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# Greengate Lane Academy Newsletter

## *Message from Mrs Robinson...*

This is my last newsletter of the year, and what an amazing year it has been! We had an extremely successful Ofsted visit, where Personal Development has been highlighted as a strength of the school and education provision including SEND provision continues to have a positive impact on all learners. Of course, we have areas to work on and we will continue to do this as we move into the next academic year. One thing we have put into place is our half-termly SEND coffee mornings; an opportunity to meet and chat to our SENDCo and Speech and Language Therapist.

Greengate Lane has welcomed lots of new families to our community. Our children have taken part in numerous sporting events and competitions. All classes have been on visits that support our curriculum and our Year 3 and Year 6 residential were extremely successful!

I wish you a happy and restful summer and will see you all on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

## **Year 6s leaving us...**

Year 6 2024, you have been a truly amazing class, and each one of you should be extremely proud of your personal achievements. Now, it's time to say goodbye 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 Heather Gordon who will be our Y4 teacher.

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

We say goodbye to Miss Jones and Mrs Foster and wish them all the best for the future.

## Collection of children

In September, all children must be collected from the yard at 3:20pm this is for the safety of all learners. The only children that should be collected from the office are those who are collected by a prearranged taxi and/or chaperone.

## 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. Once every half-term (Wednesday morning) the Governing Body meets to support the work of the school, and together with the Principal, are responsible for making sure that the school provides a good standard of education for all 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 are still looking for parents to form a PTA, focusing on 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.

## 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 Logo Leisurewear Ltd)
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ Black pumps or trainers

Plain black tracksuit/jogging bottoms and a school uniform jumper can be worn for outdoor sessions.

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.

## Healthy Snacks at break

Just a reminder that at school we are promoting healthy eating at breaktimes. 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 and children will be asked to save these until home time.

## 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 **£2.75** daily, our menus for September can be found on our website.

Children can also bring a packed lunch into school. Please see the link below for some ideas for healthy lunchboxes <https://www.healthylittlefoodies.com/healthy-lunchbox-ideas/>

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

## Communication

**My Child at School** app is our main form of communication. 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/>.

## Punctuality

In September, we will continue to work with Teresa Cooper from Sheffield Local Authority to reduce the number of late marks, she will continue to work with Mr Coates and targeted families.

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

Children who arrive late will be able to order the following:

- **Before 10:30am** - all menu choices
- **Between 10:30am and 11am** - Jacket potato and sandwich option
- **After 11am** - Sandwich option only

If you know that your child is going to be late, please contact the office and order their dinner.

## Attendance

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 69 Greengate Lane children visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park for our attendance rewards trip. These children achieved 97% or more attendance during this academic year.

We are hoping that more children will be joining us next year! Your child's attendance will need to be at least 97% by the cut-off date.

Class Attendance to date	
Class	Percentage
F2	87.9%
Y1	94.7%
Y2	88.7%
Y3	92.9%
Y4	93.7%
Y5	90.2%
Y6	92.0%

## Persistence Absentee (PA)

In September, children whose attendance falls below 94% will receive weekly attendance monitoring certificates. This has been successful strategy in improving many children's attendance and impacting on their academic outcomes in previous years. Mr. Coates will also contact these families

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