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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lot going on in school this week...

Our youngest children have been perfecting their reading by reading to their Monster eggs, resulting in lots of eager and excited readers when the eggs hatched! Our budding designers in Y1/2 are making their own hand puppet, with some fabulous designs and detail! Earlier in the week, the children in Y3/4 combined their knowledge of technology and history to further explore Roman times. Today, our oldest children are heading back in time to be a Viking! A fabulous week of learning for all!

And we still found time to celebrate World Book Day and our love of reading! Clearly, the children enjoyed wearing their pj's and snuggling up with a good book! Thank you for support with the 'Read your Way' photos, they have made us all smile!

Congratulations to the Year 5 children who participated in the Wirral Primary School Maths Challenge at West Kirby Grammar School yesterday. They represented the school really well and demonstrated excellent mathematical skills. Well done!

Next week we will have our Spring POOC (Person of Outstanding Character) celebrations. We are extremely proud of all our children and once again it was a challenging task for the staff to choose them. It is important that we not only help our children achieve academic success but encourage them to develop good character through our values and school rules.

Road Safety

There has been a lot of active travel to school this week – scooting, walking and cycling. Thank you for supporting School Streets and our promotion this week. The scooter winners will be announced on Monday.

Once again, can you please remind your child about road safety, traffic and being aware of pedestrians if cycling to school. This week some concerns have been raised about children in Y5/6 cycling in front of moving traffic. Additionally, there are a number of children arriving at school far too early and often causing a disturbance to the neighbours. This does not reflect well on our school. Children remain parent responsibility until we open the gates at 8:45am. The children involved have been spoken to, but your support and follow up would be appreciated too. Thank you

Safeguarding Update

Operation Encompass



In conjunction with Merseyside Police, Greenleas is involved in a scheme called Operation Encompass. The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children who have been involved in, heard or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. Following such an incident, children can arrive at school distressed, upset, worried and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate key staff (called key adults) are made aware early enough to support children in a way that makes them feel safe and supported.

From this month, Merseyside Police will also now share details about children who are missing from home with us so that we can appropriately understand and support their needs when they return.

At Greenleas our key adults are Mrs Sharon Edwards (headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Jen Higgerson (assistant headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and families and we believe this valuable scheme is extremely beneficial for all those involved. You can find out more by visiting www.operationencompass.org. Attached with this letter is an OE Parent Poster.

Parents' Meetings

Spring Term Parents' Meetings will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March 2024. These 10-minute appointments will take place in person and will enable parents to meet their children's teachers to discuss progress and next steps.

The following procedures will be in place to support them run smoothly and keep everyone safe:

- **No** children should attend
- Appointments will be no more than 10 minutes
- Enter/leave the building through the main entrance
- Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your appointment
- Please leave the building promptly after the meeting

The electronic appointment booking link will go live on Arbor at 3pm on Wednesday 13th March 2024 and will close on Monday 18th March 2024 at 12 noon. Please try to book your appointment early to ensure you get the best time for you.

Healthy Snacks

As part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS), children in F2 and KS1 are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack daily. Children in KS2 (Y3-6) can bring in a healthy snack to eat at break time. This maybe a piece of fruit or vegetable etc... Please do not send sweets, chocolate, crisps etc. We are very aware that we have a role in helping our children to set healthy eating patterns throughout their lives

Staffing Updates

I am pleased to be able to share that our recruitment process for our permanent caretaker is now complete. On Monday Mr Griffiths will join our team. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming him to the Greenleas 'family'. A huge thank you to Mr Mitchell who has been a great help to us in the interim period.

Red Nose Day 2024

On Friday 15th March 2024 we will be raising money for the charity Comic Relief. Children and staff are asked to participate in this event by wearing a splash of red- clothing or an accessory. No need to buy anything! In return, we are asking for donation of £1 to be made via the following ParentPay link or if you prefer a cash donation on the day buckets will be at the gates.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13621>

Wake Up Wednesday Top Tips Update

We hope you find the top tip online safety posters we share useful. Moving forwards, they will include some wider topics and themes, such as mental health, wellbeing and climate change, to help keep you better informed. All top tip posters shared can be found in the Safeguarding section on our website.

March 2024	
w/c 18.03.24	Sign Language Week
21.03.24	Thrive Workshop – see email
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	
7/8.5.23	Y4 Residential Barnstondale
w/c 13.05.24	Y6 SATs
16.05.24	Summer Census Lunch
20.05.24	Class Photographs
w/c 20.05.24	Y6 Bikeability
24.05.24	Half Term
June 2024	
03.06.24	Term begins for all
w/c 03.06.24	Y4 times tables check
w/c 10.06.23	Y1 Phonics Screening check
24.06.24	Y6 Residential
July 2024	
03.07.24	INDUCTION Day
10.07.24	Transition meetings for parents times tbc
11.07.24	Pupil Written Reports to parents
19.07.24	End of term for children SDD4/5 22.7.24 and 23.7.24

Enjoy the weekend.

Warmest Wishes.

Mrs Sharon Edwards
Headteacher