



Green Meadow Primary School

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Week Ending:
Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we've had! The children in KS2 have enjoyed taking part in Bikeability, Year 1 saved Christmas by making some beautiful sleighs in their DT based parent workshop at the start of the week and Reception children have enjoyed getting creative with their parents in their Winter Crafts workshops. It is always wonderful to welcome you into school to work with your children as they love to share their learning with you.

To continue with the Christmas theme, today has been Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day. A big thank you to the cooks who have pulled out all of the stops to prepare a Christmas feast for everyone in school—I struggle to cater for 4 so am always amazed by how calm they are cooking for over 450 of us and how beautiful the food is! And to top it all, we've also had a visit from someone very special this afternoon who brought gifts for everyone. What a fabulous end to the week for us all. Thank you to the Friends of Green Meadow PTA for making today such a great day!

I hope you all 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:

☺ **Wednesday 15th Dec**
Year 2 Christmas Play @ 2.30pm

☺ **Thursday 16th Dec**
Panto & Pyjama Day for all pupils. Wear your PJs if you would like or something Christmassy.

☺ **Friday 17th Dec**
Break up for Christmas @ 3.20pm



The Big Christmas Chocolate Raffle

Every class has the chance to win a beautiful selection of chocolate in our chocolate raffle next week. Tickets cost 50p each or 3 for £1.00. If you would like to take part, please remind your child to bring their money to school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

Good luck everyone!



NO OUT SIDERS

'All different, All welcome'

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



KS1 Picture

KS2 Picture

New Intake for Reception 2022

It's been another busy week showing prospective prospective new parents around school ready for the New Intake 2022. As we have walked around school they have all commented on the children's fabulous learning behaviours, the standards of work in each year group, the great resources and the exciting learning environment at school.

A reminder that applications close at (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.



LITTER

We have heard from some of our neighbours on Green Meadow Road that some people are littering on pavements and gardens. A polite reminder to please dispose of any litter in the bins around school. Let's all demonstrate our whole school target of responsible and caring in as many ways as we can.

FSM Vouchers

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, you should have received a voucher via email for the Christmas period. Please contact the school office if you any questions about this.

FESTIVE FUN AT GREEN MEADOW

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 the Year 2 Christmas play this year (an adult and no siblings). We hope that by next year, everything will return to normal.

A# Attendance

Attendance newsletter 10.12.21

Children may be unwell and need to be absent from school due to illness, however if a child has a high percentage of absence due to illness there may be more we can do to support you. Medical appointments can account for high levels of absence for some children. Wherever possible medical appointments should be arranged outside of school time. This is particularly important for routine medical check-ups at the dentist and optician.

There are, of course, times when it is important that children attend medical appointments which cannot be arranged outside of the school day, for example, hospital appointments with specialists. School ask for confirmation of these appointments and we accept the following,

- Medical appointment card with one appointment entered
- Letter from a professional such as a hospital Consultant or Psychologist
- Evidence of a consultation with NHS 111
- Medication prescribed by a GP
- Copy of prescription
- Print screen of medical notes
- Letters concerning hospital appointments
- Slip with date, pupils name and surgery stamp, signed by Receptionist

Doctors or GP 'sick' notes are not required. Please do not request these from your GP as s/he will not be able to provide one.

If you have concerns about your child's health and wellbeing, we are able to make a referral to the School Nurse with your consent if we haven't done so already. High levels of illness absence may also warrant a discussion with your GP to rule out any underlying medical conditions and we would urge you to make an appointment at the earliest opportunity.

If you are concerned about medical appointments affecting your child's attendance, 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.

A massive well done to the families who received an attendance concern letter a fortnight ago who have improved their child's attendance. We re-monitored attendance and punctuality for families with children who are 'persistent absentees'- children with attendance below 90%- and a massive 68% of those families have improved their child's attendance and punctuality in the 2-week time frame. Thank you so much for working with us to give your child the very best life chances and giving them the full access to the education they deserve. If you would like support from school to improve your child's attendance and punctuality, please contact us as soon as possible.

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

Mrs Cross

A# Attendance

Whole school attendance this week 92.8%



Attendance figures for Friday 3rd Dec –Thursday 9th Dec 2021

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Auth. Absent R/C: Marks	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Marks
Form LEOPARDS	89.0%	8.2%	2.8%	1.3%
Form ZEBRAS	90.9%	7.8%	1.3%	1.6%
Form LIONS	89.5%	6.2%	4.2%	2.1%
Form TIGERS	90.7%	8.1%	1.2%	2.4%
Form GAZELLES	96.0%	2.9%	1.1%	1.5%
Form GIRAFFES	92.8%	5.9%	1.3%	3.0%
Form BOURNVILLE	96.3%	1.8%	1.9%	0.4%
Form CADBURY	94.0%	3.9%	2.2%	1.3%
Form SHAKESPEARE	93.0%	4.2%	2.8%	0.8%
Form TOLKIEN	95.2%	3.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Form MARS	91.1%	5.2%	3.7%	0.6%
Form SATURN	91.4%	5.8%	2.7%	1.0%
Form JUPITER	94.5%	3.6%	1.9%	1.1%
Form PLUTO	94.6%	4.7%	0.7%	0.2%

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 **92.8%**. Let's see if we can improve this next week.



Every Day Counts....

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 Gazelles class this week who are the overall attendance heroes with **96%**. Well done to Pluto who were 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

Lost Property



We have had a pair of glasses and a child's bracelet handed into the office that have been found on the school playground.

Please contact the office on 0121 475 4505 if you have lost any of these items.






Hot Chocolate Friday!

Well done to the 102 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 on Monday.



Running Totals :

 Clare Balding 3303	 Mo Farah 3405	 Stephen Hawking 3387	 J.K. Rowling 3329	 Steven Spielberg 3034
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Lunchtime Arrangements

Monday 13th—Friday 17th 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	Friday
Fish Fingers or Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Pork Sausage or Vegan Sausage	Roast Chicken <i>In gravy</i> or Fish Goujons	Chicken Goujons Or Vegan Nuggets	Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza or Fish Goujons
Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato & Cheese
Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Sandwiches
Potato Wedges Beans	Pommes Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg	Diced Potatoes Carrots	Chips Beans
Jam Doughnuts Fruit / Yoghurts	Strawberry Mousse Fruit / Yoghurts	Blueberry Muffins Fruit / Yoghurts	Jam Doughnuts Fruit / Yoghurts	Ice Cream Fruit / Yoghurts