

# Greenfield Primary School



## 'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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## End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – May 2023

Last year we ended this term with a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so it seems strange to have celebrated the King's Coronation in the same term this year. The children enjoyed the special activities, including making their own souvenir. We were excited to bury our time capsule and wondered what future Greenfield pupils (perhaps the children's future grandchildren) would make of it. We all wish King Charles the best and hope that he will do as good a job of being monarch as his mother did.

The children have been working hard this term and we are especially proud of the Year 6 and the Year 2 pupils who have completed their SATs tests. No matter how much we try to put the children at ease, tests make everyone anxious, but the children gave them their best and that's all we can ask. The Year 6 children enjoyed a trip to Mary Stevens Park at the end of test week and have been keeping busy since, with Bikeability and a trip to the theatre with Year 5.

A school year flies by so quickly and there is lots to look forward to in our final half term, including sports day and the summer fair. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5th June 2023. Have a lovely half term!

## Mrs Stylianides

























## **Behaviour Policy Update**

This term we have been reviewing our behaviour policy and have made one or two changes. Parents will find a copy of the policy on our website.

## **New Play Equipment**

This term, we were delighted to receive a delivery of new sports and play equipment. This was funded from the B2022 Commonwealth Games legacy fund. The £1200 grant was organised by Farah Ahmed of the Opening Boundaries charity. With our budget as tight as it is, we really appreciate the support. The children were over the moon when we showed them the equipment in assembly and have enjoyed putting it to good use on the playground. The house captains reminded everyone to look after the equipment as we are lucky to receive it.



#### **School Uniform and Jewellery**

Here's a link to our <u>uniform code</u>. Blue gingham dresses are allowed in the summer term, but make sure you label everything to avoid it ending up in our lost property pile. Please note that pupils must still wear sensible black school shoes and trainers are not allowed.

We would also like to remind everyone that jewellery, except for a single pair of plain stud earrings and/or a wristwatch, is not allowed. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

PE kits have been sent home for washing over half term. Please ensure your child brings their kit back into school on the Monday they return. They will be outdoors a lot this term so will need a pair of trainers for their PE lessons. Many thanks<sup>©</sup>

#### **Summer Sun Safety**

It is wonderful see the sunshine most days now, but it sounds like it is going to get pretty hot this summer – even hotter than last year! The children are much more active in the sun, but you can see them getting a little redder each day, especially at lunchtimes.

Please ensure your child stays safe by coming to school wearing plenty of sun cream and with a sunhat. You child will also need a clean, full water bottle each day.

#### **Year 1 Phonics Screen check**

Year 1 pupils will be completing the statutory Phonics Screen Check after half term. They should take the check in the w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June. It would help them to have a little phonics practice during the half term using some of the games on <a href="Phonics Play">Phonics Play</a> – use the Phase 5 games. Click <a href="here">here</a> for further information about the check and why pupils take it.

#### Year 4 Multiplication check

Year 4 pupils will be completing the statutory Multiplication Tables Check after half term. The practice will be in the w/c 5<sup>th</sup> June and the children will be completing the 'real thing' w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Over the half term break, please encourage your child to practise their times tables as much as possible. They can use Times Table Rockstars (the studio game is very similar to the check) or the Purple Mash Multiplication Tables Check game. Additionally, they could practice using these websites:

https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check

Click here for further information about the check and why pupils take it.

#### **Summer Fair News**

FrOG are delighted to announce the theme for this year's summer fair: the Greenfield County Show!

We can't wait for you to join us for an afternoon of fun, games and entertainment on Friday 7th July from 3.30pm - 6.00pm! The afternoon will be based around a farm and 'grow your own' theme and will feature music, food stalls, games, entertainment and lots more.

This year more than ever we need the fair to be a great success, to help us raise vital funds for our school, which will benefit all our children. The more people who get involved, the better it will be!

