



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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

Well, here we are at the end of another school year. I think this year has passed by more quickly than any I have known, and this school year has been like no other I have ever known!

I would like to thank you all for your support for the children throughout this year. I appreciate it has been the most challenging of times for everyone. However, the children have been fantastic in how they have taken everything in their stride and adapted well. They have worked hard and we have been really pleased with how well they have progressed despite the challenges. Although there have been disappointments, working around Covid, there has been lots of happiness too and it's clear the children have enjoyed being in school.

I would also like to thank all the wonderful Greenfield Team for their tremendous hard work throughout the year. They have also taken everything in their stride and quickly adapted to provide new ways of learning so that the children can continue to grow and flourish.

It's time now to say our farewells. First of all, to our wonderful Year 6 children who are on their way to 'big school'. Although it has been difficult working around the protective measures, we enjoyed a lovely outdoor leavers' presentation yesterday. The children shared their aspirations for the future and treated us to some lovely singing. We will miss each and every lively personality and wish them all the very best for the next stage in their education.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hawker, Mrs Cast, Mrs Beech and Miss Wilson. We wish Mrs Hawker all the best with her promotion to deputy head in a new school and Miss Wilson good luck with the imminent arrival of her baby. We thank each of them for all they have done for the children at Greenfield.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September for the new school year.

Best wishes

Mrs Stylianides

Welcome and New Classes

On Monday this week, the children enjoyed spending some time in their new classes with their new teachers. They were particularly interested to meet our new teachers, Miss Bull in Year 2 and Miss Smith in Year 3. We're really looking forward to working with both from September. We appreciate it is difficult for parents to put a name to a face at the moment, especially for parents of younger pupils who have not really had the opportunity to be in school yet. As we've not been able to get together for assemblies this year, even some pupils were unsure about who their teachers were. In the next few days, we will be setting up our new classes on ClassDojo and each class teacher will post a video message so that parents will be able to see who everyone is.

Covid-19 Protective Measures from September

You will be aware that government has ended the bubble system requirement. However, when the new academic year begins in September, there will still be some protective measures in place. Furthermore, we may need to



temporarily reintroduce some measures to control cases and outbreaks in local areas. This will be on the instruction of the borough's Director of Public Health and we will of course communicate any outbreak management plans to you as soon as possible. We will write with an update regarding our protective measures on the September InSET days.

One thing we can make you aware of now is that we will no longer have staggered starts and finishes, although we will have arrangements in place to control congestion, particularly in case we need to revert to bubbles at any stage. Although we will explain these in further detail before the children return, we can confirm the start and finish times will be as follows:

- 8:45am - Classrooms open
- 8:55am - Registration starts
- 9:00am - Registers close and pupils arriving after this time will be marked as late.
- 3:25pm - End of school day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils
- 3:30pm - End of school day for KS2 (pupils in Years 3-6)

Notification of Covid-19 positive cases at the start of the summer 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 before Saturday 24th July, or
- about a positive test result for your child where the test date was on or before Saturday 24th July 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) Monday 19th July. Any message sent after 12pm will not be seen until the following day.

Class Names and Holiday Homework

You may have heard that our classes are going to be named after Commonwealth countries next year. With this in mind, we are asking the children to complete some simple tasks related to their class country during the summer holidays. These tasks range from finding out some simple facts about the country to getting crafty and making a flag of the country using various media. Older children might be able to produce a slide show using a programme such as PowerPoint, or they might choose to find out about the language, currency or geographical features of the country.

We have a huge hall board to fill with this work, so please encourage the children. The flags, especially, look amazing and add a real blast of colour. And with the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham in 2022, what better way to celebrate the amazing amount of diversity within these countries!

Please send in any completed tasks when the children return to school in September. We are excited to see what the children can produce!

Kids Who Read Succeed!

