



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back!

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The staff team and I are so proud of the children and the way they have settled into our new school routine so quickly. We have been very happy to see the children back in school this week.

Curriculum

The government guidance is clear in that it allows schools to consider their own context in deciding how to offer the broad and balanced curriculum that students need in order to enjoy school and succeed. Throughout our planning we have taken into account the need to keep everyone safe: students, staff and parents. Students have been away from school for a long period of time and our desire is for them to return to as normal a school experience as possible; this is important for both their well-being and education. We will continue to follow the Cornerstones topics with a huge focus on reading; it will be incorporated into many lessons throughout the week.

We do recognise however, that there will be many challenges ahead, which require your support to adapt to unfamiliar routines and practices, which allow us to deliver a high quality curriculum and learning experience whilst keeping your families and staff safe.

Staff will be sending out homework and spellings via Google classroom. **You will receive information regarding log in details by your child's class teacher.**

Attendance

All students will be expected to attend school. If your child is absent through illness please notify the school in the normal way. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus, (persistent cough, fever, loss of smell or taste) please do not send them to school and seek a coronavirus test immediately. If a student receives a positive coronavirus test, the school must be informed immediately. Failure to do so would put all members of our community at risk.

Attendance is compulsory for all children, unless your child:

- Is self-isolating.
- Has symptoms of Covid-19 or a positive test result.
- Is in close contact with someone with coronavirus.

Behaviour expectations

Alongside our normal expectations of behaviour, we will expect the children to respect the new measures and way of working. Please see our school website for an updated behaviour policy which compliments the most recent version of our risk assessment.

Visitors

We shall continue to try to minimise the number of visitors onsite. We are operating an essential visit only policy. Please continue to call or email the office if you have any queries to avoid unnecessary visits to the school premises. To aid this, please ensure your child has everything they need for the school day before they leave home.

We hope that these measures will prove temporary and we shall, of course, keep you informed of any change in guidance and practice. If you have any questions or queries, please email the school office (ruth.tapscott@greenheadprimary.uk).

School Comms

We are excited to announce that we will be transferring over to a cashless system very shortly. Staff members are in the process of having training in regards to the new system and we politely ask that you do not bring any money into school at the moment e.g. dinner money. We will keep you informed and how to access the app, send payments etc... We are hoping to get this in place and set up before the end of September.

Closed Facebook page for parents

Just a reminder that we have a closed parent page that is another avenue for communication. Please search for Greenhead CE Primary School and Fundraising Team information page and ask to be added as a member.



Stars of the Week



Reception: Katie for helping one of her friends to settle into school.

Class 1: Layla for her excellent work in English.

Class 2: Fraser for his excellent attitude in all lessons.

Class 3: Emma for her fantastic place value work.

Headteacher's Award: All the children for a fabulous start to the year, for taking everything in their stride and trying their best! Well done!

Google classroom

For the foreseeable future all homework and spellings will be available to access on Google classroom. Spellings will also be on the school website.

Your child's class teacher will send further information explaining how to access google classroom in due course.

Mrs Fairless' children have been accessing Google classroom during lockdown, so they already have the access code. The Year 3 and 4 children who were in Mrs Fairless' Google classroom have now been removed as they will be invited to join Miss Callaghan's google classroom instead.

Homework club will be available at lunchtime for your children, where they can use a laptop in school to complete any homework set.

Attendance w/c 2/9/20

Reception	89.6%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	90.5%
Year 6	100%
Overall	97.5%

Consent Forms

As you will be aware, we are limiting paperwork going home with the children. However, we have some lengthy documents that need to be reviewed at the beginning of each school year. These will be sent home with your child in a sanitised plastic pocket. Please could you complete them and return asap so that we can update our records.

Fruit

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will receive a piece of fruit at break time starting on Monday, 7th September as part of the Government scheme. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit in a paper/disposable bag to have at break time. Please do not send chopped fruit or any other snack in tupperware containers as we are trying to limit the amount of objects that come into school.

Learning Achievements

Reception: This week Reception has been getting used to our routines and class and school rules. We have been looking at bad and good characters in stories, as well as exploring the outdoor areas. In Maths we have been singing Five Little Ducks and representing numbers in different ways. We are very proud of the way they have all settled in so well.

Class 1 (Years 1 & 2): we have been making predictions about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and using resources to represent numbers in Maths. We have also created our own class rules and getting used to the new routines around the school.

Class 2 (Years 3 & 4): The children in class 2 have enjoyed seeing each other again and I have had a fantastic time getting to know everyone. This week we have been using base 10 and place value counters to represent 2 and 3 digit numbers. Our topic this half term is "Tribal Tales" and we have had a lot of fun looking at Stone Age art and monuments. In English, we have been practicing our speaking and listening skills and recording our fantastic thoughts about Stone Age sites. It has been a great week for us all!

Class 3 (Years 5 & 6): this week the children have been settling well into their new classroom and back into school life! We have been using base 10, place value counters, part-whole models, bar models and place value grids to represent 6 digit and 4 digit numbers. In English the children have been learning about Howard Carter and the contents of Tutankhamun's tomb in order to write a chronological report. We have also started to read our class reader 'The Phoenix code' by Helen Moss. It was lovely being back together again.

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

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 7/9/20
(Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Carrots & Peas OR Baguette & Filling with Salad	Chicken Curry, Couscous, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn OR Jacket Potato & Filling	Mince Pie, New Potatoes & Peas OR Macaroni Cheese	Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash, Broccoli & Gravy OR Tortilla Wrap with Filling & Salad	Chicken Goujons, Wedges & Beans OR Pasta with Tuna, Salad & Crusty Bread
Fruit Meringue	Manchester Tart	Melon	Blueberry Muffin	Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

School dinners are free for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 and for those children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium (Free School Meals). The price of a school dinner for Years 3 – 6 remains at £2.30.

Yours



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