



Be nice, work hard, never give up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We believe that it is essential to develop strong partnerships with home if our children are to achieve their full potential. Parents and schools working as partners can only increase pupil achievement and help to develop positive attitudes about self and school. With this in mind, the first Parents' Meetings of this academic year will take place w/c 11th October 2021. These 10 minute appointments will take place in person and will enable parents to meet their children's teachers and see how the children have settled into their new classes.

Due to building work and COVID -19, the following procedures will be in place to reduce risks and keep everyone safe:

- Only **one** adult to attend the meeting
- **No** children should attend
- Appointments will be no more than 10 minutes
- All adults should wear a mask in the building, unless exempt
- Enter/leave the building through the Year Group designated door
- Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your appointment
- Please leave the building promptly after the meeting
- No books will be shared at this point

Please do not attend the meeting if you have COVID -19 symptoms or are awaiting the result of a PCR test. Thank you.

School staff will wear a mask and the meetings will take place socially distanced in a well-ventilated classroom.

The electronic appointment booking link will go live on Arbor at 4pm on Tuesday 5th October and will close on Monday 11th October at 12 noon. Please try to book your appointment early to ensure you get the best time for you.

Nearer the time we will provide you with an information leaflet informing you of the location and reminding you of the procedures we will have in place.

FOG AGM

Friends of Greenleas (FOG) helps to foster a feeling of 'community' amongst our families, through its social events, whilst at the same time raising valuable funds for the benefit of our children. All parents of Greenleas children are automatically members of FOG.

Pre COVID, apart from holding events, which enabled parents and children to socialise with each other, FOG, through its fundraising activities, generated a fabulous income of around £10,000 per year, all of which was used to provide a wide range of additional school resources and some extras to enrich the school curriculum. In the last few years, FOG has paid for many different items requested for example, iPads, books, the outdoor classroom, playground equipment, workshops, pantomimes, school trips, the Peace Garden ... the list goes on! All of which enhance our children's learning.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has paused the majority of FOG contributions over the past couple of years, however we now feel the time is right to starting planning for the future. Therefore, we would like to invite all parents – old and new to support the school by joining our Friends of Greenleas for their Annual General Meeting The AGM will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 1:30-2:30pm. It will

provide opportunities for you to meet the current committee, learn more about FOG and find out how you can get involved!

Please email/send an In-App message via Arbor to the school office if you would like to attend. A zoom link to the meeting will be provided nearer the time. We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM, many thanks in advance for your support.

Punctuality

We are having an increasing number of children who are arriving after 8:55am. Children who arrive after 8:55am 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 arrive on-time for school each day.

As well as arriving between 8:45am and 8:55am, please ensure that your child has all equipment such as lunchboxes, water bottles, coats etc. when they arrive at school in the morning. Due to the building work, it takes a considerable amount of time during the morning to collect late children and deliver additional items to classes, which can disrupt the smooth running of the school day for all. Thank you for your understanding.

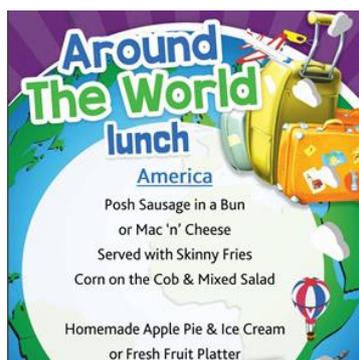
Harvest Festival

Next week is all about Harvest Festival. If you think that you are in the position to do so, we are asking for each and every child to bring donations into school on Friday 8th October 2021. We will be hosting our own Harvest Festival assembly for the children on the day. Wirral Foodbank will collect the donations on the day. Items on their shopping list include tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, sugar, fruit squash, coffee (small), tinned tuna, custard, biscuits, instant mash, rice pudding, washing up liquid. They currently have plenty of tea and beans. Thank you for your support.

More information on Wirral Food Bank can be found here: <http://www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk/>

Don't forget ... Themed Lunch 7th October 2021

Please help us to maximise our funding by signing up for your child to have our Around the World American themed lunch on Thursday 7th October 2021. Please order your meal online via ParentPay.



Many thanks for your support.

Communication during the school day

If you need to contact us during the school day please use email (schooloffice@greenleas.co.uk) in the first instance or telephone for emergencies. We are still working with a reduced number of staff in the office and the building work has reduced the number phone lines we have available. Please be patient as it may take longer than previously to communicate with us.

General Reminders

- Keep personal belongings brought into school to a minimum.
- Wear PE kit on PE days. **NO FOOTBALL KITS PLEASE**
- Bring a labelled water bottle daily (no juice please).
- Dogs are not allowed on school premises, even if they are carried.
- 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. If you haven't set yourself up on the new systems please do so as soon as possible. We wouldn't want you to miss any communication.
- Registration is at 8:55am, children can arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am.
- Please avoid parking in Greenleas Close.

Diary Dates

October 2021	
01.10.21	St Anselm's Entrance Exam
08.10.21	Whole School Harvest Assembly (children) Food donations on the day for Wirral Foodbank
07.10.21	Census Day
11.10.21	Individual Photographs
w/c 11.10.21	Parents' Meetings FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED SOON
14/15.10.21	Y3/4 ICT Enrichment
22.10.21	Break up for Half term Non uniform day – fundraiser for Wallasey Village Christmas Lights
November 2021	
01.11.21	SDD3 – School Closed
02.11.21	Children return
09.11.21	Whole School Flu Immunisation
12.11.21	CIN Day
w/c 15 and 22 nd	Y5/6 Swimming Guinea Gap
w/c 15.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week
18.11.21	Prospective New Parents Open Day 4pm TBC
w/c 22.11.21	POOC Assemblies
23.11.21	Prospective New Parents Open Day 9:30am TBC
25.11.21	F2 ICT Enrichment
December 2021	
16.12.21	End of Term

Don't forget to check the school website regularly: www.greenleasprimaryschool.co.uk or follow us on Twitter @greenleasps

Warmest wishes
Mrs Sharon Edwards
Headteacher