



# Newsletter



06.09.2024

## Recently at Greenfields...

And....welcome back! What a summer it has been. I hope you have all enjoyed the break and the time with your children. It has been so great to welcome back into school so many smiley faces this week, clearly eager to be back seeing their friends and continuing with their learning. We have welcomed many new families to our Greenfields community as well – we hope you and your children will be very happy at our lovely school for all your time with us. Not only do we have new Nursery and Reception children, we have also welcomed children into Years 1,2,3 and 5! So WELCOME!!!

We have welcomed too several new members of staff; Miss Kennedy in Nursery, Miss Chopping in Year 3, Miss Chaloner and Mr Magee as TA support as well as Mrs Brodie and Ms Lee to the office team. It has been lovely to hear how welcome they have been made to feel, and how friendly everyone has been to them, so thank you for that. We are still looking to add to our team with a few support staff, and I will be able to introduce you to them as they come.

I enclose all the dates we have in the diary so far this year. **Please make sure you add them to your diaries**, and I know there will be more to add as we make more plans into the term. The most immediate to note are the Welcome Back meetings with the class teachers, where all the expectations and plans for the year are explained, the family fun night and Inflatables Day which is the 20th (and an non uniform day to boot), and Y6, please ensure you have all the Secondary School Open Evenings in your diaries to go and visit, and the deadline date in red! Remember to buy wrist bands in advance for Inflatables Day so we can arrange catering...

We are currently just sorting out the clubs for this term. Please bear with us as we find the right providers for the clubs we want. These will all come out via Piota. I know Art Club will be on Mondays and Forest Schools will be Wednesdays. Y5/6 football will also be on Mondays as will girls football. Mr Magee is a fully qualified gymnastics instructor and Taekwondo Dan and will be running lunchtime clubs for Years 4-6. We are hoping to run a much bigger range of clubs, so when the final list comes out, if there is something missing which a group of children want to do, please let me know and I will try to find someone to do it!

As always, our doors are always open and we are here to help. If there is anything you are concerned about, or unhappy about, please do come in and talk to us. If you need to speak to a teacher urgently, we are here every day, but we do ask that if you know the chat is going to take time, that you make an appointment as teachers need to be teaching from 8.40am onwards. The class teachers are always the first port of call, but myself or Mrs Evans are usually around if you need us. If something is just for information and you want to share, it is probably easier to send via the class email address which all teachers check daily.

Here is to another amazing year together. Let's go...!

*Kate Day*

**Class Attendance:**

Each class will be able to colour in a stripe of their rainbow when they have achieved the following:

- Red: 100% class attendance for 1 day
- Orange: 100% class attendance for 3 days in a row
- Yellow: 100% class attendance for a week (Monday – Friday) – for this they will win a non uniform day, just for their class
- Green: 100% attendance for 2 consecutive weeks – for this they win extra play for a week
- Blue: 100% attendance for 3 consecutive weeks – win a class party
- Indigo: 100% attendance for 4 consecutive weeks – a local trip
- Violet: 100% attendance for a half term – a school trip of their choosing (within this country!)

Unfortunately, no class has been able to colour in a stripe yet as every class has had children away on holiday and missing the vital first week of term.

**Personal Attendance:**

- Every child who achieves 100% for the weekly attendance will receive a raffle ticket which will be put into a class raffle. On the last day of each half term, in Friday’s assembly, I will draw one ticket out of each class to win a prize.

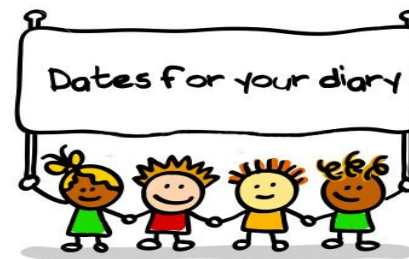
I appreciate that a child’s attendance relies on their parents or guardians bringing them into school! If your child is really, genuinely ill; do keep them at home. Please try to make all appointments outside of school hours (Doctors, Dentists, Opticians etc) and get your child to school on time every day. Let’s see how quickly we can turn the attendance figures around for the benefit of the children.



**Meet the Teacher Meetings**

**These are all next week.**

**Please see when your class is and come to meet the teacher and hear all about the plans for this year for your children.**



9.9.21	Nursery children start back Reception until 1pm – with lunch
10.9.21	Meet the Teacher meetings: Y1 2.45pm Yrs 5 and 6 3.30pm
11.9.24	Y6 trip to Lincolnsfield Meet the Teacher meetings: Reception gam Y2 2.45pm Yrs 3 and 4 3.30pm
12.9.24	Meet the Nursery meeting 11.30am
13.9.24	Book Fair – school hall
16.9.24	Reception in all day Book fair – school hall
17.9.24	Book fair – school hall
18.9.24	Last Book fair – school hall
19.9.24	Y4 trip to St Albans
20.9.24	Inflatables Day Non Uniform Day
27.9.24	MacMillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale
8.10.24	Cauliflower Christmas Card Sale after school
9.10.24	Y4 tri golf tournament at St Josephs Cauliflower Christmas Card Sale after school
10.10.24	Harvest Assembly – donations needed Cauliflower Christmas Card Sale after school
21.10.24	Bikeability Week yrs 5 and 6
23.10.24	Parents Evening
24.10.24	Parents Evening
25.10.24	Glow Discos N-Y2 4pm – 5.15pm Y3-Y6 5.30pm – 6.45pm
28.10.24 –	Half Term
3.11.24	
31.10.24	<b>Closing date for secondary school applications – Y6</b>
6.11.24	Y6 trip to Uxbridge Bunker
11.6.24	Y6 Class Assembly 10.45am
13.11.24	Y5 Fun Run @ Woodhall
15.11.24	Vikings Wild Water Day Non Uniform plus hot chocolate and cookie sale
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



