



# Greenfield Primary School



*'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'*

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## End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – February 2024



Being only five weeks long, this has been a very short but also a very productive term. The children and staff have worked hard to complete all their topics. As well as learning lots, the children have produced some wonderful work. We started the term the Young Voices choir going to sing at the Resorts World concert and it was a real pleasure to take them. This week the children have been auditioning to take part in the **Greenfield Eisteddfod** which will be taking place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. We are sure the selected participants will be busy rehearsing over the half term and will put on a wonderful performance.

We are also looking forward to **World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Everyone can come to school dressed as their favourite children's book characters and we will organise some book related activities. It would be really lovely if parents came in to read stories to the children on WBD too, and we will send more information shortly.

This term has been a very tricky one with the roof works, particularly as the roofers have been working on days rather than evenings and we have all had to teach and learn around them. I really appreciate the great patience and understanding of the children and staff, even when we have had to relocate different classes to the staffroom. This has been a long project, so your understanding is also appreciated. It was really exciting to finally see new roof tiles being laid, so we can at least see that the end is in sight. We are keeping our fingers crossed for Easter, but it is more likely to be finished in the summer term.

Before I sign off, Mrs Skelding, one of our cleaners, is sadly leaving today. I would like to thank her for all she has done, keeping school clean and wish her all the best in her new job.

Hope you have a brilliant half term break. See you on the 19<sup>th</sup> February!

Mrs Stylianides





### Young Voices – by Ava & Sophie, Year 6

In January, a group of children in Key Stage two took part in the Young Voices concert. Since the start of the school year, we had been practising both the songs and dances for the concert after school on Fridays. On the day of the concert, we took a coach to Resorts World in Birmingham, where we had a run through of the whole concert. Parents and grandparents arrived at the arena at six o'clock and could recognise where Greenfield were by our colourful school banner. There were many special guests who performed with us at the concert, including MC Grammar, Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell. Everyone had an enjoyable experience and lots of fun.



### After School Clubs

We have lots of clubs on offer each week, providing lots of opportunities for pupils to stretch the skills and talents. Here's an update on the clubs running after half term:

- Monday – Y3-5 Tag Rugby with Ace Coaching – *spaces available*
- Tuesday - Neat Feet Dance – contact directly for spaces
- Wednesday – Y3/4 Music Fitness
- Wednesday – Y1 Art Club
- Thursday - Y3/4 Archery (Y5/6 from 29<sup>th</sup> February)
- Thursday – Y5/6 STEM Club (Y3/4 from 29<sup>th</sup> February)
- Friday – Y3-6 Girls and Boys Football with Ace Coaching – *spaces available*

Where all places have been allocated, we refer to waiting lists if a place becomes available.

### Class Assemblies



This term we have been thinking about aspirations, using our talents, responsibility, and Safer Internet Day in our class assemblies. Here are the assembly dates for the rest of the year to pop in your diary:

- Y1/2 Curie Class – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Y2 Ceesay Class – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Y1 Braille Class - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April
- Y4 Galileo Class - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Y3/4 Anning Class - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- Y3 Newton Class - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Reception Class – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

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

For the FrOG team it has been a short but busy term, planning events for the remainder of the school year. Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who supported the cake sale; we couldn't believe how busy it was. Our special thanks go to those who helped make and decorated the cakes, biscuits and the other treats on offer. We all hope you enjoy the Chinese New Year hunt over half term, and good luck to everyone for the prize draw when we return.

We are still finalising details, but after half term we are hoping to put on a number of other events, including family bingo on the 1st March, a Mother's Day cream tea, a quiz for the grown-ups on the 26th April. We also have the disco on the 24th May. We will share details of events the first week after half term.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help tidy up and improve the school's fairy garden area. If anyone has green fingers or just a willingness to help out for a morning or two, please get in touch by either emailing FrOG or telephoning Ben on 07903177726 and we can follow up with further details.

### **School Uniform and Jewellery**

Here's a link to our [uniform code](#). Everything needs to be labelled to avoid it ending up in our lost property bin. Please note that pupils must wear sensible black school shoes and trainers are not allowed except for PE lessons. 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.

The [Greenfield Uniform Shop has a Facebook page](#) for anyone looking to buy second-hand uniform. They have lots of quality items available at the price of £1 per item, so please take a look and get in touch with the shop if there is anything you would like to buy or if you need help with searching for items. The Greenfield Uniform Shop would also welcome donations - just [get in touch](#) with them if you have something to donate. All proceeds go towards FrOG's fundraising, so buying from the shop is another great way to support our school.

We are sending the PE kits home today for washing over the holiday. 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😊

### **Measles Outbreak – an important message from Dudley Council Health Protection Team**

You may have seen recent media reports of rising measles cases across the West Midlands and the Black Country. The most effective way to prevent measles infection, and the possible serious complications it can cause, is by having 2 doses of MMR vaccine. 2 doses of MMR provide 99% protection against measles that is lifelong. It also protects against mumps and rubella. It is safe and effective, and a porcine gelatine free vaccine is available, if this is preferred.

The rise in measles cases is due to declining childhood immunisation rates, including the MMR, nationally over the past 10 years. The higher the immunisation rates, the less opportunity there is for measles infection to circulate, which helps to protect those who are vulnerable due to being unable to receive MMR vaccination (including babies under 1 year old, pregnant women if unvaccinated, and the severely immunocompromised).

It is not too late for children and adults to catch up on the MMR vaccine if they haven't received 2 doses at the recommended ages of 1 year (1st dose) and 3 years and 4 months (2nd dose). Your GP surgery can be contacted to arrange an appointment. If you are unsure whether your child is immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine, you can check their 'red book', which is their personal health record. Children who have not had any MMR vaccines may have to stay away from school for up to 21 days if they are identified as a close contact of a confirmed measles case.

Please see the NHS webpages on measles and MMR vaccine for more information, and the below link for local pop-up vaccination clinics for MMR: <https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/health-advice/measles#clinic>

### **School Lunches**

School lunches are supplied by Shire Services. 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](#).

### **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 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

### **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/>

### **Attendance and Reporting Absences**

It can be difficult to make the decision about whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. This [link](#) is for an NHS advice page called 'Is my child too ill for school', which will hopefully help with your decision.

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.

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**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Sycamore workshop for parents
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Greenfield Eisteddfod
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3/4 Black Country Museum Visit
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception visit to Hope Church
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Eve – 3:45-6:00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Eve – 4:45-7:30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Height and Weight Measuring
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential Visit to Pioneer Centre
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Library visits
W/c 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Performances – days TBC
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Trip to Bishops Wood
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pupils break up for Easter
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception on Little Owl Farm Visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	InSET/Polling Day – School closed to pupils
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	InSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for Bank Holiday
W/c 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 RAF Cosford Visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	FrOG Discos and pupils break up for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pupils return to school
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability for Y5 and Y4 pupils
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – AM for KS2 and PM for KS1
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 pupils at Stourbridge Schools Music Festival
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performances
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Prom
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 9:15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year for pupils
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	InSET Day



Parents can check term dates and InSET days, including those for 2024/25, on our website  
<https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/>





