



Green Meadow Primary School

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Week Ending:
Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we're already in the month of December and that we only have 2 weeks left until the holidays. Where does time go? There may only be 10 days left until we break up for Christmas but there is still a lot going on in school. You will have all seen all of the ways we will be celebrating the festivities this year. The trees have been decorated beautifully in school, the elves have suddenly appeared again (which has caused great excitement amongst the children and staff!) and the Friends of Green Meadow PTA are holding a cake sale straight after school today—please remember to bring lots of change with you when you collect your child from school.

Next week, Reception and Year 1 all have their workshops with parents before Year 2 perform their Christmas Play in the last week. We understand that you may share our sadness that we are not able to do things in the same way we may have previously done for Christmas this year but we hope you understand the reasons for this. The most important thing is that the children will still have an enjoyable run up to Christmas and we will keep everything as safe as possible for everyone.

Have a great weekend.

Take care, Miss Arrowsmith

Excelsior Vision

All our schools to be outstanding and beacons of equality, from where pupils aspire and succeed in a safe, innovative, vibrant learning community.

Dates for your Diary 2021:

- ☺ **Monday 6th—Friday 10th Dec**
Bikeability for Years 3-6
- ☺ **Monday 6th Dec**
School Photos
- ☺ **Monday 6th Dec**
Lions Class Festive Workshop @ 2.30pm
- ☺ **Monday 6th Dec**
3.30-4.30pm Year 2
Multiskills Club.
- ☺ **Tuesday 7th Dec**
Tigers Class Festive Workshop @ 2.30pm
- ☺ **Tuesday 7th Dec**
3.30-4.30pm Year 1
Multiskills Club.
- ☺ **Wednesday 8th Dec**
Leopards Class Festive Workshop @ 2.30pm
- ☺ **Tuesday 9th Dec**
Zebbras Class Festive Workshop @ 2.30pm
- ☺ **Thursday 9th Dec**
3.30-4.30pm Years 5 & 6
Football Club.
- ☺ **Friday 10th Dec**
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Dr Bike

After the icy start to the week, Dr Bike is now re-scheduled for Monday 6th December. If you would like to use this great service, please bring your child's bike to school with them on



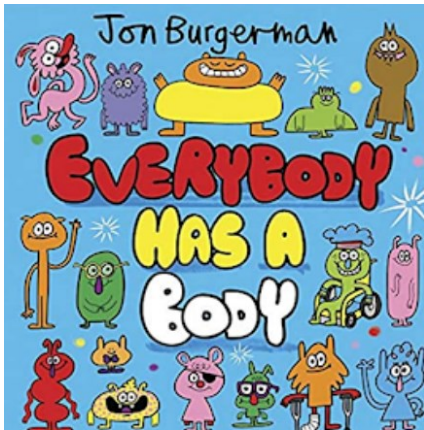
Jubilee Trees

We had a surprise visit from Miss McGillivray this afternoon. It was wonderful to meet her beautiful baby daughter for the first time. They both helped Tolkien plant 15 Jubilee trees on the school grounds. Thank you Miss McGillivray!

NO OUT SIDERS

'All different, All welcome'

Ask your child to tell you about the stories behind these pictures and how they link to British Values.

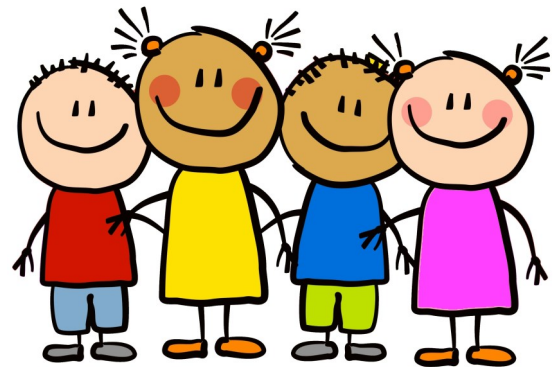


KS1 Picture

KS2 Picture

RESPONSIBLE AND CARING

Our whole school behaviour target is to be 'Responsible and Caring' and we have seen some wonderful examples of this, from litter picking and taking great care and pride when presenting work to welcoming new children into school and demonstrating wonderful manners at lunch time. Ask your child what they have done to be responsible and caring at school this week.



RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022

A reminder that applications opened on 1 October 2021 and the national closing date is (11:59PM) on 15 January 2022.



It is important that you apply on time as any applications received after the 15 January 2022 will be classed as late applications and will be processed after the national offer day of 19 April 2022. Late applicants are less likely to be offered a Place at any of their preferred school. Click [here](#) to apply online.

If you need any assistance, please call the Admissions Team on 0121 303 1888.



FESTIVE FUN AT GREEN MEADOW

Monday 6th December @ 2.30pm

Lions class festive workshop with parents

Tuesday 7th December @ 2.30pm

Tigers class festive workshop with parents

Wednesday 8th December @ 2.30pm

Leopards class festive workshop with parents

Thursday 9th December @ 2.30pm

Zebras class festive workshop with parents

Friday 10th December

Christmas Dinner and Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December @ 2.30pm

Year 2 Christmas Play

Thursday 16th December

Panto time and pyjama day for everyone at Green Meadow
(Separate details to follow)

Friday 17th December

Last day of term

To keep everyone safe, please remember that we ask for just **one person** to attend any workshops and the Year 2 Christmas play this year (an adult and no siblings). We hope that by next year, everything will return to normal.

Attendance

Along with attendance, punctuality is key to school success for children. As you may be aware, the law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved.

