

Dates for the Diary

Important dates this term:

w/c 11.9.17 Y5 Swimming
w/c 18.9.17 Y4 Swimming
18.11.17 11+ Test am
22.09.17 am Y5/6 Trip to New Brighton
25.9.17 F2 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm
26.9.17 Y5/6 Trip to Blist Hill
29.9.17 9:15am Macmillan Coffee Morning
11.10.17 FOG Autumn Market 6-8pm
w/c 16.10.17 F2-Y6 Parents' Meetings
20.10.17 School Photographer in- Individual Photos
Friday 20th October 2017 Half Term begins at 3:15pm
21.10.17 11+ Results
Monday 30th October 2017 SDD Day 2
Tuesday 31st October 2017 Children back.
31.10.17 Deadline for secondary places
14.11.17 Open Day for prospective F2 2018
9:15am and 2:15pm
Friday 22nd December 2017 End of term at 3:15pm

Staff Development Days 2017-18

SDD Day 1: 4th September 2017
SDD Day 2: 30th October 2017
SDD Day 3: 16th February 2018
SDD Day 4 : 3rd May 2018
SDD Day 5: 4th June 2018



Clubs starting next week

Monday: KS2 Taekwondo After School Club
Wednesday: KS2 Choir will start on Wednesday 20th September- 3:15pm-4pm.
Thursday: Yr 1/2 Musical Theatre After School Club
Friday: KS2 Tennis After School Club will start 22.09.17
Payments for clubs should be made prior to the club commencing.

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school! Another exciting and inspiring school year lies ahead. I wish an extra special welcome to all our new parents, children and staff who have joined us this year. We hope you soon settle in and feel part of our school family.

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday with family and friends, found some sunshine between the many showers, and have come back refreshed and ready for another great year of learning at Greenleas.

Many thanks for sending your children to school looking so smart in their new school uniform and ready to learn. Four days in and the children have settled well into their new classes and are completely engaged in their learning. I have enjoyed hearing all about the exciting adventures that they have been on in the holidays.

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in the school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines and to set expectations of behaviour and working well together. Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 8:55am (in preparation for registration at 9am). Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child. The Greenleas team and I look forward to another happy and successful year, where we continue to celebrate and be proud of all our children.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Sharon Edwards

Lucy's Pineapple Fund- wear green and yellow! We are holding a fundraising event on Friday 15th September for Lucy's Pineapple Fund. I am sure most of you are aware of the extremely sad story of the Moroney family- 9 year old Lucy (from Gayton Primary School) has an inoperable brain tumour and is currently undergoing treatment in Mexico.

Schools across the Wirral have been asked to participate in a non-uniform day to help with the fundraising campaign. Many schools are fundraising today by wearing green and yellow.

We are half way there with our green jumpers and so it would be great if children could add some colour to their uniform next Friday e.g. yellow socks, yellow ribbons etc... and bring in a donation for the fund.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

SCHOOL MEALS This week you should have received a copy of the new menus for this school year.

As a reminder:

F2 and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal through the government's UIFSM scheme. The cost for KS2 (Year 3-6) is £2.25 a day. Please pay in advance online via parent pay.



PACKED LUNCHES

Parents are requested to make every effort to ensure that the contents of lunch boxes provide a balanced diet with healthy extras such as fruit and vegetables. Lunch boxes should not contain sweets and chocolate bars. (One small "lunch box type" snack bar is adequate) For ideas check out

www.food.gov.uk

HEALTHY SNACKS AT PLAYTIME

KS2 (Y3-6) are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit/vegetable for morning snack. Alternatively, they can purchase a snack from our school kitchen - toast, bagels and apple juice are on sale. Children should bring in no more than 50p. F2 and KS1 are provided with fruit daily.

WATER Children should bring in a water bottle to help stay hydrated throughout the day. They can top this up with cool fresh water throughout the day. Reusing a water bottle rather than a disposable cup each time supports our drive for protecting the environment as an Eco- school. Pop or flavoured water should only be provided as part of a packed lunch.

Attendance

Excellent attendance this week has helped the children settle back into school routines and their learning smoothly. Thank you.

Last year we met our whole school target of 96.5%- well done to all our children and families who met this target. Good attendance underpins good progress: if children are not at school or miss parts of lessons they cannot successfully access the curriculum offered and this can make them feel anxious and out of touch with school life.

Your legal responsibility:

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, holidays, shopping, appointments and other things. It is your legal responsibility to ensure your child attends school on time every day. If your child does not attend school regularly (over 90%) the Local Authority can take action against you

Punctuality:

Did you know 10 mins late every day= 33 hours lost learning each year? Please be in the line for five to nine!

Unauthorised Absence:

Government legislation states that no requests for holidays in term time can be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. If you believe that your circumstances are exceptional then please call into the school office for an absence request form. On completing the form you may be invited into school to discuss your request. Parents who take their children out of school without approval may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice per parent per child.

Reporting Absence:

Please notify the School Office by 9:15am if your child is absent. A reason must be provided. Any unexplained absences will be followed up with a phone call on the day.

Support: If you are concerned about your child's attendance please get in touch. We will do our best to support you.

As a reminder...

- Bikes and scooters **MUST NOT** be ridden in the school playground. This also applies to the path into school to help minimise the risk of accidents and injuries due to collisions and congestion. This plea applies to both adults and children.
- Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school as all PE lessons have now started.
- All clothing should be labelled so that misplaced items can be returned quickly to their owner.
- Year group curriculum information can be found in class pages on the website. Please check the website regularly for updates.
- Teachers are normally available to discuss individual children at the end of the school day. You are most welcome to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress or any concerns at any time during the year. Concerns or queries can also be discussed with the Band Leaders- Miss Rowlands for F2, Mrs Evans for KS1, Mrs Youdan for Y3/4 and Miss Wood for Y5/6. Mrs Higginson is available for SEND queries and Miss Russell and Mrs Edwards for anything else. Please contact Mrs Johnson or Mrs Chong in the office to make an appointment.