



Autumn 1 2022

Greengate Lane Academy Newsletter

We have had a wonderful start to the school year, all children have settled into their new classes and are in uniform, ready to learn every day! Thank you to those of you who attended parents evening this week, it was lovely to catch up with many of you and hear your thoughts on how the school continues to develop.

School Dinners

This year we have moved to 'in house' catering. The feedback from the children has been very positive and the uptake in dinners is increasing.

Everyday children can order either a:

- Hot meal
- Vegetarian hot meal
- Jacket potato
- Sandwich

A salad bar, fresh fruit and a variety of desserts are available daily.

Wider Opportunities

This half term our children have had many opportunities beyond the daily curriculum, these include:

- Y4 Weston Park Museum (Ancient Greece workshop)
- Y5/Y6 boys' football tournament
- Y6 Show Racism the Red Card event
- KS2 Ice Curling
- Y1/2 football festival
- Y1-6 Cross country event

- Y5/6 girls' football tournament

We are proud of all the children that have attended these event as they continue to be ambassadors for Greengate Lane.

Pupil Leadership

Our Pupil Leadership teams have started their work on school improvement this half term. Each team has developed their own action plan which includes delivering an assembly. I am looking forward to working with them this year.

Greengate Lane Uniform

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy. The school dress code remains the same as in previous years:

- ✓ White polo type shirt (No slogans, except for school logo)
- ✓ Bottle green school sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece or plain bottle green sweatshirt/cardigan (No slogans)
- ✓ Dark trousers or skirts/dress
- ✓ Green and white check summer dresses
- ✓ Appropriate black footwear, such as trainers, flat enclosed shoes
- ✓ Only stud or small sleeper earrings are to be worn. Watches are the only other jewellery items that should be worn.
- ✓ Book bag

Please ensure your child is in school uniform every day and help us keep our standards high. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on the school website. Please can we also remind you to ensure your child has a PE kit in school so that they are able to fully participate in the curriculum. Our agreed PE kit is:

- ✓ Plain white T-shirt or with school logo
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ Black pumps or trainers
- ✓ Tracksuit or jogging bottoms and a jumper can be brought into school for outdoor sessions
- ✓ Earrings should ideally be removed for PE

Snack

EYFS snack is available throughout the day, a contribution of 50p each week should be given to EYFS staff.

Key Stage 1 will continue to receive a fruit or vegetable snack each day. Key Stage 2 children will also be offered a free piece of fruit or vegetable (where available).

Key Stage 2 children can bring a healthy snack (fruit, vegetables, cereal bar, raisins) from home.

On Fridays, we will have our 'Tuck Shop Treat Day' where children can purchase a treat from the trolley for 50p.

Breakfast Club/After-School clubs

Breakfast Club will be open for all children from Tuesday 6th September; the cost remains the same, £1 per session, per child and free of charge for those families who receive Pupil Premium funding. **This must be paid weekly in advance via parent pay** to ensure your child secures their place.

Attendance

Each half term you will receive your child's attendance report; this was given out in parents evening this week. Please contact the school if you did not receive yours.

This half term's attendance is 95.1%

Our target is 97%

Communication

All class newsletters will be shared each half-term on our website and Seesaw.

Any important messages will be sent via the My Child at School app. If you do not have your log in details for the app, please contact the school office and they will reset your account.

Please also ensure any changes to contact details/outstanding pupil information forms are shared with the office.

A revised schedule of dates is attached to this letter for the rest of the year to inform you of events in school.

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Autumn 2

October

31st - INSET day, school closed to all children

November

1st - Children return to school

1st - Halloween Disco (after school)

2nd - Weston Park Museum (Y3)

3rd - Weston Park Museum (Y2)

4th - School photos

10th - Crucible visit (Y1/Y2)

11th - Y4 class assembly

18th - EIS - Skipping Festival (Y5)

23rd - Athletics (Y5/6)

29th - Athletics (Y3/4)

30th - Boccia & Sitting Volleyball (KS2)

December

6th - Dodgeball festival (KS1)

7th - EYFS Nativity

8th - Christmas Movie Night

12th - Christmas Fayre

13th M&M Productions (Whole school)

14th KS1 Nativity

15th Last day of school

Spring 1

January

3rd - Children return to school

10th - Weston Park Museum (Y1)

26th - Last swimming session (Y4)

27th - Y3 class assembly

February

2nd - Young Voices Y3&Y4

3rd - Y2 class assembly

6th - School swimming (Y3)

6th - Parents evening, 3pm - 7pm

7th - Parents evening, 3pm - 5pm

10th - Last day of school

Spring 2

February

20th - INSET day, school closed to all children

21st - Children return to school

23rd - Thornbridge Residential (Y3)

March

30th - Easter movie night

31st - Easter Bonnet Parade/Egg decorating

31st - Last day of school

Summer 1

April

17th - Children return to school

18th - Weston Park Museum (Y5)

May

1st - Bank Holiday, school closed

8th - 11th - Y6 SATs

17th - Spring Disco

22nd - 24th - Kingswood (Y6)

25th - Last day of school

Summer 2

June

5th - INSET day, school closed to all children

6th - Children return to school

7th - Weston Park Museum (Y6)

30th - Y5 Class assembly

July

5th - Sports day

7th - Reports sent home

10th - Meet the Teacher event

11th - Meet the Teacher event

12th - Summer Fayre

13th - Y6 Production

17th - Last swimming session (Y3)

18th & 19th - Transition days

19th - M&M Productions (Whole school)

21st - Y6 Leavers assembly

21st - Last day of school