



# Greenfield Primary School



*'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'*

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

Wow – what an incredibly long and busy first half term! Everyone has been working hard and learning lots. The teachers really enjoyed parents' evenings, sharing news of how well the children are doing. Although we have noticed that the children are getting really tired this week, everyone is buzzing today. The Halloween costumes are amazing and there is a lot of excitement for the disco tonight.

It is amazing to see how much everyone has achieved, when you consider the additional challenges we have had to navigate. The impact of the roof replacement works is well beyond our expectations, and we were devastated when we had to close last Friday for the floods. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding and also that the contractors worked all weekend to get us open again.

Earlier in the month, the children enjoyed our harvest assembly with Pastor Dave and the Open the Book gang from the Hope Church. We would like to thank you for all your generous Harvest contributions to the Black Country Foodbank. You donated 229kgs of food and 10kgs of non-food, which is a fantastic amount and very much appreciated. Thank you also for supporting World Mental Health Day. The children looked brilliant in yellow, and we raised £193 for Young Minds.

We would like to wish Mrs Hackett all the best as she starts maternity leave. We can't believe she has made it this far and that she's due to have her baby next week.

I hope you have a lovely break and a super Halloween and Bonfire Night. Remember, the children will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes

Mrs Stylianides



## Governor Election News

We received two nominations for the parent governor vacancies. As there were the same number of nominations as available positions, there was no need to hold an election and we were delighted to appoint Steve Hancock and Muhammad Ali. We look forward to working with them.



### **Year 5 Mini Olympics Competition – by Darcie & Finley, Year 5**

On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> September, we went to a Mini Olympics at St James's school. We took part in many events including archery, hurdles and running races. There were four Stourbridge schools competing in the morning and another four in the afternoon. We were in the afternoon. Twenty children took part from our school and we all enjoyed ourselves. We all tried our best and gained many points. At the end, all the lovely staff calculated our points that we earned in the different challenges. When they called our school's name out in first place, we were all very happy because we weren't really expecting it. On the way back on the coach we were all cheering, but we still had good sportsmanship for the other competitors. We had great fun and we hope that our school gets to compete again.



### **Class Assemblies and Christmas**

The children really enjoy putting their assemblies together and presenting the different themes. They are always so proud, especially when a family member attends; here are the upcoming dates for your diary:

- Y4RP Galileo Class – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Y3/4K Anning Class - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Y3S Newton Class - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

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 Christmas Service in St Thomas's. You might want to make a note of these dates:

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am – KS1 'A Tale of Two Birthdays' Performance
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2:15pm – Reception 'Shine, Star, Shine' Performance
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am – Reception 'Shine, Star, Shine' Performance
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm – KS1 'A Tale of Two Birthdays' Performance
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 11am – KS2 Christmas Service at St Thomas' Church
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Parties

### **Friends of Greenfield School - FrOG News**

Everyone at Frog would like to thank everyone who came to our quiz night in October. We managed to raise over £300, which is great, and we appreciate the support the our Halloween activities this week too. The money raised will go towards new books for the library and funding coaches for school trips.



We are now excitedly preparing for the run up to Christmas. Due to the school roof repairs, we're unable to have a Christmas fair but we are looking forward to supporting school with the following events:

- A Christmas movie for KS1 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and KS2 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - keep an eye out on how to vote for your favourite Christmas movie!
- Christmas Competitions and the 12 days of Christmas Treasure Hunt – more details to follow!
- FrOG's famous Christmas Advent will be back again so look out for how to enter soon. We are always looking for donations of prizes so if you have any ideas please let us know.
- Christmas mufti in December in exchange for any unwanted gifts/advent prizes.
- Lastly, FrOG will be serving a selection of hot drinks and festive treats at the Reception and KS1 nativity performances.

As with all our events we wouldn't be able to organise them without the help of volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please email FrOG or contact Ben on 0790317726, or any of the other Frog members. We will be having a next meeting early in November and hope to see you there. We hope you have a great half term.