## Inflatables Day

This year we are holding our Inflatables Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. During the day, all classes will get their allocated slot to go and have fun, but we know how much the children love these, and so we pay to keep them after school too, to have our community fun event. The pot on Arbor opens today and will cost £7 for a wristband which allows the children unlimited goes on any inflatable– this is a pre purchase price special. We will also be having a BBQ, bar, ice creams for sale, sweets as well as some other stalls for games and toys – stalls will cost no more than £1 a go. The event runs from 4pm to 7pm, with inflatables turning off at 6.30pm. Wristbands will cost £8 on the gate. Please book in advance so we can plan to cater for the numbers needed. As usual we will ensure that you can feed a family of 4 for £10. Please bring friends along and have an enjoyable evening.

### PE days:

**Reception: Monday**

**Year 1: Monday and Forest School Wednesday for Autumn 1**

**Year 2: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 4: Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday**

**Year 5: Tuesday (swimming) and Friday**

**Year 6: Monday and Friday**

## New House Captains and charities

Congratulations to our new house captains, chosen by the Y6 class. They have led their houses to in their first meeting today and each house has chosen to support the following charities in the following ways:

**Normans:** Billy and Laura – GOSH. For this, we will be having a second hand toy sale in January.

**Romans:** Marley and Matei – Guide Dogs for the Blind. For this the children have chosen to host a dress up day where children dress as their dream jobs, but also to have a day where they understand what it is like to be blind, so we will be making eye masks and experiencing the day with limited vision. More information will follow. This day will be in March.

**Saxons:** Reggie and Ellie – Make a Wish foundation through a Break the Rules day, which will be held in the summer term.

**Vikings:** Evie and Christopher – WaterAid – through a Wild Water Day! This will be followed with a hot chocolate and cookie sale, all in November.



- We expect and ask that all children read at least 4 times a week and reading records are signed by parents each time. Lost or damaged books are charged at £5 per book.
- PE kit is worn into school on the day for PE. Please label all clothes with names!
- Children in 4-6 need a slip to say they can walk home alone or to the gate. Please encourage their independence by leaving them at the gate in the mornings too.
- Breakfast club and After School club must be booked and paid for before use - £2.50 a day
- Clubs must be booked and paid for in advance
- We are a cashless school! The office cannot take cash payments for anything.
- **The school day starts with doors opening at 8.40am and registration at 8.45am. Please be on time!**



## Term dates 24/25

Term Starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 24
October Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Term Ends	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 24
Training Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 24
Occasional Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 24
Christmas Holidays	23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Term Starts	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 25
February Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February
End of Term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Holidays	7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Training Day	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Term starts	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 25
Bank holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
May Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 25
Training Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Term Ends	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Summer Holidays	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 25
Term Starts	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 25

## Lunches



A reminder that packed lunches should be healthy – no sweets, chocolate and no nuts due to allergies in school. This includes no Nutella. All children should have some carbohydrates, protein, fruit and vegetables and a drink. It increasingly worries me the poor choices of lunch I see in the children’s lunchboxes. Please aim to help your child achieve their best by providing them with the right sort of food, and things they will eat.

Only children in Nursery and Yrs 3-6 have to pay for lunches, children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are covered by Universal Free School Meals.

**We do received free fruit for children in EYFS and KS1 but not for older children. Many of the Year 3s this week have been very hungry at break time, so now is a great chance to remind all juniors that they are welcome to bring in a snack for break time to eat, but ONLY fruit, cereal bars or breakfast type bars. No sweets, crisps or cakes/biscuits please. Children who do have these will be told they have to wait to be eaten at lunch time.**

## Fire!

All of you are by now aware that unfortunately we suffered a fire during the holidays. This was caused by a fault in a freezer which was stored in one of the kitchen anti rooms – one of the spaces you cannot even see in the general running of the school. We are so lucky the fire did not spread, but it has caused some damage which is taking it’s time to resolve. There are two big issues – the lack of electrics to the staffroom pod (because the fire ruined the cable that carries the power) and the potential damage to the gas line into the kitchen. Because of this, we cannot cook on site until the pipe has been properly checked and the electrics restored to the area to reinstate new fridges and freezers. Food is currently being cooked off site and brought into Greenfields, and I thank the HCL staff for their flexibility in this and sorting this with us. I also thank Mr Ray, Mr Quarrell and Mr Foskett for all their hard work over the holidays in trying to get the rest of the school up and running so that the children could come back this week without really knowing anything was different! It was not the holiday I, or they, had planned at all!

