



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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

This half term has certainly whizzed by but it's been a productive half term and it great to see that the children have managed to cram in lots of learning. I've been particularly pleased to see their love of reading shine through as the children have enjoyed their class texts and their reading skills have been developing very well.

We have all got used to the fact that there can be very few events at the moment but it has been quite strange not to have the statutory tests in Year 6 and Year 2 too. These are normally a key activity in school at this time of the year. However, next term we will be carrying out end of year tests and assessments for all pupils, to help us provide accurate end of year reports in July and to pass on accurate information to secondary schools etc. The interruption of lockdowns has slowed the children's progress so attainment at the expected standard will be lower than usual, as it will be nationally, but everyone has been working hard to keep on track as far as possible. Although it's not a quick fix and will take some time, I'm sure the children will catch-up on missed learning in good time.

As we approach the last half term, parents and pupils are beginning to wonder about next year and Year 6 are wondering how they will spend their last days at Greenfield. We are planning for next year and making arrangements, and information about this will be shared with parents when these are finalised next term. We will have some transition events, including those to mark the time Year 6 have spent here, but it is very likely they will be different to previous year as we work around the protective measures that schools must follow. Further information will be sent after half term.

In the meantime, now that the sunshine has decided to pay us a long-awaited visit, I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes

Mrs Stylianides

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

It is really important to let school know if your child 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 30th May, or
- about a positive test result for your child where the test date was on or before Sunday 30th May 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) Thursday 3rd June. Any message sent after 12pm will not be seen until the following day.

Covid-19 – Managing the Risks and Rates of Infection

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of the measures and controls we have in place at our school. With some easing of measures nationally, we're looking forward to more normal times but in the meantime, we have to patiently take one step at a time and it's likely that schools won't see much change before September.

Here is [important information for parents and carers](#) that we were asked to share from Dudley Public Health and Dudley Children's Services earlier this month. The next government changes are expected on the 21st June. Public Health and Children's Services will continue to review this position in line with the national guidance and local infection rates, including variants, to prevent any spikes in infection rates prior to the summer holidays.

Lateness

This term we have been finding that many pupils, particularly in Years 5-6, are arriving late to school and this is cutting short important lesson time. When pupils miss the start of lessons, it really hinders their learning. Please ensure that your child arrives for their registration start time as follows:

- 8:45am – Year 5/6
- 8:55am – Reception and Years 3-4
- 9:00am – Years 1-2

Pupils will be marked late if they arrive after their class registers have closed.

Christian Aid Week

During Christian Aid Week, we looked at world poverty. The children were astonished to learn that over half the people in the world live in poverty, without food, shelter, health care, good jobs and an education. We thought about how we can help, such as taking care of our planet and not wasting precious resources and opportunities. We also looked at the good work that Christian Aid does and held a mufti day to support with their fundraising. Thank you for your kind support and helping us raise a huge £393 – which is brilliant!

Dudley Local Offer Update

The Dudley Local Offer is a one stop resource of information and services available to children and young people (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), their parents, carers and families. This has been recently refreshed and, to help navigating around the site, the new Local Offer is split into three sections:

- I'm a Parent
- I'm a Young Person
- I'm a Professional

The Local Offer is a co-produced site as parents and young people contribute to its ongoing development to ensure relevant, up to date information is made available of the resources in the borough. Please use the link <https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer> and enjoy seeing Dudley through its Local Offer!

Neat Feet returns to Greenfield

Neat Feet School of Dance has been teaching pupils at Greenfield for many years and lots of children have enjoyed taking part in NATD exams and performing in their showcases. They cover classes in ballet, tap, freestyle, contemporary and street. Their classes are based on having fun with structure and discipline and learning safe technique. All their teachers are fully qualified and have DBS and first aid certificates.

After a year of not being able to have lessons in school, Neat Feet is extremely excited to be returning to Greenfield from Sept 2021. The first class they are releasing for sign you to up for will be on Tuesdays after school, 3.30 until 4.30pm for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Places are limited so make sure you sign up as soon as possible. If your child loves to dance and would like to join their class, please get in touch with Neat Feet. For more information, call Lynne on 07805227952

FrOG News

FrOG would really welcome any donations of good quality summer uniform or PE kit items. If you would like to buy any secondhand uniform, you can contact Rachel via the Greenfield Uniform Shop Facebook group.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

There are many Greenfield pupils who play musical instruments and have additional peripatetic lessons with tutors from Dudley Performing Arts and Mrs Hill. Because of the high risks and protective measures, 'virtual' music tuition has been a real challenge during the pandemic. We are therefore pleased to see that some pupils are now able to access face to face lessons. In order to safely accommodate lessons while all the measures are in place, the tutors are only able to take a few lessons face to face after school and are continuing with virtual lessons for others for now. Depending on the measures, we hope face to face lessons can increase from September, when we hope also to restart our whole class brass tuition in Years 3 & 4. In the meantime, you can speak to your child's tutor if you have any queries or, if you are thinking of your child taking up an instrument, you can sign up via the DPA website before the 7th June: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/>

EU Settlement

With the EU Settlement Scheme application deadline (30th June) fast approaching, we have been asked to remind members of the school community that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme. It is crucial that eligible parents apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's more information on this [here on GOV.UK](#).

- Additional guidance is available in a clear [EUSS leaflet](#).
- A list of organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information is available [here](#). Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Did you know that schools receive get extra funding from the government to help them improve the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils? This primarily includes pupils that are or have been entitled to receive free school meals. Schools use this funding to ensure high quality teaching, provide interventions when disadvantaged pupils need extra support and to support wider curriculum opportunities like school trips. Even if your child does not want a free school meal, it is still worth signing up if you are eligible. You may be able to claim 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

w/c 31 st May	Half term holiday
Monday 7 th June	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 16 th June	Road Safety Training for Y6
Thurs 24 th & Fri 25 th June	Y6 Transition days for Kinver
Wednesday 30 th June	Y6 Transition day for Redhill
30 th June & 1 st July	Y6 Transition day for Ridgewood
Thurs 1 st & Fri 2 nd July	Y6 Transition day for OSH
Tuesday 13 th July	Y6 Baggeridge Trip
Wednesday 21 st July	End of term/academic year
Thursday 2 nd September	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 3 rd September	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 6 th September	Pupils return to start the new academic year
Wednesday 20 th October	Coalbrookdale Residential

Parents can check term dates and InSET days on our website <https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/>