We hope parents enjoyed reading their children's report and are pleased with their progress overall this year. While we know the pandemic and lockdowns have impacted on education and progress, the children have been working hard to catch-up. Many children are meeting the usual expectations for their age and there is a large proportion who are almost there and working very closely towards the expectations. It is really important to ensure they continue to make progress during the holidays and don't lose what they have learned during this last term. The best way to do this is to make sure your child reads regularly – 20 mins every day if possible or at least 4 times per week. Reading is not only enjoyable, but also the most important skill children can develop and will impact positively on their learning in every area of the curriculum, but especially writing. Accelerated Reading is available during the holiday for the children to get a head start on their quizzing for September. Through our Oxford Owl subscription, the children also have access to a wonderful collection of e-books even during the school holidays.

Holiday Maths

White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and FREE workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead. Parents and carers can collect the books from 2nd August onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies! Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too. <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrisons/>

School Sports Week

The children enjoyed a super, active sports week. Although we were not able to take them to the OSH playing fields as we usually do, each age phase all managed to have their 'Sports' Days' on the school playground over the week. They enjoyed races, including the hurdles, jumping and throwing activities, including the javelin. All the children were very active, taking part in many activities, and had a super time. During the week, everyone completed daily active challenges and KS2 pupils all had a Chance to Shine cricket sessions. The week started with a special assembly to introduce the theme and ended with our Super Sports Stars of the Week. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable week. A big well done and thank you to Miss Batham and Mr Sutton for organising everything.

FrOG News

Thank you to everyone for supporting the 'Dare to be Different Day' FrOG fundraiser. The children looked amazing in their outfits, all colourful and sparkly!

During this final scorcher of a week, all the children were delighted when the charity ice-cream tricycle arrived at Greenfield and they all got to enjoy a delicious ice cream courtesy of FrOG funds. As well as being a super treat for the children, we were also able to support Mary Stevens Hospice.

Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club

From September, Mrs Hewines will no longer be working with our before and afterschool provision. Mrs Hewines will still be working in school in her other role as a teaching assistant but we would like to thank her for her work with our GMGAC provision these past few years.

Bookings and payments will now be managed via the school business manager. The contact mobile number remains the same as before but for email communications, please use info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk; please do not send GMGAC club queries via ClassDojo. If you would like to start using the wraparound provision from September, please contact the school office so that we can send the registration form out via ParentMail.

School Uniform

Due to the unusual circumstances of the past year or so, we have made allowances in terms of our usual policy on school uniform. However, it is important that the children look smart and take pride in their appearance. Therefore, please ensure that your child has full school uniform for September. This consists of a white polo shirt or collared shirt with an optional Greenfield tie, navy cardigan or sweatshirt. Pupils can wear trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores as long as they are grey. Shoes should be black and sensible - preferably with Velcro fastenings

for younger pupils. School logo items are available from [School Trends](#) only now. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit so your child is well prepared for lessons. PE kits should consist of: a white T-shirt, navy shorts, a pair of trainers for outdoors and plimsoll for indoors. When the weather gets cooler later in the term, your child will also need a dark tracksuit. Pupils PE kits will be kept in school for the half term and sent home for washing in the holidays. Your child's kit needs to be name labelled and in a labelled lightweight bag – drawstring bags are ideal.

School Lunches

We are making changes in how parents order school lunches. We will no longer be using the SchoolMoney app and school lunches will need to be ordered via ParentMail from September. This will bring everything under one app and should be better for parents. More details will follow during the school holidays so that meals can be ordered from the beginning of September.

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

Could you foster

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Birmingham, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them. To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Dudley and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk

Important Dates and Term Dates

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
Tuesday 14 th September	Mr Dove's class start swimming lessons
Wednesday 20 th October	Coalbrookdale Residential
Friday 22 nd October	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 1 st November	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd November	Pupils return to school
Thursday 4 th November	School Photos
Monday 22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations

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



Goodbye Year 6! We wish you all the best for secondary school and hope you work hard to achieve all your goals. You can do it!