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Greengate Lane Academy Newsletter

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who has attended our recent festive events. We hoped you enjoyed them and we really appreciate your support.

The children have showed tenacity this half term, preserving with their learning across the curriculum.

It has been wonderful to see many acts of kindness from our children at Greengate Lane; this has been particularly evident when new children have joined the school and have been welcomed and cared for by their peers.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on 3rd January.

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. It is important that you sign up for this app as this is where you will be able to access your child's school profile and access notifications and messages.

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.

Staffing

This half-term Mr Wilson and Ms Harding have both left Greengate Lane Academy. We thank them for their work and wish them luck for the future.

We have welcomed Mr Alex Evans as our new Y3 teacher. In January, Miss Rachel Jones starts as our Y4 teacher, Miss Lauren Winstanley starts as teaching assistant in Y4 and Mrs Katie Hiner joins us as a 1:1 teaching assistant. I know you will make them feel welcomed within our school community.

School Dinners

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

Greengate Lane Uniform

We are seeing lots of children wearing shoes that are not part of policy. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations at Greengate Lane Academy. 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, plain black boots
- 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

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/Afterschool clubs

Breakfast Club remains £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

Next half term we will be focussing on children arriving at school **on time**, every day.

This half term's attendance is 93.1%

Our target is 97%

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Spring 1

<u>January</u>

3rd - Children return to school

10th - Weston Park Museum (Y1)

26th - Last swimming session (Y4)

27th - Y3 class assembly

February

1st - 7th - Children's Mental Health week

2nd - Young Voices Y3&Y4

3rd - Y2 class assembly

6th - School swimming (Y3)

6th - Parents evening, 3pm - 7pm

7th - Parents evening, 3pm - 5pm

9th - Valentine disco

Summer 1

<u>April</u>

17th - Children return to school

18th - Weston Park Museum (Y5)

May

1st - Bank Holiday, school closed

8th - Bank Holiday, school closed

9th -12th - Y6 SATs

16th - Spring Disco - Note date change

22nd - 24th - Kingswood (Y6)

25th - 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 2

<u>June</u>

- 5^{th} INSET day, school closed to all children
- 6th Children return to school
- 7th Weston Park Museum (Y6)
- 12th Crucial Crew (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