



Be nice, work hard, never give up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of September already! The children are now in full swing of school life. Here is a taster of what has been happening across the school...

This week, children in F2 have shown great art skills when painting some fabulous portraits of themselves looking carefully in the mirror at their features. They have all clearly enjoyed bringing books in from home to share in the reading corners and have worked well together in the outdoor classroom building autumn dens. In KS1, the children have settled in really well and have been very busy in the first few weeks. They are working hard to earn one of our minibeast themed certificates. This week, we will add a new certificate - the silent snail, to encourage quieter working in our classes. They have been learning about our senses in Science (Y1) and balanced diets in Y2. More great artists are in Y1 and 2, developing their art skills by learning to use different media to make marks.

Year 3 and Y4 have started their history topic by looking at stone age artefacts and discovering things from the past. In Art, the children are learning how to see like an artist, by learning different techniques such as shading and creating texture. They have been very active in PE, practicing their hockey techniques and learning how to defend the ball against an attacker.

Our oldest children in Y5 and Y6, have been working hard both at home and in school to learn 'The Spider and the Fly' poem. They are looking forward to reciting this from memory to an audience. The children have started planning and writing a balanced argument about whether the spider from 'The Spider and the Fly' poem deserves to go to prison. They have come up with some very persuasive arguments for and against him going to prison and have worked hard to include some powerful vocabulary.

The new subject schemes we have in place to support mixed ages classes are proving to be popular with the children. Engaging and inspiring them to be great artists, historians, team players, readers, designers, performers... to name a few! Well done to all the children.

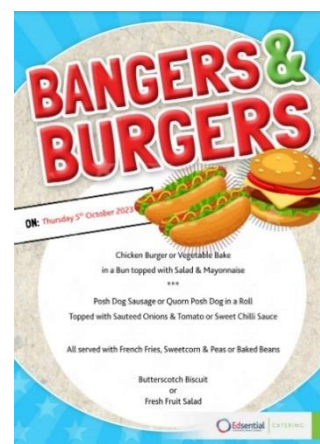
Hopefully we will soon return to sharing learning through our Twitter feed – we are just in the process of upgrading our technology so we can access it.

## **DON'T FORGET CENSUS DAY LUNCH THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Did you know that the Government calculates part of our school funding on the number of pupils that have a school meal on Census Day.

Please help us to maximise our funding by signing up for your child to have our 'Bangers and Burgers' themed lunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Please order your meal online in the usual way.



## Attendance and Punctuality

As the Government have been clear, attendance at school is a national priority and ensuring regular attendance is a legal responsibility of parents/carers. Therefore, we thought it was important to remind you of the legislation and potential consequences of any unauthorised absence during term time. This means that absence during term time is only permitted in 'exceptional circumstances'. This does not typically include holidays.

In line with Wirral's Attendance Policy, we would like to highlight the following points:

- a leave of absence request form must be completed in advance (at least two weeks) of the child being absent
- the importance of providing reasons and all relevant information that you would want to be considered should be noted at the time of the leave of absence request and not at a much later stage
- the decision of what is 'exceptional circumstance' or whether a leave of absence can be authorised, is entirely at the Head Teacher's discretion (which is informed by DfE/LA advice and guidance)
- any unauthorised absences that take attendance below expectations (more than 10 sessions) will be referred to the LA Attendance Team for the consideration of a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

At Greenleas Primary school, we aim to work with parents/carers proactively to encourage good attendance. We make it clear that we aim for at least 97% attendance each year and, where attendance is below this target, we have to consider actions for improvement.

I would like to thank you for your commitment to ensuring your child attends school regularly. We have had a very positive start to the new academic year. To date:

Year Group	F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	98.9%	96.7%	99.1%	96.6%	98.2%	98.9%	94.4%

Our children clearly enjoy coming to school!

Further information on our Attendance Policy and Procedures can be found on our website.

<http://www.greenleasprimaryschool.co.uk/page/attendance-matters/48074>

Punctuality is just as important. Children who arrive after registers have been taken in class are marked on the register as Late (L code).