### **After School Clubs**

We have lots of clubs on offer each week. Here's an update on the clubs running after half term:

- Monday – Y5/6 separate Girls and Boys Football
- Tuesday - Neat Feet Dance – contact directly for spaces
- Wednesday – Y5/6 Ball Games
- Wednesday – Y3/4 Art Club
- Thursday - Y3/4 Fencing
- Friday – Y1-4 Multi-Sports with Ace Coaching
- Friday - Y4-6 Young Voices Choir

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

### **Wraparound Care with Active Care**

Active Care provide wraparound childcare from 7:30am and until 6:00pm. Parents need to register and book places in advance directly with Active Care to ensure a place.

- Annual contracts are ideal if you require the same days or sessions every week and want to secure your child's place. Invoices are sent on a monthly basis and are charged in advance of your childcare provision.
- Ad hoc sessions are suitable for working parents that work shift or irregular work patterns. These sessions allow you to book as and when you need childcare. Ad hoc sessions are subject to availability and require parents to log into the booking system each time you wish to book a session.

Click on the link and select the option for parents, then 'Book Now' to start your registration.

<https://www.rbactivecare.co.uk/>

### **Flu Immunisations**

Vaccinations UK came to carry out the Flu Vaccination programme this week but, due to them not having enough staff, only pupils from Reception to Y3 had their vaccinations. They are coming back on the 12<sup>th</sup> December to administer the vaccinations for pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6, as well as any pupils who were absent. If you have not already requested a flu vaccination for your child and would like one, you can now request via this link:

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/dudley>

### **Every Little Helps**

If you shop at Tesco Stourbridge, you may have noticed that we are applying for a community grant through their blue token scheme. We are hoping to raise funds to develop our fairy garden, so we'd be really grateful if you would drop your blue tokens into our box and help us collect as many as possible. Please spread the word to family and friends too. We are also collecting at Oldswinford Express and Audnam Stourbridge Express. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Photographs**

The School Photograph Company will be visiting Greenfield on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Lost Property**

We have a new system for dealing with lost property. Where items are named, we will return to pupils as we usually do. The remaining items will be put in a new lost property bin (it's green in colour) which you'll find in the main entrance near the school office. Please pop in anytime to check the lost property bin if your child has any missing items. When the bin is full, as it is at the moment, we will have to dispose of items. We cannot believe how many sweaters, cardigans and coats have no name in them and are never claimed. We have absolutely no way of getting them to the right person and disposing of them is a terrible waste of your money. During the holidays, please double check that ALL your child's uniform items have your child's name in them.

## **Secondary School Transition**

Just a quick reminder that the closing date to apply for a secondary school place is Tuesday 31st October 2023. 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 Monday they return – please also double check that each item has a name label. Many thanks😊

## **School Lunches**

We have been delighted with the quality of food provided by our new caterers, Shire Services. We have noticed that the children are eating a lot more and enjoying helping themselves to extra items from the salad bar. If you would like your child to have school lunches, you can order them on ParentMail by midnight the day before, including if your child is entitled to a free meal. The cost of a paid meal is £2.50. For food allergen and intolerance information please contact the school office and we will arrange for Shire Services to call you to discuss. Please keep us up to date with any allergies or special dietary requirements your child has. You can view the menu on this [link](#).

## **Could you foster a child?**

Dudley MBC are looking to recruit foster carers across the Dudley Borough. Foster care plays a vital part in so many children's and young people's lives. In Dudley, the need for foster carers is greater than ever.

To find out more visit [www.fosteringindudley.org.uk](http://www.fosteringindudley.org.uk)

email [fosteringrecruitment@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringrecruitment@dudley.gov.uk) or call 01384 815833

## **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](http://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](mailto: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

### 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.

### Important Dates and Term Dates

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Photographs
	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Story Workshops in Reception and KS1
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations – Y4-6 and others
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Theatre trip
W/c 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Performances
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 Christingle Service



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Christmas Parties and break up for Christmas  
Pupils return to school  
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/>





