



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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

Here we are at the end of the first half term of the year. The children settled in quickly to the new school year and they have been enjoying their lessons. They have learned a lot this half term and I hope you enjoyed hearing of the start they have made at your parents' eve appointments this week.

It has been good to continue with normal school life and see the children enjoying trips to Kinver Edge in Y3/4, being busy with their roles of responsibility, and participating in clubs and other activities. We have enjoyed seeing a lot more of parents too: many Y1 and Reception parents joined us for our 'Reading Explained' briefing and many Y5/6 parents have joined us for their class assemblies.

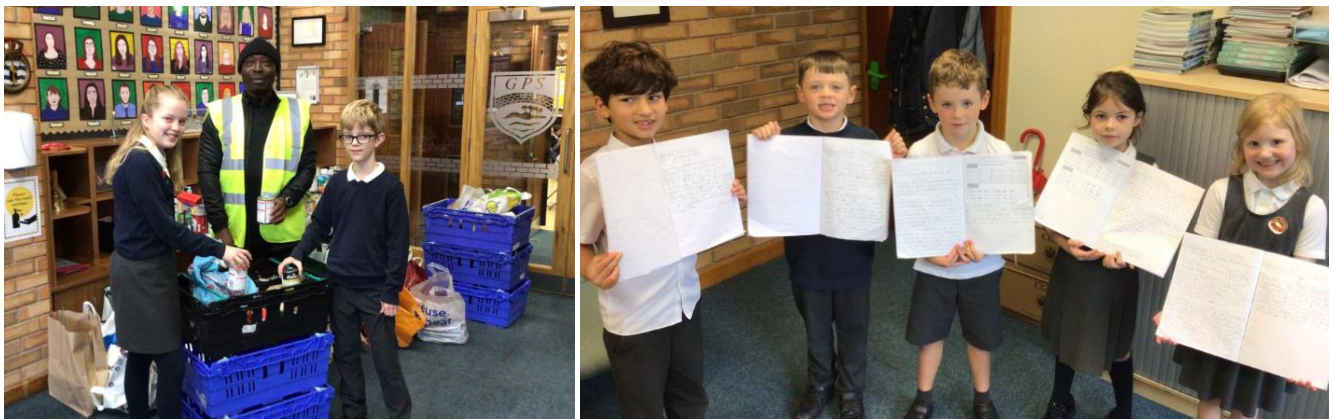
Earlier in the month, we had our harvest assembly with Pastor Dave, where we talked about the importance of sharing what we have. We would like to thank you for all your generous Harvest contributions to the Black Country Foodbank. You donated 188kgs of food and 13.7kgs of non-food, which is a fantastic amount and very much appreciated by the Foodbank.

The children are looking fantastic today, in their Halloween outfits and they are very excited for the FrOG discos after school. It seems a great way to end a great term!

I hope you have a lovely break and a super Halloween. School is closed for staff training on Monday 31st October so the children will return on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes

Mrs Stylianides



Thank you

The reception children have made an excellent start at school and show great enthusiasm for all they do. They really enjoy Balancebilly lessons on Thursdays so we bought some balance bikes for them to practise their new skills. We were then overwhelmed then when parents, Mr and Mrs Billingham, kindly bought us three further balance bikes. This generous gift will definitely be put to good use – thank you!

Communications from school

All our school letters and information are sent out on ParentMail, and often ClassDojo too. This is much better than the old paper format, which tended to get lost or stay in book bags, and it is kinder to the environment too.



Sometimes parents say they have not received a letter, even when it has been sent out to everyone and posted on ClassDojo. We appreciate that parents may switch off their 'notifications' to the ParentMail and ClassDojo apps so, where this is the case, it is important to check them regularly.

Governor Election News

We were delighted to receive three nominations for the parent governor vacancy. The voting has now closed, and we confirm that Guy Carpenter received the most votes and look forward to working with him. Thank you to William Raine and Muhammad Ali for putting themselves forward and to everyone who voted.