Being punctual to school has the following benefits:

- Encourages good life habits for years to come.
- Learning for your child is not interrupted – they make a good start to the school day.
- Learning for other children is not interrupted. (Teachers do not have to stop their lessons).
- Children take part in all of their lessons.

Even a few minutes of lateness each day can have a negative impact on teaching and learning in the classroom. The table below shows what lateness might look like, on average:

Average mins late per day	Hours and minutes missed in one year due to lateness	This means this many lessons are missed in one year!
2 mins	6 hours and 20 mins	Around 6 to 7 lessons
3 mins	9 hours and 30 mins	Around 10 to 11 lessons
4 mins	13 hours	Around 14-15 lessons
5 mins	16 hours	Around 16-20 lessons

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children are in school every day and are not late through the gate!

## Beyond the Classroom

We believe strongly in the importance of opportunities beyond the classroom and the many skills and sense of belonging that come from this. We are delighted to promote some extracurricular opportunities for the children to get involved in, with many more planned over the year.

This week we have launched:

Monday	KS1	Tennis Club (before school)
	Y6	British Sign Language Club (lunchtime)
Wednesday	KS2	Tennis Club (before school)
Thursday	KS2	Little Musketeers Fencing Club (before school)

This week we have had a record number of children attend our wrap around provision. On Monday, we welcome a new member of staff to the Wrap Around Team, Mrs Lisa Williams.

## Key Dates for 2023-24

Please check the school website calendar for any updates as dates/events may need to change.

October 2023	
04.10.23	Y5/6 Geography Field Trip
05.10.23	Census Day lunch
w/c 9.10.23	Y5 and Y6 non swimmers 1:45-2:45pm
9.10.23	9:15 am Whole School Harvest assembly
10.10.23	Individual Photographs
11.10.23	F2 Curriculum Evening for parents 5pm
12.10.23	Y1/2 Tennis Tournament
18/19.10.23	Parents' Meetings
19.10.23	Half term for children
20.10.23	SDD 3 school closed for children
21.10.23	11+ results sent to parents
30.10.23	Term Begins for all
November 2023	
01.11.23	Prospective Parents Open Day 9:30 am – hall
1/2 .11.23	Hi Impact KS1 Lego Wedo enrichment
w/c 06.11.23	POOC Assemblies
07.11.23	Prospective Parents Open Day 4pm – hall
10.11.23	F2 Diwali Day
w/c 13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week
14.11.23	F2 Phonics Workshop for parents 9am
w/c 20.11.23	Y4 Swimming for two weeks 2:15-2:45pm
21.11.23	Whole School Flu Immunisation
17.11.23	CIN Day
December 2023	
5.12.23	Y5/6 Mosque Visit
08.12.23	FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm
12.12.23	9:15am F2 Christmas Performance
15.12.23	9:15am KS1 Nativity
19.12.23	St Nicholas Service for children
21.12.23	Party Afternoon
22.12.23	Am Cinderella Panto End of Term
January 2024	
08.01.24	Term Begins for all
18.01.24	Spring Census – Lunch
February 2024	
w/c 12.02.24	Y5 Bikeability
16.02.24	Break up for half term
26.02.2	Term Begins for all
March 2024	
w/c 11.03.24	POOC Assemblies
20.03.24/21.03.24	Parents' Meetings
28.3.24	End of Spring Term
April 2024	
15.04.24	Summer Term begins for all

May 2024	
<b>May</b>	Y2 Sats
<b>w/c 13.05.24</b>	Y6 SATs
	Y4 Residential
<b>16.05.24</b>	Summer Census Lunch
	Class Photographs
<b>w/c 20.05.24</b>	Y6 Bikeability
<b>24.05.24</b>	Half Term
June 2024	
<b>03.06.24</b>	Term begins for all
<b>w/c 03.06.24</b>	Y4 times tables check (2 week period)
<b>w/c 10.06.23</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening check
	Y6 Residential
July 2024	
<b>TBC</b>	INDUCTION Day
<b>19.07.24</b>	End of term for children

Warmest wishes

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