



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back!

A warm welcome back all of our pupils, parents and families, particularly to those who have joined Reception this year and to those who are new to the school in other year groups.

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week and to witness so many smiles from both pupils, staff and parents!

The children have settled well in to their new classes and are enjoying being back at school and seeing their friends.

Curriculum

As a school we aim to deliver a curriculum that builds on prior learning, deepens knowledge and enhances skills that foster lifelong learning and achievement. We provide children with an engaging, exciting and empowering curriculum that equips them for today and tomorrow.

At Greenhead School the curriculum is designed to allow children to develop interpersonal skills, build resilience and become creative and critical thinkers. Our curriculum is implemented through a series of lessons which build on concepts, skills and knowledge. Each topic starts with a session to engage learners and build an interest right from the onset. The implementation is adapted to specific learning needs in order to provide support and challenge, ensuring an inclusive curriculum meets the needs of all our pupils.

Our topics for the Autumn Term will be:

Reception: Me and my community/ Once upon a time
Years 1 and 2: Childhood
Years 3 and 4: Through the ages
Years 5 and 6: Dynamic Dynasties

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SWIMMING REMINDER

Can we please remind parents of children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 that swimming monies needed to be in by the end of last term for starting swimming from 14th September. Thank you to those who have already paid.
Payment can be made via School gateway.

Facebook

As well as our weekly newsletter and school website we also have a closed parent/ staff Facebook page as another means of communication.
Please search for Greenhead CE Primary School and Fundraising Team information page and ask to be added as a member.

Free school meals/Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Financial support towards trips, clubs and music tuition
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM).

You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding to help your child in school.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

If you need support with your application or access to a computer, please don't hesitate to ask.

https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS



STARS OF THE WEEK



- Reception:** All the children in Reception for an excellent start to their first week in school.
- Class 1:** Everyone for a fantastic start to our first week back!
- Class 2:** All the Year 3 children for settling into Class 2 so well and in particular Iyla for some very detailed inferences about our new class novel.
- Class 3:** All the year 5 children for settling into class 3-well done!!

Head Teacher award.

Our new Reception children who have settled into school really well and have come in with such enthusiasm- well done!

Learning Achievements



Reception: This week Reception children have been settling into school and exploring their new classroom. We had a lovely tour of the school, meeting staff, helping the children to develop a sense of belonging and feeling part of our wonderful school community.

We also had a lovely afternoon exploring the nature garden with Class 1 as an introduction to our Forest school activities.

Class 1: This week we have begun our "Childhood" topic.

The children have looked at toys from the past and compared them with those of today.

We are studying autobiographies in English and building our skills to write our own!

In maths we have been sorting and counting objects and adding tens and ones.

Well done Year 1&2, a wonderful effort to your learning during week one!

Class 2: It has been fantastic to have everyone back together again this week!

Class 2 have had an excellent week of getting to know each other and Miss Callaghan has been blown away by how hard everyone has worked.

This week we have explored the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and we have begun to order events from these periods on a timeline.

The children were even able to make their own Stone Age camp during our Forest School sessions.

Class 3: It was lovely to see the new Year 5 children in class 3 this week and also to welcome back the new year 6! We have had a busy 4 days settling back into our class routine and school life.

In maths the children have been using base 10 and place value counters to create different numbers. They have been rounding numbers and partitioning numbers into part whole models.

In English the children have been creating their own expanded noun phrases to make sentences more interesting.

Listening to and reading Genesis chapter 1 in R.E, the children sketched how God created the world in seven days.

Next week the children will need to bring to school a cereal box as we need to use them in science.

For more information please look on our website and Facebook page.

New Nursery/ Reception classroom information

Over the summer we had the builders in to work their magic and now have a fantastic new space within the nursery and have spaces available.

They are also providing wraparound care if required.

Please contact Greenhead Preschool & Rainbow Nursery for more information on 016977 47720.

This week's attendance

Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%
Overall	100%

Well done everyone!!

PE information

Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on the days they have PE and swimming. Please see below for the days your child has PE starting the week beginning Monday 13th September.

Please note, only children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be swimming this term until Christmas.

Reception: Monday and Wednesday

Years 1 and 2: Monday and Wednesday

Years 3 and 4: Monday, Tuesday (**swimming**) and Wednesday

Years 5 and 6: Monday, Tuesday (**swimming**) and Wednesday

MORRISONS 'IT'S GOOD TO GROW' SCHEME

FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing.

Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

We have registered for this scheme and your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Breakfast and After school club provision information for parents- costs/ times

Mrs Knowles will again be holding Breakfast and After School clubs for all children.

Breakfast club starts at 07.45 until 08.45 when school opens. Breakfast will be provided if required.

After school club will again run from 3pm to 5pm, with a snack provided.

The cost is £4.20 per hour (or part thereof). Advanced booking would be appreciated so adequate food can be purchased.

After School Orienteering with Mrs Hosking

From Wednesday 15th September for 6 weeks, Mrs Hosking will be holding an Orienteering Club for Y5 and Y6 pupils.

She will teach general orienteering skills with a competition to be held at Walltown Crag on the final week (20th October).

Please find attached the flyer for this event and get your children's name down quickly as there are only 10 spaces available and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis!

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds menu

(please note this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Chicken casserole & dumplings with mash	OR	Baguette with filling	WITH	Beetroot Mixed veg	Carrot cake	Fresh fruit and yogurt available daily
Tuesday	Salmon & dill fishcake, salad potatoes		Pasta and chicken with salad		Carrot sticks	Oaty biscuit and fruit juice	
Wednesday	Mince pie with mash		Baguette with filling		Peas and baby carrots	Strawberry and meringue cheesecake	
Thursday	Bolognaise wrap with potato croquettes		Jacket potato with filling		Corn on the cob	Pineapple upside down pudding with custard	
Friday	Cheese burger in a bun with potato crispers		Pasta		Cucumber sticks	chocolate brownie with raspberry & white chocolate and milkshake	

Yours



Sarah Hutchinson
Executive Head teacher



AFTER SCHOOL ORIENTEERING WITH MRS HOSKING

Start : Wednesday 15th September 2021 for 6 weeks (ending 20th October)

Time : 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Cost : £5 in total (payment to be made on 15th September)

Places: 10 places available for Years 5 & 6

The children will learn basic map skills to find control points in the fastest time.

They will be walking around the local vicinity during these sessions.

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### ORIENTEERING COMPETITION!

On the final Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October we will have an Orienteering competition.

Where: Walltown Crag

When : 3.30 to 4.30

Price: FREE entry

Car parking fees apply, currently £1 per hour.

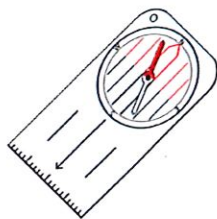


Parents need to accompany their child/ren to and from Walltown Crag.

Parents are invited to join in the competition, and although this is encouraged, it is not compulsory!

Maps and compasses are provided.

NEEDED: Drink and warm clothing for afterwards



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I give permission for my child to attend the After School Orienteering.

Signed:..... Parent

Date:.....

Please return this form by MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER and remember,
PLACES ARE LIMITED AND ALLOCATED ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.