



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – February 2021

It's not unusual at the end of a term to wonder where on earth the time went. School terms are always packed and move along quickly but this has never felt more the case than in this last term. In the past year, a year like we could never imagine, our patience and sanity has been tested on every level but somehow, we all keep plodding on.

You have been doing a fantastic job. The government set a very high expectation for everyone with remote learning, but we have been thoroughly impressed with the commitment to getting on with schooling and the level of work submitted. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and most have shown great resilience, readily taking on board the lockdown and new ways of learning. We appreciate it has not been easy for parent. Along with the usual managing the household, we know many have been juggling their own work, while ensuring their child gets on with schoolwork and is well supported - so getting through the term is a tremendous achievement. Well done and thank you so much!

I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all the Greenfield staff too. I think you are all aware that we had absolutely no notice that schools would be closed and had to switch over to a new way of working, literally overnight. It has been tremendously challenging, and I have never seen school staff work so hard as they have in this single term. It has therefore been heart-warming to receive the many positive messages from parents about the quality of our remote provision and the level of support received.

At the end of the day, I think we have every right to be proud of what we have all achieved this term and all deserve a restful break. Take care and have a great half term.

Mrs Stylianides

Reopening of school to all pupils

The government has informed everyone that schools will not reopen to all pupils until 8th March at the earliest and that we must continue with remote education, along with in school provision for critical workers and vulnerable pupils, after half term. We would dearly love to get back to normal but will continue to do our best to keep pupils learning and maintain the statutory expectations. In terms of how we will reopen to more or all pupils, we will not know anything before the government shares their plan at a briefing on the news. Schools and teachers are not consulted at all and have no influence on any decision making. Once we know what the plan is and have received the guidance, we will work out how it can be put in place and we will share this information with parents as soon as we can. In the meantime, please do speak to us if you need any further support or have any concerns with remote learning and we will do our best to help.

Normally, we would have held Parents' Evenings this last week of the half term. Due to the lockdown and closure of school, we have postponed them to later in the Spring term.

Childcare for critical workers

We are closed during half term. Should critical workers need help with childcare, might find something here:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/for-parents-and-carers/>



Also, RB Gym and Sport have half term camps for Key Worker / Vulnerable Children in Stourbridge and Halesowen. Parents can find out more details on this link www.rbgymandsport.co.uk/holidaycamps

Notification of Covid-19 positive cases during the half term holidays

If your child has attended school this term, it is really important to let school know if he/she develops Covid-19 symptoms at the start of the holiday as pupils in the same class bubble and staff supporting them 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 14th February, or
- about a positive test result for your child where the test date was on or before Sunday 14th February 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.

When sending the message about positive test results by email or via ClassDojo, please provide the following information:

- The date symptoms started or (if there were no symptoms)
- The date the test was taken (not the date you received the result)
- The date your child's self-isolation ends
- Please also confirm the date that your child last attended school.

We will be checking emails and messages between 12:00-1:00pm each day until (and including) 18th February. Any message sent after 12pm will not be seen until the following day.

Eisteddfod 2021

One of our wonderful Greenfield traditions is our Eisteddfod which we hold annually around St David's day. In 'normal' times, children are invited to audition in one of four categories - singing, music, dance and poetry reading.

This year, Mrs Remmers would like to invite children to send her a video which may be incorporated into a special St David's day assembly on Monday 1st March. We encourage the performances to be traditional, if possible, and to be no longer than one and a half minutes in length. Please send them to Mrs Remmer via Class Dojo message by Wednesday of half term (17th February). Thank you

FrOG News

Thank you for your support for our Frisbee the Frog Valentine's raffle. Imaginatively written by Emma Kilbride and beautifully illustrated by Alison Wright, the children have really enjoyed this little romantic adventure. Imogen Berry helped rescue Frisbee's true love, Frankie by finding the lilypad that she was hidden under, winning a super Valentine's hamper with fresh flowers. Thank you to Emma, Alison and donators for the hamper and to Miss Tang for putting the story all together to share on ClassDojo.

We know that at this strange time it is difficult to bring the whole school community together, however we hope you can join us for our next event which is a Virtual Family Quiz on Friday 12th March at 6pm. Further details will be provided in a separate flyer; however we hope you can join FrOG on the 12th and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, even if it is only virtually.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:

- Telephone -01384 814988
- Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk
- Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday

Important Dates and Term Dates

Not much for the diary again, I'm afraid. Parents can check term dates and InSET days on our website

<https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/>

w/c 15 th February	Half term holiday
Monday 22 nd February	Start of new half term
Thursday 1 st April	Pupils break up for Easter
Monday 19 th April	Start of summer term
Thursday 6 th May	InSET Day/Polling Day – school is closed to <u>all</u> pupils
w/c 31 st May	Half term holiday
Thursday 17 th June	Coalbrookdale Residential – subject to Covid restrictions