

SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome back to another year at Greenfields! I hope that you all had a fantastic Summer 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.
Welcome to Greenfields Community School!

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 :

- Tuesday 12th September** – Y5/6 Football Club starts
- Wednesday 13th - 14th September** - Year 5 Music Camp
- Thursday 21st September** – Class Photos
- Friday 29th September** – **INSET Day**
- Monday 10th October**-Football Festival 10 children tbc-C15/C16
- Friday 20th October** – Break Up for Half-Term Holidays
- Monday 6th November** – School starts after holiday
- Wednesday 22nd November** – Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 13th December** – EYFS/KS1 Performance (am)
- Wednesday 13th December** – KS2 performance (pm)
- Thursday 14th December** – KS2 performance (am)
- Thursday 14th December** – EYFS/KS1 Performance (pm)
- Friday 15th December** – Christmas Dinner
- Monday 18th December** – Christmas Parties (pm)
- Tuesday 19th December** – PANTO! (am)

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2024-2025

Children in Year 6 should have now received their Secondary Application Forms. Please note that the closing date for applications is midnight on **31st October 2023**.

If you apply for your child's school place online, you will receive an email on **Friday 1st March 2024**. If you applied via post, you will be notified by letter posted second class on **1st March 2024** and you should receive your letter on **6th March 2024**

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.

SCHOOL MEALS

We are delighted that all the children have taken up the Government's offer of free school meals for all Reception and Key Stage One children again this year and are trying healthy, new and different foods daily.

We are also able to offer a hot meal to our full-time Nursery children at just **£2.15** per day.

All dinner monies **MUST** be paid weekly on a Monday morning in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class number clearly marked on the front.

For children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 meals are now priced at **£2.50** per day.

Don't forget that too, that, as a Food For Life Gold Award School, our meals are very healthy – 30% of our food is organic and 70% is locally sourced.

If your child is having a packed lunch, please make sure that their meal is a healthy one – we would prefer not to have crisps, chocolate or juice.

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.

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.