



Be nice, work hard, never give up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon the school will come together to remember and commemorate the lives sacrificed for us. We are always very proud of how the children respond to Remembrance Day to respect those who gave their lives. The children are wearing their poppy related merchandise with pride. Well done to the children in F2, Y1 and Y2 for the super field of poppies you have made.



Thank you for your support and generous donations towards The Poppy Appeal.

Behaviour and Attitudes

In school we want all our children to feel safe and happy. We expect good behaviour and good manners. We know you feel this is important too and we thank you for your continued support promoting it. The **majority** of our children do follow the school rules and are verbally praised for doing so throughout the day, recognised with certificates, stickers, dojos and also through our Person of Outstanding Character (POOC) Award.



In fact, this week we have been celebrating the children who have shown real strength of character and a positive attitude towards school life this term. POOCs are great ambassadors for our school rules **'Be nice, work hard and never give up!'** Well done to you all, we are so proud of you.

When the rules are not followed the children have to accept the consequences. Unacceptable behaviour includes ...

- Lack of respect for adults/each other.
- Aggressive/physical behaviour.
- Reacting/retaliating to incidents.
- Damage to property or equipment.
- Swearing.
- Stealing.
- Refusing to follow instructions/expectations.
- Racist comments.
- Homophobic comments.
- Bullying.

At times, we find unacceptable behaviour can arise from children reacting or retaliating to an incident that they didn't start, that involved a friend or they were on the periphery of and often not fully aware of the bigger picture. Giving the message, that retaliating is okay is one fraught with difficulty and potential danger, particularly as they get older and are out and about in the community. Therefore, as positive role models we always tell the children not to retaliate with violence- verbal or physical, to walk away from any conflict and speak to an adult. I know this is a tricky subject, one of many parenting minefields, but we thank you for supporting us with our policy and procedures.

As a reminder, this year we will be celebrating Anti-bullying week beginning on Monday 13th November, by asking the children to come to school wearing odd socks – the brighter the better! We will be discussing how we can 'sock it' to the bullies, encouraging the children to work together to make a stand against bullying. Odd sock day is also a great way to

celebrate our differences. Diversity can sometimes be linked to bullying, so any opportunity to remind the children that we are all made differently and that this is to be proudly promoted. Whether it is the way we look, our race, beliefs or skin colour, neurodiversity, disability or sexual orientation – we are one big Greenleas family.

As the week progresses, we will work with our classes and in assemblies to 'Make some noise about bullying', which is this year's theme for the week.

During the week, we will take the time to revisit our school definition of bullying. This is vital for children to understand their own and others behaviour and to understand the difference between bullying and other playground issues.

We are proud at Greenleas to create a culture where bullying is not accepted and where staff step in swiftly to resolve issues. We encourage children to 'call out' bullying and to find a trusted member of staff to talk to when they have concerns. We will always work closely with parents to ensure that children are well supported as issues are resolved.

On the Antibullying Alliance's pages for parents you will find lots of ideas and activities to help you to support your child to talk about bullying

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202023%20-%20Parent%20Pack%20FINAL.pdf>

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always here to help. In the first instance, please contact your child's teacher and/or the Band Leader (F2 Miss Rowlands, Y1/2 Mrs Higgerson, Y3/4 Miss Webster, Y5/6 Miss Wood).

REMINDER Children in Need Day – Friday 17th November 2023

This year we hope to have a SPOTacular day by allowing children to come to school dressed in spotty clothing so that together we can have fun and raise money. If your child doesn't have any spotty clothes, you can just add a few stickers to their top, spots on nails etc... This year you can donate directly to CIN (via ParentPay)

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12712> There will also be buckets at the school gates for donations.

FOG AGM

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for the meeting. It was lovely to see some new faces join us. Your time and support is much appreciated. It was a very productive meeting and our Friends of Greenleas committee for 2023-24 is as follows:

Chair: Mrs Jenny Kelly (child in Year 6)

Vice Chair: Mrs Michelle Allen (child in Year 4)

Treasurer: Mrs Rebecca Rotherham (child in Year 1)

Secretary: Miss Helen Fleming-Scott (child in Y1)

Look out for further information from the committee on plans for the year. In the meantime, here is the latest update on Santa and important dates for your diary:

Following feedback from previous fairs, this year, to make sure as many children as possible get to see Santa, we will be holding 'story time with Santa' rather than a grotto. Each story time will last approximately 10 minutes, starting at 15 minute intervals, and for £3 per child (discounted for siblings) not only will the little ones get a story and a chance to meet Santa, but they will also get a lovely Greenleas keepsake to take home with them.

Tickets for story time will be available to purchase at the entrance to the fair and slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis. 15 children will be able to attend each story time and there will be 7 slots in total.

Unfortunately due to time constraints, and ensuring as many children see Santa as possible, photo opportunities will not be available.

In exchange for Santa paying a visit to the school, a donation will be made by FOG to Radio City's Cash for Kids charity.

24.11.23 Non-uniform Day in exchange for sweets (Christmas Fair prizes)

24.11.23 FOG meeting at 4:30pm in school- final Christmas Fair prep meeting

08.12.23 Non-uniform Day in exchange for a bottle (wine, spirits, bubble bath, shower gel...ketchup! Etc.

08.12.23 FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm

General Reminders

- Keep personal belongings brought into school to a minimum.
- Bring a labelled water bottle daily (no juice please).
- Please ensure all clothing is labelled so that misplaced items can be returned to their owner.
- Please check Arbor, ParentPay and the website frequently for important updates.
- Registration is at 8:55am, children can arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am.
- Street Schools is in operation between 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Restricted access in Greenleas Close during these times.

- If your child rides their bike to school, can you please remind them about road safety and being aware of pedestrians on the pavement. Some of our older children, are quite fast on their bikes and there have been a few near misses with pedestrians.
- Final plea, if you have a dog...



Thank you!

Diary Dates

November 2023	
w/c 13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week -starting with Odd Sock's Day on 13.11.23
14.11.23	F2 Phonics Workshop for parents 9am
17.11.23	CIN Day- In exchange for a donation to CIN, children can come to school wearing spots.
w/c 20.11.23	Y4 Swimming for two weeks 2:15-2:45pm
21.11.23	Whole School Flu Immunisation
21.11.23	Year 1 Parent Workshop – phonics and reading 3:15pm
23.11.23	Year 2 Parent Workshop – phonics and spelling 3:15pm
24.11.23	Non-uniform day in exchange for sweets (Christmas Fair prizes)
December 2023	
5.12.23	Y5/6 Mosque Visit
08.12.23	Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation / FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm
12.12.23	9:15am F2 Christmas Performance
15.12.23	9:15am KS1 Nativity and 2pm
19.12.23	St Nicholas Service for children
20.12.23	Whole School Reindeer Run
20.12.23	School Christmas Dinner
21.12.23	Party Afternoon
22.12.23	Am Cinderella Panto End of Term 3:15pm

Community News ... two events we've been asked to share with you



Creative Writing Workshops for 7-11 year olds at Wallasey Central Library

Read Now Write Now are running fun new weekly writing workshops for children aged 7-11 at Wallasey Central Library from Saturday 11th November 11am to 12.30pm. Leading up to the holidays, children will write stories inspired by A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens; a fantastic festive feast of a story filled with super examples of writing techniques and devices to help everyone with their writing in school. The fee per young writer is £10 per week and exercise books are provided.

To book onto the course, or for more information, please contact charles@readnowwritenow.org.uk

Warmest wishes
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