



Newsletter



18.10.2024

Recently at Greenfields...

It really has been heads down and work hard for the last two weeks at Greenfields, so we are all really looking forward to being able to share our learning with you at Parent's Evening next week. I do hope everyone has booked their appointments and has them marked in the diary. The children's work will be available to look at in the dining hall before or after your appointment, and all teachers will be in the school hall ready to talk to you about how your child has settled, and what their current targets are. The school is now the biggest it has ever been since I took it over, and it means we have lots of parents to see, so please do keep to your allocated 10 minute slot, and realise that if you are late, it has implications for all those after you, so we will be stopping at the end of your allotted time period. If you need longer, we can make a meeting at a later date.

Green Book Assemblies really have been a testament to how hard the children are working currently, and many classes have struggled to choose just 2 children to put in each week. I have also been really pleased to hear the range of reasons being given for their inclusion; from perseverance to kindness, supportiveness to just settling in well, and many for just embodying our values of honesty, empathy, aspiration, respect and teamwork – and many for showing all 5! I know it is a shame that not everyone can come to assemblies, but we do keep the adults present to just those who are in our famous Green Book, and not everyone who gets a mention. This is particularly pertinent as today I started giving out sticker certificates. These are often last minute things so we would not have time to tell you, as frequently I am presented a full card as I'm setting up assembly, or even as they walk in!

Being settled and into routines also means we start to see a rise in behaviours as the children have found their feet and start to try to push the boundaries. I know staff will have spoken to you if your child has been one who needed a bit of help and support getting back on the right track and making good choices. Please support the school in ensuring you ask your child both sides of the story, and believe us when we tell you what has happened, as many children are telling parents they did nothing wrong, and missing out the part where they made a wrong choice. Please also speak to them about which adult on site they told, and encourage them to seek adult support at the earliest opportunity. We cannot stop things happening at lunch time the day after they have happened. It is much easier for us to get to the bottom of something immediately after it happened rather than the next day when memories have changed...

One more week until half term, and a final call for disco ticket pre sales. It really does help me plan the catering if I know roughly how many children are coming. A huge thank you to all the 11 Mums who have offered their help and support as well – I could not do it without you. Here's to raising lots of money for the school and the benefit of all the children.

Have a lovely weekend, and see you all next week!

Kate Day

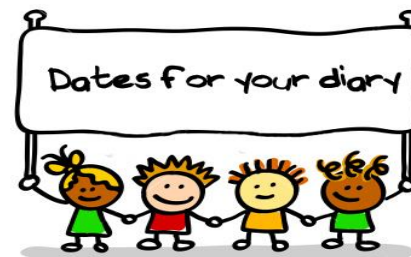


Attendance 7th – 11th October

Nursery	87.7%
Reception	97.0%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91.1%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	99.8%

Luckily, last week, and this week attendance has been fantastic, with Year 2 getting 100% and two classes being so close (missing it by 1 mark in one case, and 3 marks in the other). We have had good attendance again this week, and I was hoping for another 100%, but it was not meant to be...

Last week I had to go on a course about the new law regarding absence in schools, and when I legally have to issue a fine – it is not at my discretion any more. Any holiday of longer than 5 days will result in me having to send off the paperwork to County instructing the fine. Equally 10 unauthorised absences over a period of 10 weeks (which are rolling 10 weeks) has to be reported and a fine put forward. Please do not make me do this! Ring into school and explain where your child is before 9.30am every day they are off. Do not book holidays in term time which will mean time out of school. There are already 2 families where I have had to do this – please do not make me do more by working with us!



21.10.24	Bikeability Week yrs 5 and 6
23.10.24	Parents Evening
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25.10.24	Glow Discos N-Y2 4pm – 5.15pm Y3-Y6 5.30pm – 6.45pm
28.10.24 – 3.11.24	Half Term ROOFING PROJECT STARTS
31.10.24	Closing date for secondary school applications – Y6
6.11.24	Y6 trip to Uxbridge Bunker
8.11.24	Y3 trip to the Natural history Museum Y5 trip to the Science Museum
11.6.24	Y6 Class Assembly 10.45am
13.11.24	Y5 Fun Run @ Woodhall
14.11.24	Flu vaccination in school
15.11.24	Vikings Wild Water Day Non Uniform plus hot chocolate and cookie sale
21.11.24	ELSA diabetes clinic check
28.11.24	Y4 Class Assembly 8.50am
6.12.24	Flu Jabs in school
11.12.24	Christmas Shows 1.30pm and 5pm
12.12.24	Christmas Shows 9am
13.12.24	Christmas Fair
16.12.24	Awards Assembly Christmas Lunches Class Parties
17.12.24	Whole School to the Panto
18.12.24	End of Term. 1pm finish
19.12.24	Training Day
20.12.24	Occasional Day holiday
6.1.25	Term Starts

Spreading the load...

We try to put out as soon as we can any costs for school activities to give you a chance to spread the money out. Currently there are pots open for trips for Years 2,3 and 5, School Journey deposits for Y6 and Christmas pots for the whole school for a trip to the panto, to see Father Christmas and for the Christmas Fair. Please make use of this so you do not get one big hit in December!

New Roof

We are very lucky as a school to have Mr Ray who diligently works with the Council to improve our site. In my time here, we have had over £1.5million spent on the school with all new windows and doors and a new heating system, and now we are about to start a new roofing project, costing another huge amount of money. When we come back after half term, the whole school will be surrounded by scaffolding for this. The project will take until the Easter holidays and will cause us some juggling around, but we hope we can continue as normally as we can, although it will require some flexibility and working together to keep everyone safe.

I will be talking to the children next week about how we can do this, and what it all means, but I do require a bit more help and support in the playground and on site from you, parents, to ensure that your children follow the clear paths and do not attempt to climb any of the scaffolding. The scaffolding is not an extension of the playground and is certainly not a toy or challenge to climb.

We have a fantastically detailed report about the history of the school now, along with the state of the roof, which has really interesting reading as to why certain things are the way they are, but I'm hoping in just this one photo, you can see why we so desperately need a new roof! Just look at how much standing water collects on it! I'm sure you can understand just what a difference it will make to us.

As a listed site, let alone building, we cannot make changes which would affect the look of the school, so in the end we really will not look much different when the project is completed, but we will feel the difference in the school with better insulation and therefore better heat retention.

While the project is on, we will be losing a large proportion of our car park, which means we will not be letting anyone on site with a car as there simply is not room. Please do not expect us to let you in unless you are collecting a sick child during the day.

