



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – February 2022

We're halfway through the school year now and it is rewarding to see just how much the children have learned. We have seen some super work in the last few weeks. While learning all about our extreme earth, the children in Y5/6 have been designing and making sturdy, storm proof structures in D&T this week. Y3/4 have been intrigued by the monarchs leading up to Queen Victoria and, in PSHE, finding out about rights and responsibilities. Y1/2 have learned about different places of worship in RE and enjoyed a visit to St. Thomas's. The Reception children were fascinated to learn all about Chinese New Year and they are coming on leaps and bounds with phonics. Reading is our biggest priority, and it's clear all the children love the texts they share in class and they are always keen to get involved in the discussions about them. Their love of reading is increasingly apparent in their writing too, which is an area we have had to work on a lot since the first lockdown.

Our curriculum is packed and you might be surprised with just how much the children are expected to take in. Hopefully, you have had a flavour of this through our curriculum newsletters and knowledge organisers which we sent out earlier. Next term, it will be parents' evenings, providing a chance to find out how your child is progressing. As we will be returning to statutory assessments for Y6 and Y2 this year, we will also have webinars to explain more about these (see the diary dates).

Thanks to everyone for their support of COVID-19 vigilance and testing this half term. We have had far more cases and outbreaks in this past 6 weeks than the rest of the pandemic put together – but things could have been much worse. Thankfully, pupils have remained fairly well and, despite the high level of staff absence, we have managed to keep everything running as normal.

We will all be back in school on 28th February 2022. Hope you have a great break!

Mrs Stylianides

Goodbye

It is time to say goodbye to Mrs Phillips, our midday controller and GMGA Club assistant, who is leaving today. Mrs Phillips moved further afield a while ago and the travelling has been difficult. We are pleased that she has a new job that is closer to her home now. We would like to thank Mrs Phillips for all she has done for Greenfield pupils and wish her all the best.

Changes to School Access on Faulkner Close

For drop off and collection times after half term, we will only be using the top gate on Faulkner Close and the bottom gate (adjacent to the pre-school) will remain locked. This mainly affects those using the path next to the KS1 classrooms. We will send a letter via ParentMail with further details of our arrangements for smooth and safe access at these times.

Parking around School

In the interest of safety for pupils and in consideration of local residents, we ask that parents and carers think carefully when parking their cars at pick up and drop off times. Please do not park on double yellow lines, zig-zags etc or the pavement. The pavements are very narrow and parked cars make it hazardous for people to get around at busy times. There have also been complaints about parents waiting to collect pupils with their engines running; it is much kinder to the environment and your pocket, to switch your engine off while waiting.



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We are very much looking forward to WBD, especially as last year's was during the lockdown. We will be having some special reading activities as well as asking the children to come dressed as their favourite book characters. This will be the 25th anniversary of WBD and it is always great to see the wonderful efforts to produce some fantastic outfits. We will send out more details about WBD soon.

In the meantime, our local MP Suzanne Webb, has a short story writing competition for KS2 pupils. The story must be up to 500 words and can be about anything as long as it takes place in Stourbridge. To enter, parents should send their child's entry to Suzanne.webb.mp@parliament.uk along with the following details: child's full name, age, address, school, an email address for contact and permission for Suzanne to share a photo of the winner with their story. Suzanne will announce the winner on WBD and visit them in their school with a prize consisting of some book vouchers.

Greenfield Eisteddfod

Our Greenfield Eisteddfod will be taking place on Wednesday 9th March. We are hoping to share some 'live' performances in the hall with our different phases, but we need videos of performances to be submitted via Class Dojo. The children can perform dance, singing, poetry reading or music. We encourage Eisteddfod performances to be traditional in style.

