



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – December 2020

Wow, what an incredible term it has been. Who'd have thought that when we started 2020, it could have turned out like this? I think the most surprising thing though, is how well we've all adapted and, despite interruptions, this term has been incredible productive in terms of the children's learning. Well done everyone!

Christmas is always a very special time of year in school and this week has been very special in its own way. It was wonderful to see the brilliant Reception children in their virtual nativity performance. They have grown so much in their first term of school and they are incredible learners. We are all very proud of our little superstars. Here is the [link](#) for the Reception children's virtual performance of The Very First Christmas in case you haven't seen it.

Christingle Day was also wonderful, especially working with all the children to put together the service. It was especially lovely to hear the sound of children singing! Thank you so much for your generous support for The Children's Society. We raised a huge £347 which is amazing. In case you haven't seen it already, here is a [link](#) to watch our Christingle service.

While the children are excited for Christmas, we can see they are very tired now. They have worked hard and they certainly deserve a well-earned holiday. The amazing Greenfield teachers, teaching assistants and all the other support staff deserve a wonderful, relaxing Christmas too. They have worked incredibly hard, frequently going above and beyond the call of duty, to keep school a safe and happy place where the children can continue to learn and progress well. Thank you for all the kind and appreciative messages that you have been sending us – they really do mean a lot. The support from home has been incredible, especially as we know it has been a challenging time for parents too – thank you!

From all the Greenfield Team, we wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2021. See you on Tuesday 5th January.

Mrs Stylianides

P.S. Rather than a Christmas card, we are sending everyone our [Christmas Joke Book](#) 😊

Farewells and welcomes

We have said farewell to Mrs Kelly, Miss Hill and Mrs Harriman this week. Both Mrs Kelly and Miss Hill have taught at Greenfield for 20 years. Mrs Kelly is a wonderful and caring teacher and has taught nearly every pupil in school. Miss Hill has taught music to most of the KS2 pupils too and organised some super performances over the years, which have inspired many pupils' love of music and singing. Mrs Harriman has been brightening up the school office with her wonderful smile and positivity for the past two years. We would like to thank all three for everything they have done for Greenfield pupils and wish them all the very best for the future and their new challenges.

Please note that with the current COVID restrictions, Miss Hill will continue delivering her peripatetic teaching to individual pupils remotely/online but will return to having these lessons in school when the restrictions are eased.



In November we welcomed our new site manager, Mr Ashton and Mrs Sarah Wood, a new teaching assistant in KS1 and they have settled in brilliantly to the Greenfield Team. We will also be welcoming Miss Carly Brookes, who will be joining us as a teaching assistant in Years 3-4, and Mrs Alison Wheelwright and Mrs Denise Beach who will be our new admin assistants. We're also delighted that Mrs Felton's School Business Manager position with us is now permanent.

Notification of Covid-19 positive cases during the Christmas holidays

It is really important to let school know if your child develops Covid-19 symptoms at the start of the holidays as pupils in the same class bubble and their teacher may need to isolate. You need to tell us:

- about a positive test result for your child where their symptoms started on or before Sunday 20th December, or
- about a positive test result for your child where the test date was on or before Sunday 20th December and your child didn't have any symptoms.

You should notify us by doing **BOTH** of the following:

- send a message to Mrs Stylianides via ClassDojo
- email info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk

Please **do not** notify us by telephone as the office is closed and we will not be monitoring calls.

Click [here](#) for further details about the information you need to provide.

Children in Need Day

At the beginning of November, we focused on our mental health and wellbeing through Children in Need's Five to Thrive with Joe Wicks. The children did Joe's active morning energisers looked at connecting, being active, being curious, taking notice and giving. Through our 'Come as Yourself Day', we raised a massive £361 for Children in Need. Thank you again for the generous support of parents.

Flu Immunisations

For those pupils who missed the November round of Flu immunisations due to having to isolate, Vaccinations UK are returning on Monday 11th January 2021. They will vaccinate pupils whose parents have previously completed permission forms.

PE Kits

We have sent the PE kits home for washing over the holidays. Please ensure your child brings their kit back into school on the Tuesday they return. Many thanks😊

Primary School Admissions 2021

September 2021 Reception applications need to be made by 15th January 2021. Unfortunately school visits are not possible at the moment but parents will find some information on our website [Reception Admissions 2021 | Greenfield Primary School](#). Please don't hesitate to contact us in the new year if you have any queries.

Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club

We are continuing to provide wraparound care and the changes we made to ensure this is in line with all the Covid-19 protective measures, have been working well. As we have ensured 'bubbles' are distanced, no child has had to isolate due to becoming a 'close contact' via GMGAC.

The GMGAC prices have not changed in several years but, with continually increasing costs, we have made some changes to our pricing structure from 1st January 2021:

- The breakfast club rate remains the same at £4.50 per session.
- We now have just two 'advance booking' afternoon rates as follows:
 - 3:30-5:00pm at £6 per session
 - 3:30-6:00pm at £9 per session
- Late bookings will be charged at £10 per session, regardless of the length of the session booked.
- The notice period for cancellation is 48 hours. Sessions that are cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice will be charged in full. Please note, we do not charge for pupil illness or Covid related cancellation.

FrOG News

Although we weren't able to have our traditional Christmas Fair this year, we were delighted with the response for our Advent calendar. Thank you for your support in terms of donations for prizes and in buying tickets.

From all at FrOG we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone within the Greenfield Community a very happy Christmas break. We are all looking forward to 2021 where we are hoping to be able to put on some great events throughout the year to bring people together and raise money for our great school including a potential cook along, online quiz and we are hoping there will be love in the air this February.

The Dudley Christmas Concert

The concert has been recorded by Dudley children, young people and their families along with some input from Dudley Performing Arts Staff. Pretty much everything you will hear has been recorded in people homes on smart phones/tablets etc and the pieced together to make the film. The event will stream on YouTube at 16:00 on Sunday 20th December. Get the drinks ready and join them online on Sunday via this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiCyK93_044&feature=youtu.be

Important Dates and Term Dates

Just a quick reminder that we have an InSET/teacher training day on Monday 4th January. Parents can check term dates and InSET days on our website <https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/>

We are still unable to hold school events or have parents in school when we return so there aren't many dates for your diary next term – in fact our diary has never been so empty!

4 th January 2021	InSET day – school closed to pupils
5 th January	Pupils return
11 th January	Flu Vaccinations Mop Up Session
14 th & 15 th January	Pantomime Performances in school
12 th February	Pupils break up for half term
22 nd February	Pupils return to school

We are still not planning any school visits at present. The Coalbrookdale Residential was postponed again to Thursday 17th June 2021 in the hope that restriction on residential visits will be lifted by then. This will still be for the same pupils who booked and paid previously, even though they are in a different year group now.