



Green Meadow Primary School

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Dear Parents,
Happy Friday, everyone! It's been another really exciting week at Green Meadow. As a school, we are passionate about the importance of equality and everybody at school having the same opportunities. This is why we teach No Outsiders as part of our PD Curriculum. We were delighted to be able to hold our first No Outsiders workshop on Monday with Mr Andy Moffat himself leading these with parents and their children. Feedback from these was overwhelmingly positive with everyone commenting they had a wonderful time working on some fabulous art work whilst learning more about our No Outsiders ethos. We are looking forward to welcoming the Year 6 parents into school on Monday to work with their children too.



All classes in school have been working hard on their skills in art lessons in The Studio—we have posted some lovely examples of their work on Twitter so please take a moment to look. All of the children are studying portraits to create their own and we will be displaying these as a whole school installation in the hall as soon as they have been completed.

And finally, with only 28 get ups left until Christmas and December starting next week, we have been busy planning lots of festive fun for the children before the end of term so please take a look at the dates we have provided in this newsletter.

I hope you all have a great weekend—there's the promise of snow tonight so I'm hoping it will stay long enough for sledging tomorrow!

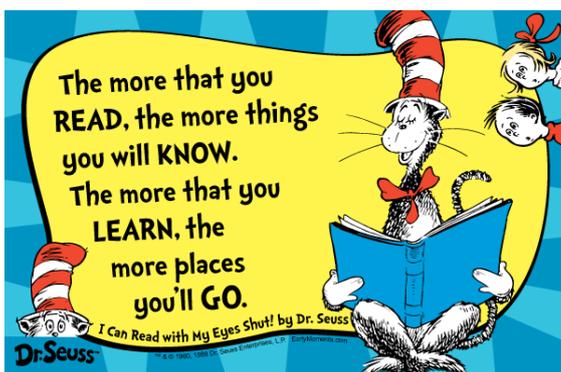
Take care, Miss Arrowsmith

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 29th Nov**
Dr Bike in school.
- ☺ **Monday 22nd Nov**
Year 6—No Outsiders Workshops for Parents and Year 6 children.
Jupiter - 9am-9.45am
Pluto 2.30pm-3.15pm
- ☺ **Monday 29th Nov**
3.30-4.30pm Year 2
Multiskills Club.
- ☺ **Tuesday 30th Nov**
3.30-4.30pm Year 1
Multiskills Club.
- ☺ **Thursday 2nd Dec**
3.30-4.30pm Years 5 & 6
Football Club.
- ☺ **Friday 3rd Dec**
3.30-4.30pm Years 3 & 4
Basketball Club
- ☺ **Friday 3rd Dec**
3.20pm FOGM PTA Cake sale



Remember to sign your children's book marks every week when they read with you at home.

Thank you for your support



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



Dr Bike

A reminder that Dr Bike is in school on Monday 29th November to check and fix any basic repairs on the children's bikes for free. To make the most of this opportunity, please bring your child's bike to school with you on Monday morning when you drop them off and take them to the covered classroom space between the KS2 and KS1 playground.

Thank you.

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

Wednesday 1st December

The countdown to Christmas begins with Christmas trees, decorations and other festive fun.

Friday 3rd December

The Friends of Green Meadow PTA host their cake stall - please see separate details.

Monday 6th December @ 2.30pm

Lions class festive workshop with parents (Separate details to follow)

Tuesday 7th December @ 2.30pm

Tigers class festive workshop with parents (Separate details to follow)

Wednesday 8th December @ 2.30pm

Leopards class festive workshop with parents (Separate details to follow)

Thursday 9th December @ 2.30pm

Zebras class festive workshop with parents (Separate details to follow)

Friday 10th December

Christmas Dinner and Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. (Separate details to follow)

Wednesday 15th December @ 2.30pm

Year 2 Christmas Play (Separate details to follow)

Thursday 16th December

Panto time and pyjama day for everyone at Green Meadow

Friday 17th December

Last day of term

Attendance

For children to achieve their very best, it is important they are in school on time every day. Seasonal illness has affected attendance over the past few weeks and we want to work together to improve whole school attendance to reach the national expectation of 97%.

