



Summer 2 2023

Greengate Lane Academy Newsletter

Message from Mrs Robinson...

This is the last newsletter of the year and what an amazing year it has been! We have welcomed lots of new families to our Greengate Lane community. Our children have taken part in numerous sporting events and competitions, all classes have been on visits that support our curriculum and our **first** Year 3 residential was extremely successful!

Year 6s leaving us...

Year 6 2023, you have been a truly amazing class, and each and every one of you should be extremely proud of your personal achievements.

Now, it's time to say good bye as you embark onto the next phase of the learning journey. We wish you every success. Stay in touch.

Staffing Update

In September we welcome Mrs Dionne Hadfield who will be our F2 teacher and Mrs Mary Foster who will teach our Y6 children.

I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school community.

School Values

Our school values area:

- o Tenacity
- o Scholarship
- o Curiosity
- o Aspiration

o Kindness

We will focus and celebrate one value each week. Children showing high expectations within their learning, behaviour and attitude may be selected as one of our 'Stars of the Week' for celebration assembly on a Friday.

Greengate Lane Uniform

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 or school PE T-shirt with school logo (purchased through Vortex)
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ Black pumps or trainers

Plain black tracksuit or jogging bottoms and a jumper can be worn for outdoor sessions.

From September, Y4-Y6 children should come into school wearing their PE kits on PE days. This will help us maximise the amount of time children will be

participating in physical activity and learning.

Parent Governor

We are looking to strengthen our Local Governance Committee (LGC) by appointing two Parent Governors.

Governors play a key role in the school, working as a team to provide support and challenge, and influencing strategies.

The Governing Body is made up of parents, teachers and other members of the community. Every term the Governing Body meets to support the work of the school, and together with the Executive Head teacher and Head of School is responsible for making sure that the school provides a good standard of education for pupils.

If you would like to become a Governor, or to put forward the name of another parent who is willing to stand, please contact the school office for more details.

Parent Group/Helpers

We would like to create a parents group from September. The main focus of the group is to organise fundraising events to raise money for resources for the school that it would otherwise not be able to afford.

There are lots of ways to get involved and help. You could be part of the parents group, volunteer at an event or visits or perhaps come into school and listen to children read.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school.

Healthy Snacks at break

Just a reminder that at school we are promoting healthy eating a break times.

Healthy snacks include things like fruit or vegetables cut into pieces, cheese spread with crackers or breadsticks, cereal bars or raisins all make good snacks. Please do not send bags of crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks as these are not healthy snacks.

School Dinners

Every day, children can order either a

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

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

Dinners cost £2.30 daily, our menus for September are attached and electronic copies are can be found on the website.

Children can also bring a packed lunch into school. From September we will be promoting Healthy Lunch Boxes. Please see the link below for some ideas <https://www.healthylittlefoodies.com/healthy-lunchbox-ideas/>

Chocolate bars, energy or fizzy drinks must not be included.

Communication

From September, all communication and payments will be done through the **My Child at School** app. 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.

All key dates will continue to be included in every whole school newsletter and on the diary within the website - this will be updated as soon as we have agreed event dates.

A calendar with school holidays and INSET days is attached, an electronic copy is already on the school website.

Head on over to our website
<https://www.astreagreengatelane.org/>.
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.

Punctuality

From September, we will be trialling a 'Late Gate' for all children that arrive after 8:50am. Children arriving after 8:50am will need to enter through the main gate, Mr Warrener or Mr Coates will be monitoring the gate and parents will need to sign their children in, giving a reason for their lateness.

We are hoping that this will help us to reduce the number of children that are late and miss valuable learning time.

Persistence Absentee (PA)

Children whose attendance falls below 92% will continue to receive weekly attendance monitoring certificates. This has been successful this year in improving many children's attendance and impacting on their academic outcomes.

90% attendance may look impressive...
but it means your child will miss 19 days of school.

*over a whole school year

Attendance

We are continuing to focus on children arriving at school on time, every day.

This half term's attendance is 92.1%
Attendance so far this year 93.4%
Our target is 97%

Class Attendance to date	
Class	Percentage
F2	93.4%
Y1	92.0%
Y2	93.5%
Y3	93.9%
Y4	93.7%
Y5	93.6%
Y6	93.2%

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