



Be nice, work hard, never give up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the school has come together to remember and commemorate the lives sacrificed for us. On 11<sup>th</sup> November, we held a whole school assembly. The children listened to a story about remembering, a poem was read, two minutes silence was observed and the last post was played. We are very proud of how the children responded in the assembly and remained silent to respect those who gave their lives.

The children have also worn their poppies and other poppy related merchandise with pride. Thank you for your support and donations towards The Poppy Appeal.



### Important COVID -19 Update

You may be aware that rates of COVID-19 in Wirral seem to be very slowly decreasing. However, they are still way too high and local schools are still experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks. As we are also entering the winter season, viruses other than COVID will be circulating, so local schools will face a huge challenge in attempting to reduce the risk of infections spreading.

Whilst we know that infection can and does happen within the school environment, our local Public Health team has told us that almost half of all Wirral's current COVID-19 cases are due to infection within households. On the basis of this, we have been asked to issue the following guidance:

**If any member of your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, your child can continue to attend school only under the following conditions:**

1. You should book them a PCR test (ideally on day 3-5 after they were first in contact with the household case)
2. You should ensure that they carry out a daily LFT at home for 5-7 days, starting on the day you think they were first exposed to your household case.
3. You should let the school know what the daily LFT result is. If the test is negative each day, your child can continue to come into school each day. If any LFT is positive, you must book a PCR and your child must stay at home until you have the results. If the confirmatory PCR test is taken within the two days following the positive LFD result and PCR result is negative, your child can return to school.

**Your child can continue to attend school as long as they remain symptom-free AND have a daily LFT that is negative. If ANY of the above tests are positive, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of the test and cannot come into school until the isolation period is over.**

We would like to remind you that you can order test kits for your own household via the online service ([www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)) or by calling 119

We are recommending the above measures to ensure the safety of children and staff in our schools, to minimise the disruption to young people's education and to ensure our schools remain open.

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation.

## Diary Dates

Next week is a busy week at Greenleas, there are a number of key national events that we are taking part in.

## Road Safety/Walk to School Week

In assembly this week we discussed everyone (adults and children) being a road safety hero. Please play your part every week not just during Road Safety Week to help keep our children safe by:

- Adhering to the School Streets Scheme and not entering Greenleas Close during the restricted times
- Driving no more than 20mph on roads where our children are walking or cycling to school
- Not using the school carpark as a pick up point for children using Owl's Den
- Continuing to show consideration to our neighbours during the school run by not obstructing driveways/access.
- Encouraging your child to cross at the patrol.

Everyone's safety is important to us. Many thanks for your co-operation



## Anti-Bullying Week

During Anti-Bullying Week (W/C 15th November 2021) we will be starting the week with our traditional 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday. Children can come into school with odd socks to celebrate what makes them unique and helps raise awareness of bullying.



The theme for this year is 'one kind word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration and charity can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

One Kind Word can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of fallouts and bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. We can all play a part in a chain reaction that powers positivity.

We think this upbeat message will resonate with children who know all too well how unkind words can hurt and undermine them. During the week, we will be encouraging the children to get mentally healthy by spreading a little kindness by doing two acts of kindness each day – one to someone else and one to themselves.

## Children in Need Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Things haven't been easy for any one this year. But for some children it has been especially hard.

Together we can make a huge difference. This year the theme of the day is 'Together We Can...' and we

would like the children to come to school dressed in spotty/rainbow clothing so that together we can have fun and raise money. If your child doesn't have any spotty/rainbow clothes you can just add a few stickers etc... to their top. This year we are asking for you to donate directly to CIN (via ParentPay) using this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=425>

### 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.
- Registration is at 8:55am, children can arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am.

### Diary Dates

| November 2021                |   |
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| w/c 15 and 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Y5/6 Swimming Guinea Gap  |
| w/c 15.11.21                 | Anti-Bullying Week<br>Monday 'Odd Sock's Day'                               |
| 15.11.21                     | Launch of School Streets  |
| 19.11.21                     | CIN Fundraiser – donations to be made via ParentPay no cash please          |
| w/c 22.11.21                 | POOC Assemblies   |
| 23.11.21                     | Prospective New Parents Open Day 4pm CHANGE OF TIME                         |
| 25.11.21                     | F2 ICT Enrichment   |
| December 2021                |   |
| FURTHER CHRISTMAS EVENTS TBC |   |
| 8.12.21                      | Christmas Lunch   |
| 10.12.21                     | FOG Fundraiser- Christmas PJ/jumper and movie afternoon (details to follow) |
| w/c 13.12.21                 | St John's Hospice Reindeer Run Charity Event                                |
| 16.12.21                     | The Grand Online Whole School Panto - Cinderella<br>End of Term             |

### Communication during the school day

If you need to contact us during the school day please use email ([schooloffice@greenleas.co.uk](mailto: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.

Warmest wishes  
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Headteacher