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Greengate Lane Academy Newsletter

First of all, I would like to welcome any new families that have joined our community this half term. We are delighted that you have chosen Greengate Lane Academy for your child/ren.

Parent Voice

Parent/carer feedback is extremely important to us and we value the contribution that you continue to make.

Some feedback that we have received is around communication especially about after school clubs. I would like to take this opportunity to explain our processes for letting you know about clubs. A yearly overview of club and other activities is on the website (this is our minimum offer - it generally gets better as the year goes on!). All children receive a letter that explains our offer for the following half term. Children return the form and any payment. The office staff will let you know if your child has a place. **Our after school clubs always run for five weeks, the clubs DO NOT run on the last week of half term.** Sorry for any misunderstanding that has been caused, we will endeavour to be clearer in our communication going forward.

If you come onto the yard in the morning, you might have seen our 'Gate Greeters', part of our Pupil Leadership Team. These are children who stand on the gate, greeting families as they arrive at school each morning. One parent commented 'The children on the gates are so

welcoming, they're doing a great job, as a new parent to the school I think this is a fantastic thing to do!'. I am sure you will agree that our 'Gate Greeters' are working incredibly hard to make everyone feel welcome.

If you have any comments that you would like to share with us, to help in the continued development of the school, please see a member of our SLT on the school gates.

Communication

After half-term we will be moving dinner paying to **My Child at School** app. Lots of parents managed to work with our Astrea colleagues during parents evening to sign on to the app. If you are still struggling to access, we will arrange another opportunity for you to come into school and work with these colleagues. 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.

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

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

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

Tuck Shop

On Fridays, we will have our 'Tuck Shop Treat Day' where children can purchase a treat from the trolley for 50p. Next half term, we will also be having a 'Bake Sale' each Friday after school.

Attendance

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

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 93.9%

Attendance so far this year 94.3%

Our target is 97%

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Spring 2

February

20th - INSET day, school closed to all children

21st - Children return to school

21st - Aquafest (Y3/4)

23rd - Thornbridge Residential (Y3)

March

2nd - Climate Conference

22nd - Year 1 assembly

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 - Bank Holiday, school closed

9th - 12th - Y6 SATs

16th - Spring Disco

22nd - 24th - Kingswood (Y6)

**26th - Last day of school - Note
change of date due to typo**

Summer 2

June

5th - 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