



Newsletter



06.12.2024

Recently at Greenfields...

And just like that – it's December, and boy has it hit Greenfields! The classrooms have been infested by elves doing very naughty things- so much so Year 1 asked me this morning to put theirs in my Elf Jail as they had been so naughty covering their Christmas Tree in toilet roll! Decorations are in full flow, and the main tree is beginning to look beautiful with all their hand made decorations.

However, all these festivities have not stopped us learning, and I was so impressed with the book scrutiny Mrs Evans and I did last week – the quality of writing is really shining through and the children have impressed us with their attempts to use new vocabulary in their work, their focus on writing to really engage the reader, and their efforts to improve their handwriting. Maths looks really good too, with lots of consolidation and securing basic number facts, which makes the cognitive load lighter, meaning children are able to concentrate on new learning and techniques and not on the basic maths skills, as these are embedded. Thank you for all supporting Brain Trainer, which does this job, it is paying off!

It has been Assessment Week this week, and the children have covered tests in all year groups. What continues to stand out as an area for improvement is reading, especially reading for pleasure and with understanding. Once children can decode and read, they still need to discuss books and stories with their adults to understand new vocabulary, the plot, the potential twists in the story. We do ask that every child reads at least four times a week to an adult, and whilst the older children might be reluctant to read out loud, they still need this comprehension work. Please do talk to your children about their books and encourage them to pick up a book and

read over the festive season.

As we go into the last few days of this year, it really does become busy in school, so below are the key dates and reminders you might need to get to the end of term:

Tuesday 10th - Dress rehearsal day. If you have been asked for clothes for the show, they must be available today

Wednesday 11th - 1.30pm show / 5pm show. Please see the article about the shows on page 2

Thursday 12th – 9.15am show
Money for the fair must be paid by 3pm today

Friday 13th – Christmas Fair Day
Children need to bring in a carrier bag for all their goodies – please name it. Money for the fair needs to be pre ordered for tickets. Seeing Father Christmas needs to be pre booked. This can be done via Arbor.

Monday 16th – Awards Assembly
You will be notified if your child is getting an award and invited to the assembly.
Christmas Lunch – please order in advance
Christmas Party Day – children should bring in Party clothes to get changed into. Please do not arrive in them.

Tuesday 17th – Panto Day
School is leaving at 9am, please do not be late. Please make donation towards costs via Arbor. Normal lunch in school

Wednesday 18th – END OF TERM

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM –there is no after school club.

I think that's it for now. Please check Piota for messages!

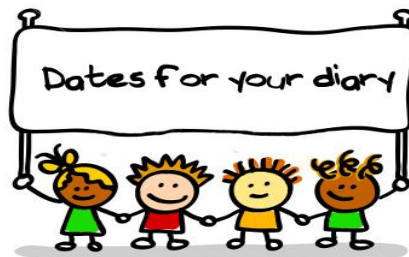



Attendance November 25th – 29th

Nursery	95.71%
Reception	95.71%
Year 1	95.27%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	97.86%
Year 4	95.65%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98.62%

What a week! Great attendance across the board. Long may it continue! Please remember, I am unable to authorize absences unless in exceptional circumstances, so please do not ask me to authorize holidays – I simply cannot.

Our attendance has fallen collectively to below the National Average expected, so I have to have meetings with families to discuss this. Several families have been given notices to improve – the precursor to a fine. Please help me help you by following the rules. Some families do not realise their attendance is so low, and it's down to random days off, which, when we talk about it, is children playing the parents to swing a day off. Please send children in with a simple headache or stomach ache – they normally disappear by gam!



10.12.24	Dress rehearsals
11.12.24	Christmas Shows 1.30pm and 5pm
12.12.24	Christmas Shows 9.15am
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



Thank you all for the ticket orders. These have been done on a first come, first served basis, and on Monday I will sort all the extra ticket requests, and then they will all come home. **Please make sure you bring your ticket with you when you come to see the shows – no ticket, no entry.**

As always, the shows are free to come in, but you need to pay to get out. All the money taken goes towards the costs of the shows – we have to buy scripts, licenses and sets/costumes etc. Any spare money then goes towards the costs of the Christmas Presents that Father Christmas delivers to each class, so entirely back into making the school better for every child.

Since our fire, we have very strict fire safety precautions now, so the number of seats for every event is limited. Please do not bring additional family members without tickets to the shows – we will not be able to let them in!

Doors for the Wednesday evening performance will open at 4.45pm for both the classrooms for the children to get into, and the hall.

We hope to be about 90 minutes duration for the shows. Please collect children from their classrooms at 6.45pm after the Wednesday show.