Videos need to be a maximum of 1 and a half minutes in length and should be uploaded to your child's ClassDojo portfolio (please message Mrs Remmers afterwards). The deadline for submitting videos is Monday 28th February – leaving plenty of time for rehearsing during half term! 😊

Online Safety

Last week it was Safer Internet Day and we had an additional focus on online safety in school. Through technology, the world our children are growing up in is much different to the one we experienced as a child. Here is a really useful booklet for parents, to give background on some technology considerations:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Booklet-Discovery-Digital-at-Primary-School.pdf>

With many pupils owning smart phones and tablets, they have access to many social media platforms. However, the age requirement to open a social media account is at least 13 years for every platform. This is mainly because younger children don't really have the knowledge and maturity to use these platforms safely and appropriately. Technology and the internet is vast and, although we cover online safety etc through our curriculum, at this stage of education we can only skate the surface of what everyone needs to know. Just like children need guidance, monitoring and supervision in real life, they need the same in the virtual world. Here are some guides and links that parents might find helpful:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=NetAware&utm_medium=redirect&utm_campaign=hub

It's possible some pupils are using social media platforms etc. without their parents' knowledge. Following on from Safer Internet Day, this might be a good time to have a chat with your child about how they use the internet.

PE Kits

We have sent the PE kits home for washing this half term. When pupils always have their kits for in school, lesson time is used much more productively. Please ensure your child brings their kit back into school on the Monday they return. Many thanks😊

NEAT FEET SCHOOL OF DANCE

We hope you all have a great half term and look forward to seeing you all back in class on Tuesday March 1st 2022.

We have a few spaces available for dance on a Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30pm. If you would like more info or to book a place, please call Lynne 07805227952.

LYNNE AND TEAM - KEEP YOUR HEARTS DANCING ❤️

COVID Vaccine for Vulnerable Pupils

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Being vaccinated minimises the need for children and young people to have time off from school and helps them to continue to carry out their hobbies, attend social events and live their lives to the full.

The government have published some [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19.

Guidance on how to [book appointments](#) for children aged 12 years and over is available on the NHS website. Further information on the vaccination of high risk children aged 5 to 11 years old is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

Parents and guardians will be contacted with further information or to book an appointment. Click here for more information <https://bit.ly/3uUJ83F>

Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club

If you require before or afterschool childcare, please contact the school office or email info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk and we will send out our booking form. Payments can be made by childcare vouchers or on ParentMail – no cash or cheques are accepted. Please inform the office 48 hours in advance of any cancellation. Please note that cancellations within 48 hours will still be charged at the normal rate. We ask for at least 24-hours' notice for any last minute or one-off sessions. Please note that any sessions booked with less than 24-hours' notice will incur a late booking fee of £10. In order to ensure that any late bookings are received in time, please ensure that you email info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk AND text the GMGAC mobile on 07561 827918.

We are in the hall for breakfast club. Please come down to the main entrance door and ring the 'Breakfast Club' bell. We are in the conservatory after school; please use the gate buzzer and walk down to the conservatory around the outside of the building, past the KS2 then KS1 classrooms.

Friends of Greenfield - FrOG News

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Name the Dinosaur Valentine's Competition and supported our Mufti Day. We are likely to have our next meeting on the 9th March and would encourage anyone who wants to get involved with FrOG and support our school, to come along. We will send further details about that after the half term break.

School Lunches

Please remember to order school lunches on ParentMail by midnight the evening before your child requires a meal. This includes if your child is entitled to a free meal. The allergen information is provided on ParentMail by pressing the 'i' symbol next to a meal option. Please keep us up to date with any allergies or special dietary requirements your child has. Please note that Dudley Catering have advised us that, due to supply issues, there are times when they may not be able to source some ingredients and may need to put an alternative item on the menu at short notice.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Did you know that schools receive 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

Friday 18 th February	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school
	Deadline for Eisteddfod video auditions
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Book Character Dress Up Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Reception class height and weight check with School Nurse
Wednesday 9 th March	Eisteddfod
Tuesday 15 th March	PlayMaker training for selected Y5 pupils
	Y2 SATs webinar for parents, 4:30pm
Thursday 17 th March	Y6 SATs webinar for parents, 4:30pm
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
	Young Voices rehearsals resume
Friday 25 th March	Wear a Hat Day for Brain Tumour Research
Tuesday 29 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 31 st March	Y3/4 Black Country Museum Trip
w/c 4 th April	Y3/4 Performance of Troy Story
Friday 8 th April	Pupils break up for Easter
Monday 25 th April	Pupils return to school
Thursday 5 th May	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
w/c 9 th May	Y6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
Tuesday 17 th May	Young Voices Concert

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