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Dear Parents and Carers,

Again, we have had another week full of exciting things happening.

Throughout the week we have been celebrating the children who have shown real strength of character and a positive attitude towards school life this term. POOCs (Person of Outstanding Character) 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.

This week I've had the privilege of spending time in classrooms observing some fabulous maths fluency work. It was lovely to listen to the children explain how they had worked through different challenges and how using known facts, looking for patterns/relationships and explaining their thinking helped them to understand the maths they were doing. The learning our children are doing and their achievements are truly amazing. Additionally, the hard work and dedication of the staff team is second to none. The pandemic may have been challenging for us all but at the heart of Greenleas is still a desire to allow all our children to come to school, feel safe and happy, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

On Tuesday evening it was lovely to be able to meet a small group of prospective parents at our Open Evening for a September 2022 start. The deadline for applying for a place in our Foundation 2 class for September 2022 is 15th January 2022. As you may know, all applications are processed by Wirral Council. You can apply online now by clicking on the following link: www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

We have added some information to our website for prospective parents. Please signpost family and friends who may not be part of the Greenleas family to this. Additionally, please contact us if you have any queries/questions.

School Street Safety

Unfortunately, there are a number of families continuing to drive into the Close who are not exempt. These have been reported to the Council. Please be respectful of the restrictions in place and the safety of others. We all have a responsibility to our school community. As adults our actions and attitudes influence the behaviours of our children so it is important that we model the behaviours we wish our children to grow up emulating. Thank you for adhering to the restrictions

Start and end of the day

As a reminder, the school gates are open from 8:45am – 8:55am. Registration is at 8:55am, arrival after this time will be marked late. Please ensure you give yourselves plenty of time to park away, walk and arrive at school on time. Children who arrive late are missing out on valuable learning opportunities and can be upset entering the classroom late. Lateness can also disrupt the learning that has already started in class. Responding to latecomers also removes our reduced admin team from the office and their tasks; early mornings are a very busy time in school.

For safety reasons, children should not be playing on the Trim Trail or in the Cage at the end of the day. Parents are responsible for their children once collected. Please leave the playground promptly. Thank you.

School Dinners

Lunches can be ordered via ParentPay until 8am on the day. If you are having issues, please contact the school office to ensure that a meal is order. This week the kitchen have had to make a number of additional meals that were not ordered.

Countdown to Christmas!

December is approaching fast and we have an exciting calendar of events planned to spread some Christmas cheer. Whilst we still have some restrictions in place (building and COVID!) we hope to still enjoy the festive period and make this as special as possible for the children.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is booked in for Wednesday 8th December 2021. Please order on ParentPay by the deadline to ensure that a meal is ordered for your child.

FOG PJ and Movie Afternoon

This will take place on Friday 10th December 2021, further information will follow shortly.

Rudolf Run

We are inviting the children to come dressed in some festive attire on these days to help raise funds for our chosen charity St John's Hospice The children may wear something festive such as festive socks or a bit of tinsel (with the rest of their uniform). We have antlers and red noses ready for them to wear too! They will take part in a festive Rudolf Fun Run around our Golden Mile in their class. Donations are to be made via the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenleas-primary-school>

For F2 and KS1 (Y1/2) this will be on Tuesday 14th December 2021 and KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) Monday 13th December 2021

Whole School Christmas Service

One of the highlights of Christmas at Greenleas is the walk up to St Nicholas Church for our annual whole school Christmas Service. Although we still can't all venture up to church we have invited Rev. Jeff Staples to our virtual service in school on Wednesday 15th December.

Party Afternoon

We will celebrate the end of this very unusual term with class parties. Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their own trousers/skirts. If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, just dig out a plain jumper and decorate it with some tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes. Please don't go to any expense!

During w/c 6.12.2021 we will be sending your child home with a party food bag. Please provide your child with no more than 2 small snacks (such as crisps and a biscuit or cake) and a drink for the party. They will not require much as the party is after lunchtime so they should still be quite full. Party bags are to be returned only on party day – Wednesday 15th.

Pantomime Online

For a festive treat the children will get the opportunity to join in with the classic panto antics of Cinderella on the last day of term, Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Nativity F2 and KS1

Christmas performances by children are always very special events and a staple of a school Christmas. We are determined to go ahead with these this year – we love sharing the talents of our children with you! The scripts are ready and the children are rehearsing! The performances will be filmed, edited and then uploaded onto Google Classrooms for you to enjoy as a family.

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.

Warmest wishes
Mrs Sharon Edwards
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