

Green Rock Primary School

Newsletter

Settling In and Loving Learning

Now that we are well into the term I am so impressed with how well everyone has settled into the new year, our Reception children look like they've been here forever! I have been very pleased with all the children's attitude to learning and school life generally. They arrive motivated and enthusiastic which is just so lovely to see. I know we are going to have a really special year and look forward to seeing them all flourish throughout.

Scooters / Bikes

I am always thrilled to see the number of children arriving into school on bikes and scooters. Thank you to those children and families for choosing this way to travel into school. Can I ask that **ALL** children and adults do not ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds especially at home time. This is purely for their and everyone else's safety at a busy and congested time. I much appreciate your support here.

Parents Evening

Soon you will all receive appointment requests for our first parents evening of the year. This is always an important event as it gives you the chance to chat with the class teacher about how well your child has settled into a new class and what their targets for this year will be. Also it is a chance to meet the teacher on a more formal basis to share any worries, concerns or key information you think they should have. We really look forward to parents evening and look forward to seeing all of you at some point.

Mrs Layland (Acting Head Teacher)

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October 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

4th Nov -

School Reopens

22nd Nov -

Teacher Training

Day School closed
to pupils

5th Dec - Xmas

Fayre, 3.15pm -
5.15pm.

**10th Dec - Rec to
Year 6 Pantomime
Trip.**

**11th, 12th &
13th Dec- Xmas
Nativity play.**

**16th Dec Xmas
Concert at School**

**17th Dec- Xmas
Concert at Church.**

**18th & 19th Dec-
Xmas parties.**

**20th Dec- School
closes for Xmas.**

**7th Jan 2014 -
School Reopens.**

Grand Theatre

On Tuesday 10th December 2013 children and staff will be going to the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton to see Sleeping Beauty, this will be a fun day for all. If you have already sent your consent form back thank you if you haven't please send them back soon as possible. There will be no tuck or toast that day due to the children having early lunches. Please ensure your child has eaten breakfast.

Thank you for your continued

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Thursday 10th October we held our Harvest Festival. Parents saw all children throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6 take an active role by performing a poem or song.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone that kindly donated food.

This was distributed amongst the community. Thank you to Rev Paul for attending.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

3.15PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

ENTRY THROUGH MAIN RECEPTION

ADMISSION 50P ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE

SANTA, GAMES, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE AND LOTS MORE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

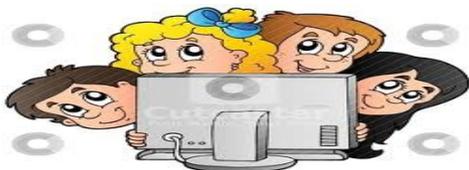
Appointments and absences

The Education Welfare Officer has recently informed the school: "The parent of any child that has a medical appointment during school hours **must** show the school office the child's appointment card/letter. If a child is off sick for more than 3 days parents will need to provide a doctor's note which will be photocopied. The EWO team will be looking for this evidence and will issue warning letters if it is not available".

School Improvement Focus: To improve overall school attendance for 2013/14 (Last year attendance was 94% this year it needs to be at least 95%)

E-Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computer devices, please log on to <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> We urge you to monitor your children's phones and IT activity regularly. Go onto our website for further information.



Parent Involvement Scheme

We are very pleased to announce that the school will shortly be starting the Parent Involvement Scheme. 12 parents have agreed to come into school on a regular basis to help the children with classroom tasks including reading and maths. We would like to thank the parents who have generously offered their time and effort to the school and hope that more parents will be interested when the scheme is offered again soon.

Mr Jarvis

ATTENDANCE

Your child's attendance is important to us from the very first day. When your child starts school in September he/she starts the first day with 100% attendance. For every day from then on that your child does not attend school this figure drops. It is school policy that we have to record a reason for absence for every pupil that does not attend school. We always appreciate parents contacting school either by calling on **01922 710164** or send a message with a relative or friend. If your child is unwell and school receives a reason for absence their attendance is recorded as authorised. If we do not receive a reason for absence, it is recorded as unauthorised absence and the Education Welfare Officer will be notified. The Education welfare Officer for our school is Denise and she will call to see you.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club have been lucky enough to have been given a grant by Kellogg's, so this means that breakfast club is now FREE to all children that attend Green Rock. The Breakfast Club entrance is through the Community Room conservatory by the main school entrance and doors open at 8am. Children are given a variety of things to choose to eat, from toast, crumpets, bagels as well as fruit and lots of different cereals. Each child that attends breakfast club has access to the school library, the computer suite as well as the games, snooker table and Wii in breakfast club. Since school returned in September the school have seen a huge increase in the amount of children attending, with on average 50 children each day. Miss Giles, Louise Rochelle, Margi Ellis, Wendy Richards and Mr Hall all help run breakfast club and we hope to see some new faces in November.

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Anti-bullying week – a National school focus

A banner for Anti Bullying Week. The text "Anti Bullying Week" is written in a large, white, bold font with a slight shadow. The background is a vibrant, multi-colored rainbow with a wavy, liquid-like texture. The colors transition from purple on the left to red, orange, yellow, green, and blue on the right.