



**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **Greenfield Nursery School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a good break and are looking forward to Spring.

We would like to offer a warm welcome all new families who have started in Pre-school and Nursery this term.

Please let us know if there is anything you are unsure about or if there is anything we need to know that will help your child to settle

### **We need your help to raise our attendance at school!**

Ofsted and Herts County Council expect all nursery schools to be aiming for **95%** attendance rates and our current attendance rate is **80%**. We understand at this time of year children are prone to illness but where possible please ensure your child is in school. Nursery education is non-statutory; but there is a proven link between attendance, punctuality and children's attainment, even at this young age. To ensure that the children make progress within the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' curriculum it is important for them to be in school regularly. As well as the progress children make with their learning it is very important for their personal, social and emotional development.

A report 'Improving attendance at school' Charlie Taylor (2012), for the DfE, said of Early Years: 'Children with low attendance in the early years .... are likely to start school **already behind** their peers, particularly in their acquisition of **language** and their **social development**.

They have little chance of catching up their peers if their attendance is bad.'

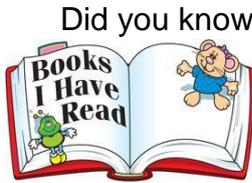
Well done to those children that achieved 100% and 95% last term and received a certificate.

**Remember to inform the office if your child is absent 01992 760779 option 1.**



**Fruit Fund** for this term is now due – the fee for the term is £12 – this takes you up to Easter. Please make your payment to the office – thank you in advance for your payment, without this we are not able to buy fruit for snack.

Please can you ensure **your child's clothing is named**, it is difficult looking for lost clothing, especially school jumpers if they are not named. If you have any school clothes please can they be returned as we run out of spare clothing quickly, thank you. If you have any spare socks, underwear, trousers/joggers we are always looking for extra clothes.



Did you know - **`Good readers make good learners`** there is a proven link to young children having lots of books read to them and their success in later life. So get sharing books, books at breakfast, books at bedtime and all the time! Library books are always available for you to take home.

**Family Fun/ Home challenge** – we love receiving your child's home learning and `WOW` moments, please send to [familyfun@greenfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:familyfun@greenfield.herts.sch.uk) and they can be included in your child's learning journal.

#### **Reminder of start and finish times-**

Morning session - **8:50 am** and **11:45am** for pick up.  
Afternoon session – 12:30pm and 3:25pm for pick up.  
Any children collected late will be subject to a late fee charge of £1 a minute.

#### **Admissions**

All applications for Pre-school and Nursery are now available on our website – [www.greenfieldnursery.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldnursery.co.uk)

If you know of any friends or families that have children eligible for pre-school or nursery, please tell them to visit the website to complete the forms. If you need assistance, please speak to Jan in the office.

#### **OPEN DAY**

We are planning an open morning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 to 11:30 am - **new parents** only – if you have friends who might be interested let them know. No need to book tell them to drop in.

#### **Children's Safety**

**Can I remind all parents to close the top gate, children often run ahead of parents and are easily able to reach the road. Please help keep your child safe.**

**PARKING** – If you arrive by car please do not park blocking residents driveways. Always be safe and park responsibly. Parking is usually easier in Raglan Avenue and a short walk through to school.

### **Ditch the Dummy/bottle**

We have noticed a high number of children who are using dummies and bottles. We are running a `Ditch the Dummy` campaign to support you and your child give it up . Guidelines suggest using a dummy from the age of 1 month (if baby is breastfeeding) to **6 months of age**, when the incidence of cot death reduces.

***Dummies and bottle use should cease by the age of 1 year-old.***

### **IMPORTANT DATES – SPRING TERM**

**16<sup>th</sup> February – Open Morning – NEW FAMILIES**

**18<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> February – Half Term **NO school****

**Last Day of Term – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Easter Holidays 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Inset Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

**First Day back – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Thank you,

Yours sincerely

Deborah Harrison  
Headteacher



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