We would also like to thank Kathy Lyons-Wainwright for her service to our school as a parent governor for the past 3 years. Her contribution has been very much appreciated, especially during a very challenging time for schools.



Class Assemblies and Christmas

We are really enjoying sharing our class assemblies with parents. So far Y5/6 O'Keefe class have covered Black History Month and Y6 Mackesy class have looked at Democracy. The children are really enjoying putting their assemblies together and they are presenting the different themes brilliantly. Here are the upcoming dates for your diary:

- Y5S Kyoshi Class – Wednesday 9th November
- Y4D Lichtenstein Class - Wednesday 16th November
- Y3/4KR Ringgold Class - Wednesday 30th November

The other classes will have their turn leading in the spring term and we will send the dates nearer the time. We will be thinking about Christmas after half term. The infant pupils will be preparing for their nativity related performances and the KS2 children will have an opportunity to sing for parents at their Christingle Service in St Thomas's. You might want to make a note of these dates:

- Tuesday 13th December, 9:30am – KS1 'Little Carpenter' Performance
- Tuesday 13th December, 2:15pm – Reception 'Shine, Star, Shine' Performance
- Wednesday 14th December, 9:30am – Reception 'Shine, Star, Shine' Performance
- Wednesday 14th December, 2:00pm – KS1 'Little Carpenter' Performance
- Thursday 15th December, 11am – KS2 Christingle Service at St Thomas' Church
- Friday 16th December - Christmas Parties

Attendance and Reporting Absences

We are continually working with the Local Authority and families to improve attendance. We would like to thank all families who ensure that their children attend school regularly and are on time.

If your child is absent from school, there are a number of ways you can report the absence. Please ensure that your message includes the child's name, class, reason for absence and the name/relationship of the person reporting the absence.

- Call the school office on 01384 818585, select Option 1 and leave a message

- Report the absence using the 'Absence' tab in ParentMail – this system will go live ready for the start of term in September.

With both systems a message can be left at any time of the day/night.

Please report the absence to the school office (not the class teacher) no later than 9.30am on the first day of absence. For sickness and diarrhoea, the school office will enter an absence for the 48 hours so there is no need to call on the second day of absence. For all other absences, please provide an update on a daily basis unless advised by the school office of any isolation periods as recommended by Public Health. Please note the isolation period for Covid-19 for pupils is 3 days following the day of their test.

Medical appointments should be booked outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, please contact the school office and provide details of the appointment. A copy of the appointment time/letter may be requested.

If you know your child will be late for school, you must contact the school as soon as possible to let us know and provide the reason for the lateness.

If you are having any difficulty getting your child to attend school, you should notify the school (school office, class teacher or Headteacher) immediately about the concerns. We will make every effort to meet with parents and provide the necessary support.

Friends of Greenfield School - FrOG News

FrOG team would like to thank people for supporting the Halloween events this week. We hope the children enjoy the disco and families enjoy Ghost Hunt. Excitement is now building for the Christmas Fair which will be back on Friday 2nd December after an absence of two years. There are lots of ways to get involved and feel part of the community. As a starting point, we will be collecting various items for the fair when school resumes after half term - watch out for our flyer going out today! So, why not have a bit of a clear out over half term and see what you can do to support.

After School Clubs

Our clubs have been in full swing this term and we have provided over 200 club places – all free of charge. Here's an update on the clubs running after half term:

- Monday - Y1/2 STEM club – the last session for Group 1 is on Tuesday 1st November. Group 2 start Monday 7th November.
- Monday - Y3/4 Multi-sports
- Tuesday - Neat Feet Dance – contact directly for spaces
- Wednesday - Y5/6 Netball
- Thursday - Y3/4 Fencing – Group 2 starts after half term
- Thursday - Y5/6 Exploring Film Club
- Friday - Y5/6 Football
- Friday - Y4-6 Young Voices Choir

All places have been allocated but we refer to waiting lists if a place becomes available.

Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am until the start of the school day at £5 per session. Afterschool club runs from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at £7 per session. Click [here](#) for more information. If you require before or afterschool club, please contact the school office for access to the online booking forms on ParentMail. You will then be added to the register and can book and cancel sessions via 'Accounts' in ParentMail until the day before you require the session. If you pay using childcare vouchers, the school office will need to book these sessions and allocate payments once received. Please contact the school office if you need to make any amendments to existing bookings. Sessions will become available to view and book 8 weeks in advance and late bookings will continue to be charged at £10 per session.

Flu Immunisations

While we organised with Vaccinations UK to carry out the Flu Vaccination programme on the 17th October, not all pupils were able to get their vaccinations. It turned out that were the nurses first school using the new online consent form and there were a few teething issues with the consents not registering properly on their system. We are currently waiting for a new date for them to return to complete the vaccinations. This visit will also include anyone who has since submitted a paper consent form. If you would like your child to have flu vac but have not yet given consent, please come to the school office for a paper form.

Photographs

The School Photograph Company will be visiting Greenfield on Wednesday 2nd November.

Please ensure that you complete the form sent to you via ParentMail as it confirms if you wish for your child to have their photo taken. If you do not complete the form your child's photo will not be taken. There is also an opportunity for siblings within school to have a group photo and this option is also on the form. As soon as the photo/s have been taken your child will be given a card quoting a unique reference number and details on how you can order online. Photos will then be delivered to school for distribution. Please ensure that your child/children are looking super smart in their uniforms if they are having their photos taken.



Autumn Art Competition

Mrs Remmers and the House Captains were delighted with the super response to their Autumn Art competition. There were some beautiful pieces in a range of media. Here are the winning entries:

Reception: 1st Daisy-Mae, 2nd Keira and 3rd Leo and Anderson

Years 1 and 2: 1st Molly HM, 2nd Eli and 3rd Fred and Felicity

Years 3 and 4: 1st Molly Gr, 2nd Eleanor Hu and 3rd Tyler

Years 5 and 6: 1st Lexi, 2nd Margot and 3rd Ellie C

Well done everyone!

Dudley Parent Carer Forum Annual Survey of SEND Services

If your child is registered with our school as having special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), for example they will have a EHCP or an Individual Learning Plan (ILP), the Dudley Parent Carer Forum would like you to take part in their annual survey of SEND services. This is a completely independent survey, designed for parent carers of children or young people aged 0-25, looking at a range of education, health and social care services across the borough. Parent Carers are invited to share their views, letting them know about the services that are doing well, and those that may need to improve. They had a fantastic response last year and the results of this provided them

with some very important data which has enabled them to push for change where this is needed. The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B2ZQZ9F>

Lost Property

The lost property bag is filling up again. We have over 30 cardigans and sweaters with no name to enable us to return to an owner. Some are brand new logo items too. While you're washing uniform during the holiday, please have a good check that everything is labelled with your child's name - including coats and shoes.

Secondary School Transition

Just a quick reminder that the closing date to apply for a secondary school place is Monday 31st October 2022. Any applications received after this date will be classed as a late application unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you've not done so already, you can find all the information and apply online via this link: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/secondary-year-7-intake/>

PE Kits

We are sending the PE kits home today for washing over 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 Tuesday they return. Many thanks 😊

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. There is a link to the allergen information next to a meal option. Please keep us up to date with any allergies or special dietary requirements your child has.

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 Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State 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 (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits)

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 21st October

Pupils break up for half term

Monday 31 st October	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 1 st November	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 2 nd November	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 15 th November	Y3/4 Cinema Visit
Friday 18 th November	SPOTacular Children in Need Day – further details to come
Tuesday 22 nd November	Y5/6 Cinema Visit
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair
W/c 13 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Performances
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Christingle Service
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Parties and break up for Christmas
Tuesday 3 rd January	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th January	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 11 th January	Young Voices at Birmingham Resorts World Arena

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

