



NOVEMBER 2023

Welcome back to Greenfields! I hope that you all had a fantastic half-term holiday and are ready for another action-packed term at Greenfields as we start to get ready for Christmas. A particular welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

It's going to be a busy term! There will be lots of things happening this term – please note the following events :

Thursday 16th November - Harvey Hadden - Y6 Athletics

Friday 17th November – Children In Need Day

Wednesday 22nd November – Parents' Evening

Thursday 30th November – Meeting for parents run by the Mental Health Support Team

Thursday 30th November - Winter Disco (KS1 4PM-5PM) (KS2 5.15PM-6.15PM)

Thursday 30th November Meadows Christmas Lights Switch-On
Choir leave at 3.15 to sing in the precinct and parents collect from there at 3:45 to take to the KS2 disco for 5.15pm (if attending) – no Area Band that night.

Tuesday 5th December 2023 - Year 6 Dodgeball Festival at Harvey Hadden

Tuesday 5th December 'Christmas In The City' concert (Choir)

Thursday 7th December – Last Area Band

Wednesday 13th December – EYFS/KS1 Performance (9:45am)

Wednesday 13th December – KS2 performance (1:30pm)

Wednesday 13th December – 'Christmas In The City' concert (Area Band)

Thursday 14th December – KS2 performance (9:45am)

Thursday 14th December – EYFS/KS1 Performance (1:30pm)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Dinner

Monday 18th December – Christmas Parties (pm)

Tuesday 19th December – PANTO! (am)

Wednesday 20th December – Break Up for Christmas

Thursday 4th January – Start back at school

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

You will know that we expect **ALL** of our children to be in school **EVERY DAY** and on time, ready to learn.

School starts at 9.00am. For Key Stage One and Two (Classes 1 to 6), the classroom doors open at 8.50am when you may sit and read with your child.

School starts officially at 9:00am and finishes at 3.15pm (3:10pm for the Foundation Unit) and we ask parents to pick up their children from outside their classrooms. If your child has permission to walk home alone (Classes 5 & 6 only), please inform their teacher.

Children should **NOT** be taking time off school during term-times. Under Government guidance, absence from school is only allowed under "exceptional circumstances" and parents must fill in term-time absence forms available from the office beforehand. Please note that if you do take your child on holiday during term-time without permission, then they may lose their place in school and you may also face a fine.

Please report any absences to the school office, on 0115 9153762, by 9.00am on each day of your child's absence. If you do not inform the school of any absences, it will be recorded as an 'Unauthorised Absence' which may result in a call from Educational Welfare Services.

I am afraid that, at the moment, we have a lot of children arriving late for school – they are missing valuable learning time. Please make sure that your child gets to school in plenty of time, ready to learn at 8:50am.

Thank you!

BIKES

Whilst it is great to see so many children coming to school on their bikes, please remember to make sure that their bikes are safely padlocked in the bike sheds.

Unfortunately, school can't be responsible for any bikes that may get stolen.

A REMINDER

Please could we remind all parents to send any money, either for dinner or trips, into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class number and what the money is for clearly written on the front.

PLEASE NOTE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE CHANGE.

As ever, we are always here to help. If there's anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to come in to school and talk to your child's teacher or any senior member of staff.