As a parent/carer of a child of statutory school age, you have a legal responsibility to ensure full time education suitable to the child's age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs the child may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. (Education Act 1996)

| Minutes late per day during the school year | Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 5 mins | 3.4 days |
| 10 mins | 6.9 days |
| 15 mins | 10.3 days |
| 20 mins | 13.8 days |
| 30 mins | 20.7 days |

What do we define as being late?

1. School doors are closed at 8:50am and registration time is 8:55am. After this time, children are classed as arriving 'late' and must report to the office, where names are recorded and the appropriate code added to the class electronic register on Arbor.
2. A letter is sent to parents of children who have arrived late three times.
3. If further periods of lateness occur parents are invited into school to meet with the attendance coordinator.
4. The attendance coordinator monitors punctuality on a regular basis. The impact of letters/meetings is evaluated over time.
5. Persistent lateness after the registers close will be dealt with by the attendance coordinator and the head teacher in liaison with the Local Authority.

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, please contact us as there are many ways in which school can help you. If you have other concerns about your child or other difficulties you would like support with, please contact the school who may be able to assist in the form of an Early Help Assessment.

Please see the Attendance and Punctuality Policy on the school website for more details.

Mrs Cross



On Monday, Mr Moffat ran a No Outsiders Art Workshop with Pluto. The parents who attended thoroughly enjoyed working with the children and found the session engaging and informative and told us that the message which shone through was how valued and welcome everyone is at Green Meadow. One of my favourite quotes from a child this week is that 'Different is delightful'. What better way to share our message about the importance of equality. We are planning to hold an additional workshop in the New Year for any of the parents in Year 6 who weren't able to attend on Monday along with all other year groups so please look out for further details about this.

A# Attendance

Whole school attendance this week 92.6%



Attendance figures for Friday 26th Nov –Thursday 2nd Dec 2021

| Registration Form | Present R/C: Marks | Auth. Absent R/C: Marks | Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks | Late R/C: Marks |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Form LEOPARDS | 82.2% | 12.2% | 5.6% | 1.1% |
| Form ZEBRAS | 89.5% | 8.5% | 2.0% | 3.4% |
| Form LIONS | 89.3% | 3.1% | 7.7% | 2.6% |
| Form TIGERS | 94.7% | 2.5% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
| Form GAZELLES | 97.0% | 0.7% | 2.2% | 1.9% |
| Form GIRAFFES | 94.0% | 4.8% | 1.2% | 2.6% |
| Form BOURNVILLE | 94.0% | 0.8% | 5.2% | 0.4% |
| Form CADBURY | 95.3% | 2.6% | 2.2% | 1.4% |
| Form SHAKESPEARE | 90.6% | 5.6% | 3.7% | 0.8% |
| Form TOLKIEN | 98.1% | 1.5% | 0.4% | 1.5% |
| Form MARS | 90.0% | 1.8% | 8.2% | 0.4% |
| Form SATURN | 90.4% | 1.9% | 7.8% | 0.8% |
| Form JUPITER | 93.1% | 2.2% | 4.7% | 0.9% |
| Form PLUTO | 96.4% | 2.8% | 0.8% | 0.4% |

With only a few weeks to go until the end of the Autumn term, we will soon be holding our raffle for the very best attenders in school. All children who have above average attendance will be entered into a draw to win a fantastic prize. Previous winners have chosen their own new bike or scooter!

Attendance Matters

Each week, our target for attendance is **97%** or above. This week's whole school attendance was a little bit low at **92.6%**. Let's see if we can improve this next week.



The classes with the best attendance and punctuality will be celebrated each week and children and classes will be awarded with certificates and class prizes.



Congratulations to Tolkien class this week who are the overall attendance heroes with **98.1%**. Well done to Bournville, Mars & Pluto who were also the most punctual classes all week.

Let's see if we can all get here on time, every day next week! Remember that gates are open at 8.30am and closes at 8.50am so that everyone is in class ready for learning on time.

Be an Attendance



Here



Everyday

Ready



On time



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th December



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

If your child would like a Christmas lunch on Friday 10th December please remember to send in your request form by Monday 6th December at the latest.

We will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and asking families to make a donation to support children in the UK and around the world. Donations can be made via our Just Giving Page. Please click [HERE](#) to make your donation.








Hot Chocolate Friday!

Well done to the children in school who have gone above and beyond and received hot chocolate nominations this week.

Six children with nominations were picked from the hat to enjoy their chocolate treat today.



Running Totals :

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|  Clare Balding 2704 |  Mo Farah 2835 |  Stephen Hawking 2779 |  J.K. Rowling 2790 |  Steven Spielberg 2582 |
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Lunchtime Arrangements

Monday 6th—Friday 10th December 2021

☺ Hot dinners and a selection of sandwiches will now be available for all year groups every day.



SPECIAL MENU

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Christmas Lunch Friday |
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| Fish Fingers or Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Pork Sausage or Vegan Sausage Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Chicken Goujons or Vegan Nuggets Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza or Fish Goujons Jacket Potato & Cheese Assorted Sandwiches | Roast Turkey or Roast Gammon or Vegetarian option Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Pigs in Blankets Stuffing Balls Yorkshire Pudding Duchess Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy |
| Potato Wedges Beans | Potato Noisettes Sweetcorn | Diced Potatoes Carrots | Chips Beans | Sprouts / Carrots Sweetcorn |
| Jam Doughnuts Fruit / Yoghurts | Strawberry Mousse Fruit / Yoghurts | Blueberry Muffins Fruit / Yoghurts | Ice Cream Fruit / Yoghurts | Ice Cream / Yule Log / Mince Pies Chocolate Cracknell |