when not needed and lights off etc.

As a school we are playing our part too. Already we send home far less letters than we used to thanks to the App so our paper usage is shrinking. Today you will receive a letter and recycling bag from a scheme Recycle with Michael from the Salvation Army. Simply fill the bag with unwanted clothes or shoes and bring back to school for the 18th September. The Salvation Army will collect all donations and we receive a donation from them. All the lost property from last year has already filled 6 bags worth. The more bags we fill, the more cash we raise for the school and the clothes and shoes will get a second lease of life with another family, or recycled sustainably and turned into something helpful.

Given that all the children have grown over the holidays, what better the opportunity to clear their wardrobes and do some good for so many at the same time!

If you need more bags, please ask in the school office. Many thanks for your help and support in this.

Update your App!

Do not forget to update your App settings so that you only get the notifications you need! To do this, simply follow these instructions:

- Open the App
- Go to More
- Go to settings
- Go to Channels
- Tick the classes you have children in plus the Urgent line.

This way, when we post things which are year group specific, only those who have chosen those channels will be notified. If you do not update, you won't get the right year groups now!

After School Clubs

A reminder that this term we are offering the following clubs:

Monday: Hockey, Football and Film Club

Tuesday: Tennis Club

Wednesday: Tag Rugby Club, Art Club. Gymnastics is also available through the school.

Thursday: Basketball club and Computing Club

Friday: Archery

All clubs run for the whole term – 14 weeks. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. If there is not enough take up we will not be able to run a club and money will be returned to you. School clubs cost £42 for the term whilst Game On and Superstar Sports are different.

All clubs start next week. Please ensure you have booked your place by paying through our online payment system. Please speak to the office if you need help.

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT,
JOIN US AS WE...

**RECYCLE WITH
MICHAEL**

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