- Can you help set up on the day?
- Can you man a stall?
- Could you donate a raffle prize?
- Could you sponsor some games prizes?
- Do you have any items to donate to our tombola?
- Could you grow some plants for our plant stall?
- Could you help build our games?
- Do you have any farm, garden centre or pet supply connections?
- Can you do balloon modelling, face painting or hair braiding?
- Can you lend us a gazebo?

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact the school office (01384 818585 or info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk) or Emma on 07775 196651.

No offer of help is too small and would be very much appreciated.

If you are having a clear out over half term, FrOG would be very grateful for any good quality cuddly toys and tombola prizes that you may not need any more. They will be collecting donations after half term, so please keep hold of anything that you think might be suitable.

The Eco Club are also asking for donations for their plant stall.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Walk to School Week and Road Safety

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Thank you to everyone who made an extra effort for National Walk to School Week. We have given out lots of badges to pupils who walk, scooter or cycle to cycle – including those that 'park and stride' – this term.

As you are aware, we are working with Living Streets to address road safety issues faced by our school and the routes that children and their families walk to get to us.

We finally managed to complete our mini street review with Living Streets, the Eco team, some local residents, two ladies from Dudley Road Safety, two local councillors and some parents this month. It was a really productive meeting and walk around Hill Street, Heath Street, Pargeter Street, Worcester Street and Greenfield Avenue. We will share our report with you when we receive it.

Don't forget, there is a 'Twenty's Plenty' petition running at the moment, and it would be great for as many parents as possible to sign it to show their support. Here is the link for signing: https://www.change.org/p/20mph-is-plenty-in-stourbridge-old-quarter-25640149-92c7-4341-a9b1-

We have noted some dangerous parking at drop off and pick up times. Please make sure that double yellow lines or other safety marked areas, particularly on the corner of Hill Street and Faulkner Close, are left clear enabling pupils and other pedestrians to pass without stepping out into the road.

#### **Class Assemblies**

This term the Year 1 children had their turn, leading their first assemblies. They were a little nervous but really enjoyed speaking in front of their parents or grandparents. Assemblies start at 9am and last about 20 minutes. Here are the dates for remaining assemblies this term:

- Y4D Lichtenstein Class Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Y3/4K Ringgold Class Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (please note date change)
- Y3S Thomas Class Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Reception Jackson Pollock Class Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

## **After School Clubs**

Here are the clubs running in the summer term:

- Monday Y3/4 Athletics
- Tuesday Neat Feet Dance contact directly for spaces
- Tuesday Eco Craft club pupils from Y1-3
- Wednesday Y5/6 Athletics
- Thursday Y1 Gymnastics Y2 from 15/6/23
- Friday Y4/5 Football for boys and for girls

We also have Active Start clubs that run from 8:10am as follows:

- Tuesday KS2
- Thursday KS2
- Friday Y1/2

### **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.

## **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 <a href="here">here</a> 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.

#### **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, please do sign up if you are eligible because this impacts on the school's normal budget and not just on any additional funding. 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 <a href="https://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals">www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals</a>

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**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Pupils return to school

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Reception Height and Weight survey Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June PM Y6 transition Road Safety sessions

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Class/Group photographs

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June AM Y4 health and hygiene sessions with school nurse

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Y5 Visit to Bishop's Wood

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day at OSH – AM is Y3-6, PM is Y1-2

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Y5/6 visiting King's Ed College for language sessions

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Y6 Dental Epidemiology Survey

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June House Captain's Mini-market, 3:30pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June PM Y5 at Stourbridge schools music festival (OSH) Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Mufti in exchange for bring a bottle for Summer Fair

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fair, 3:30pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Y4 visit Redhill school to see performance, 9:30am Wed 12<sup>th</sup>-Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Residential visit to Pioneer Centre (3 days, 2 nights)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Hagley Band performance for pupils, 9am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July Y3/4 visit to Wroxeter Roman City (TBC) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Performance, 2pm (pushchairs), 5:30pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Performance, 5:30pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers' Prom, 6pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 9:30am Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July End of summer term/school year

Parents can check term dates and InSET days, including for 2023/24, on our website <a href="https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/">https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/</a>