To recognise children with excellent attendance, we will be awarding bronze, silver and gold badges. Every child with attendance and punctuality of 97% or above for a whole term will earn a badge. The first term they achieve this, they will earn a bronze badge, the second term a silver badge and if they have attendance of 97% or above for all 3 terms, they will achieve the gold badge. This means that children have 3 opportunities to achieve badges and 1 period of absence does not prevent children earning their badges throughout the rest of the school year.



The excitement doesn't stop here! Any child who earns a badge in a term will be entered into our termly raffle to win a fantastic large prize—previous winners have received a bike or scooter of their choice!

It is our commitment to all our families to support excellent attendance and punctuality and we are delighted that the vast majority are regularly here and on time. We thank you for your support. We understand that from time to time your child is ill and may need to remain at home however, whilst monitoring attendance and punctuality, we have noticed that attendance for a minority of families is significantly lower than we would hope for and in some cases, less than 90%. This impacts seriously on the children's education. Therefore those families will have received a letter this week to highlight their child's attendance percentage and to offer them support to improve this. If you have received a letter and would like to access this support or if you have any queries or questions about attendance and punctuality, please speak to me on the playground or call the school office to make an appointment.

Together we can all be attendance heroes!

Mrs Cross



A# Attendance

Whole school attendance this week 90.5%

Attendance figures for Thursday 18th—Thursday 25th November 2021

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Auth. Absent R/C: Marks	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Marks
Form LEOPARDS	88.3%	9.5%	2.3%	1.3%
Form ZEBRAS	90.2%	8.4%	1.5%	2.8%
Form LIONS	81.7%	10.7%	7.6%	3.9%
Form TIGERS	85.9%	12.1%	2.0%	2.0%
Form GAZELLES	90.6%	9.4%	0.0%	1.3%
Form GIRAFFES	87.8%	11.9%	0.3%	3.0%
Form BOURNVILLE	96.4%	1.3%	2.3%	0.0%
Form CADBURY	91.5%	6.3%	2.2%	1.7%
Form SHAKESPEARE	87.3%	9.7%	3.0%	1.4%
Form TOLKIEN	95.8%	3.9%	0.3%	1.3%
Form MARS	93.0%	2.3%	4.7%	1.3%
Form SATURN	90.9%	8.5%	0.6%	2.0%
Form JUPITER	94.5%	3.4%	2.1%	1.4%
Form PLUTO	93.2%	6.5%	0.3%	0.7%

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 **90.5%** with some of this being down to seasonal sickness bugs. 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 **Bournville** class this week who are the overall attendance heroes with **96.4%**. Well done to **Bournville** who were also the most punctual classes all week. You are setting everyone a brilliant example!

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

H.E.R.O.

Here Everyday Ready On time

WINETR WEATHER

Temperatures have really dropped this week for the first time this year, snow has crept into the weather forecast over the weekend so I thought it would be an appropriate time to remind everyone about our procedures in school in the event of snowy or icy conditions on site. We always work our hardest to keep school open and running as normal, but in the event of dangerous conditions on site, may need to change our normal routines, or, in some circumstances close school. We will always notify you of this as soon as possible. If paths around school become treacherous to use, we will need to limit entry to site to the main entrance where we will ensure that there is a path cleared to the foyer entrance by the fountain. If conditions on site become too hazardous because of ice or snow, it may be necessary to close school. We will notify you of this by emailing you, sending an in app message on Arbor as well as providing updates on the main page of the school website and Twitter.



Hot Chocolate Friday!

Well done to the 92 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 :

 Clare Balding 2065	 Mo Farah 2253	 Stephen Hawking 2203	 J.K. Rowling 2275	 Steven Spielberg 2061
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Lunchtime Arrangements

Monday 29th November – Friday 3rd December 2021

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



WEEK 2 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausage or Veggie Nuggets Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Fish Fingers or Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken <i>In gravy</i> Fish Fillet Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons Or Vegetable Nuggets Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Margherita Pizza Fish Fillet Jacket Potato & Cheese Assorted Sandwiches
Pommes Beans	Herby Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn	Duchess Potatoes Mixed Veg	Wedges Carrots	Chips Beans
Doughnuts Fruit / Yoghurts	Blueberry Muffins Fruit / Yoghurts	Strawberry Mousse Fruit / Yoghurts	Blueberry Muffins Fruit / Yoghurts	Ice Cream Fruit / Yoghurts