

WELCOME TO GREENFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



AIMS OF THE MEETING:

- * Attendance and School Hours
- * Play in the EYFS
- * What happens during the day?
- * Tapestry
- * Home Learning
- * Reading at Home
- * Phonics
- * School App – Piota
- * Forest Schools

MEET THE TEAM:

Teachers:

Mrs O'Shea – EY Leader/Nursery

Mrs Fernando – Reception

Mrs Evans – SENco

Teaching Assistants:

Miss Durkan

Miss Wilds

Mrs Perren

Mrs Irwin

Support staff:

Mrs Foskett

Miss Allard

ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL HOURS

- * The doors open in the morning at 8:40am and as with the rest of the school, the register opens at 8:45am.
- * It is important that your child follows daily routines and learns to come into class independently.
- * Please make sure that your child attends school regularly unless they are unwell.
- * Children who are accessing 15 hours provision will be collected at 12pm from the classroom door.
- * Children who are accessing 30 hours provision will stay for lunch, either packed lunch from home or hot lunch (paid for) from school. The children will be collected at 3pm from the classroom door.

PLAY IN THE FOUNDATION STAGE

- ✧ Play is an important part of the daily routine in the EYFS.
- ✧ Play in the foundation stage is well planned by the EYFS team and is aimed at developing the children's ability to explore creatively.
- ✧ The play that the children engage in helps to enhance the children's learning as they are continually learning through a wide variety of activities.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE DAY?

- ✧ The first weeks in Nursery are very important and the focus is on settling all the children in. Some children have been in Nursery already and others are joining for the first time. All the children need to have time and support to feel comfortable and secure in the new environment.
- ✧ We spend a lot of time interacting with the children and supporting them in developing relationships with their peers.
- ✧ We play games to model turn taking and sharing, and also being kind and showing respect to other people and the environment.

This splodge is part of my lunch. I am trying so hard to use a knife and fork correctly when I eat.

I'm sorry that my uniform got dirty today but it helps to show what I have been learning!

Painting helps me to develop my creativity. Sometimes I accidentally get paint on my shirt as I work.

This black mark was made with a pen. I am trying so hard to develop my writing and drawing skills.

Sometimes my uniform comes home a little wet. I learn huge amounts of Science and Maths when I play in the water tray!

This grass stain shows that I have been using the outdoor area to develop my physical skills.

The Mud Kitchen is very messy but it helps me to develop my imagination and use of descriptive language.

Big movements like running and jumping help me to get better with small movements like writing!



TAPESTRY



- * We use an online learning journal called **tapestry** in the Early Years. This is a home-school link, which enables you to see your child's learning through photographs and videos. You are able to access Tapestry on your mobile or tablet device via the app store.
- * We encourage you to upload photos and videos from home, which your child can share with the class.
- * This is a way to encourage an answer to the question "What did you do at school?", and hopefully avoid the answer..."nothing!"

TAPESTRY



- * If you need support to upload and login to Tapestry Mrs O'Shea will be available Tuesday-Thursday.
- * **It is essential that any photos or videos on Tapestry are not shared on any other platforms,** eg Facebook, Instagram, etc. Unfortunately we will have to terminate your access to Tapestry if we find that images are shared elsewhere.

MOBILE PHONES

- * Please do not use your phone to take photos or videos at school. This is because we have some children whose families would rather photos of their child remained private.
- * For example, if there is a photo on the wall or window that you would like a copy of then please let us know and we will upload to Tapestry so that you can download it for yourself.

READING AT HOME

- * We will ask your child to choose a Library book to bring home every Thursday. Please return the book the following Thursday so that your child can choose another one. We will only change the library book when you have signed the reading record.
- * The importance of songs and nursery rhymes!
- * Please read with your child as much as possible to foster their own love of books.
- * A weekly newsletter will be uploaded onto Tapestry and emailed to you via our class email. This newsletter will outline our learning, give you ideas to support at home and also dates and news. Therefore it is really important that you read it each week.

PHONICS

- ✧ At Greenfields we follow **Essential Letters and Sounds** in the teaching of Phonics.
- ✧ In Nursery during the Autumn term we follow Phase 1 which includes sounds in the environment, music, songs, rhyming and nursery rhymes.
- ✧ We start to introduce **Phase 2** in the Spring term. The children will learn the letter names and sounds (phonemes) and how they are represented (grapheme).
- ✧ We will link initial sounds to words, ie sun begins with s.

BOOK BAGS

- * Every child should have their own book bag which is the same colour as their house.
- * It should be brought in everyday.
- * Please check your child's book bag each day – there could be letters, work or an accident slip.



WATER BOTTLES

- * **Only water** in bottles for drinking in the classroom.
- * Bottles need to be clearly named.



PIOTA

- * **Piota** is a whole school communication app where you will find newsletters, messages to parents, dates for your diary and anything school related. This is a free download via the App Store/Google Play.



ONLINE PAYMENTS

- * School Gateway is downloadable from the Google Play/Apple store. This is where you pay for school trips and school functions.
- * Please make sure that you log onto School Gateway – if you can't please let the office know.





- * This is for ordering your child's school meal if they stay with us for the 30 hours provision.
- * Nursery children have to pay for school meals (£2.65)
- * Please talk with your child and select something that they will eat. Choices can't be changed at school.
- * If you don't select your child's meal they will be given something that they may not like.
- * The office has sent a link for School Grid that you need to activate.



- ✧ The office sent a link for Arbor in July, please ensure that you clicked on the link to activate your account and created a password.
- ❖ On Arbor you can see your child's attendance and book breakfast and after school club.

FOREST SCHOOLS

- ✧ We are delighted that the children will be experiencing Forest School learning this year led by Mrs Perren.
- ✧ This is a child-led approach to taking supported risks in their learning. It is led by a qualified Forest School practitioner and includes den building, fire lighting and tool work.
- ✧ The skills learnt through this embed lifelong social skills and independence.

THANK YOU AND A PLEA!

- * Please label everything – clothes, coats, hats, bags, bottles etc...
- * Please don't send your child into school wearing footwear with laces! Black shoes/trainers with velcro fastening please 😊
- * Thank you for attending the meeting today.