

GRASSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 6th September 2021

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

We all wish you a very warm welcome back to school today. We are so excited to be getting all of our children back to school today. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer and have enjoyed your family time together. We have had a full re-wire here at school so you may have noticed a lot of workmen here right through the summer! They still have a bit of finishing off to do, so don't worry if you see workmen around school.

Summer Fair

The summer fair is on the school field straight after school on Thursday 9th September (weather permitting). We hope to see you all there! We have raffle tickets for sale which will be drawn on the day. Please ask at the office.

School Improvement Priorities Year 2021/22

1. To continue to improve phonics outcomes in Y1 and Y2.
2. To improve progress and attainment in writing across the school.
3. Continue to ensure the curriculum is improved by focusing on history, geography and computing.

Book amnesty

If you have any school books at home, can you make sure that they come back to school this week please?

Uniform

If you need any uniform, we have lots of pre-loved, good quality, clean uniform available. All we ask for is a small donation to school. If you phone and ask for Mrs Foxhall or Mrs Allcock and they will help you with your requirements.

Attendance

Please fill in a holiday request or an exceptional circumstance form if your child is taking ANY leave from school. Any absences that are not explained either before or on the day of absence by 10am will be marked as unauthorised leave and may incur a fine. Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge

Let your teachers know if your child completed the reading challenge over summer and they will let Mrs James know and she will reward them with a prize!

School Parliament Year 1 upwards

We would like to elect our new ministers for our school parliament voted for by the children. If your child would like to be on the school parliament, please encourage them to make a poster persuading others to vote for them by Friday 17th September and hand in to the teacher. We will then put them up around school for other children to read. The elections will take place the following week and badges will be given out in our Friday praise assembly on 24th September.

Year 4,5,6 Residentials

If you haven't already, can you please ensure that you pay the deposit and give permission via parent pay for our residentials this term. We would really like all children to come if possible, so if you are having any financial difficulties, please let us know and we will do whatever we can to help. If the child does not want to go for any reason, then they will be educated in another class while the rest of the class are away.

Free breakfasts

Unfortunately giving out cereals and bagels has now ended. However we will have plain bagels (untoasted) on entry to school for every child if they would like one. Portion sizes are $\frac{1}{4}$ of a bagel for under EYFS/KS1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ bagel for KS2. We understand that a plain bagel isn't very appetising, but it is all that we were allowed to offer due to health and safety reasons in classrooms. If your child doesn't like plain bagels, then we suggest that they continue to have breakfast at home (hopefully you still have stockpiles from last term!). If we have any left over bagels at the end of the week, we will put them out for parents to take home.

Coming in to school

Parents are not to enter school without a prior appointment. Please either dojo your teacher for an appointment or phone the office. There will be staff outside each morning and after school should you wish to speak to someone in person too.

Water bottles and fleeces

We now have water bottles for sale at £2 each. Our fleeces are also for sale and we have plenty of stock of all sizes. £12.50 each. Please order and pay on parentpay - thank you.

Job Vacancy - Relief Midday Supervisor

If you enjoy working with children and you would like to apply for a relief/temporary midday supervisor position, please contact school for an application form. If your application is short-listed, we will call you for an interview in September.

Extra curricular clubs

Details of extra curricular clubs will be posted soon.

We have a paid for 'breakfast club' from 7.45am which is £3 per child and a paid for 'after school' child care club until 4.30pm which can be booked with the office at info@grassmoor.derbyshire.sch.uk. This is £5 per child. Please book/pay for in advance on parentpay.

NB: No after school club this Thursday due to summer fair, plus no club on Thursday 16th September due to staff training.

School Lottery

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/grassmoor-primary-school>

Guaranteed weekly prize of £25, plus a jackpot of £25,000 and additional prizes.

Diary dates

9 th September	Summer Fair 3.30pm till 5pm (no after school club)
30 th September	Individual and sibling photos
4-7 th October	Harvest/Autumn assembly 4 th EYFS 5 th KS1 6 th LKS2 7 th UKS2
22 nd October	Children break up
1 st November	Children start back
2 nd and 4 th November	Parents evenings 3.30pm till 6.30pm
12 th November	Children in Need

Policies & Safeguarding

Mrs Sharon James is the lead person for safeguarding children. If you would like to see the safeguarding policy or any of our other policies they are available on our website (these are regularly being added to following each governors meeting) or you can get a free paper copy by request from the school office.

NB: Youtube is not suitable to be accessed without adult supervision. However, there is a YouTube kids, which is more appropriate. See the link for more information on settings and controls:

<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

Corona Virus Symptoms and Testing

If a child in school starts to develop any symptoms of the corona virus, school will telephone their parent/carer to pick them up as soon as possible. If negative (and they feel well enough), they can return to school after their negative test. If positive they must remain home for 10 days. Other members of the household will not need to self-isolate but it is strongly recommended that the other members of the household also get a test.

Testing is booked on this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

NB: If a child is not attending school due to covid symptoms or a positive test, they will be directed to home learning by the teacher, which should be completed to ensure that children do not fall behind in their learning (unless they are feeling unwell of course).

PARENTAL CONSULTATION:

We like to involve parents as much as possible in school and love to hear what you think. Here are the main ways in which we will gather feedback:

- Through an annual surveys which we will do during the next Parents' Evenings
- Through Parent View at parentview.ofsted.gov.
- Or simply tell us what you think via text, phone, email or in person

Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you think of our school – Mrs Sharon James

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