



Be nice, work hard, never give up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I hope the break has been enjoyable and you are now ready to embrace this busy half term (including the build up to Christmas!). We have many things planned over this half term to bring some glittery joy into the school day.

Starting each half term promoting positive well-being activities supports our children to quickly get back into the routines and the expectations of school life after a break. Despite the excitement of Halloween and Bonfire Night, the children have settled back into school life brilliantly and have already produced some amazing work. We are extremely proud of the children and it is lovely when visitors recognise this too. This week we held an open day for prospective parents and a group of Y6 children gave the adults a flavour of school life by being tour guides. The adults were most impressed by how confident and articulate our children were.

School Streets and Road Safety

As the sky is becoming cloudier and the nights are drawing in can I please ask that you discuss road safety with your child/ren and encourage them use our school crossing patrol to cross the road safely.

Thank you for your continued co-operation with School Streets, the Close definitely has less traffic and is feeling much calmer and safer for everyone. However, residents have reported to the Council a couple of cars/families that are continuing to enter during the restricted times of 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe by adhering to the restrictions. Please also consider where/how you are parking away from the Close.



Supporting Others

Two charities we will be supporting this month are:

1. The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal



It is coming up to that time in the year in our nation's history – Poppies and a small number of additional items will be available to buy from the school gate on Monday 6th November 2023. We suggest a donation of:

£1.00 per item	20p per item
Snap band	Paper poppy
Wristband	Zip pull
Reflector	



2. Children in Need Day – Friday 17th November 2023

Things are not easy for any one at the moment. But for some children it has been especially hard. Together we can make a huge difference. 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), we will advise you once this payment item is set up. There will also be buckets at the school gates for donations.

KS2 Enrichment Opportunity

KS2 Opportunity: Mrs Coombes is delighted to be able to offer an opportunity for your child to join the School Choir on Thursday mornings from 8.25 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. There are spaces left for this half term and the choir is a lovely group of children who would be very welcoming to new members. We enjoy singing and have lots of fun each week.

Happy Harmonies instrumental tuition began in 2019 at Greenleas School. As well as being a Primary School teacher, Mrs Coombes specialises in teaching music and has run several school choirs in the past.

Choir Information:

- 8.25 p.m. – 8.50 p.m. – Thursday mornings.
- £4.00 per session - £24 half- termly paid prior to the first session.

To secure your child's place in the choir, please contact: hazecoombes@sky.com

Online Safety

Trying to keep up with the many additions to social media can be a challenge for parents. To help you have all the information needed to have informed and age appropriate conversations about online safety with you child, National Online Safety produce practical, easy to follow guides which focus on risks that they think parents need to be aware of. You can access these top tips from our website <https://www.greenleasprimaryschool.co.uk/page/national-online-safety-wake-up-wednesday-guides/140761> or follow National Online Safety on Twitter @natonlinesafety

I hope you find them useful.

Diary Dates

November 2023	
w/c 06.11.23	POOC Assemblies
06.11.23	F2 Trip to Church
07.11.23	Prospective Parents Open Day 4pm – hall
10.11.23	F2 Diwali Day
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
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 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
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
26.02.24	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	
May	Y2 SATs
w/c 13.05.24	Y6 SATs

7/8.05.24	Y4 Residential
16.05.24	Summer Census Lunch
	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 (2 week period)
w/c 10.06.23	Y1 Phonics Screening check
24-26.6.23	Y6 Residential
July 2024	
TBC	INDUCTION Day
19.07.24	End of term for children

Warmest wishes for a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Sharon Edwards
Headteacher