



Week Ending:
Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday, everyone! Storm Eunice has certainly made its presence felt hasn't it? It'll come as no surprise to you that we have all stayed indoors today to avoid being blown away and we will also be moving the cake sale indoors today. Our planned house point celebrations have also been put on hold until after half term when hopefully the weather will be better.

This half term has flown by and we are already looking forward to exciting times ahead when we return after the holiday. We already have trips planned as well as workshops and visitors coming into school to enhance the children's learning and we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 3rd March. After half term, Mrs Boston will be temporarily joining Colmers Farm, one of the other schools in Excelsior MAT, as Office Manager. We will miss her while she is away from Green Meadow but I know you will all join me in wishing her the very best of luck.

While Mrs Boston is at Colmers, Mrs Pritchett is extending the hours she works in the office each day to work with Mr Bell in the mornings as well as the afternoons.

And finally, I hope you all have a wonderful half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back safely from 8.30am on Tuesday, 1st March.

Take care everyone.

Miss Arrowsmith

DIARY DATES

- Monday 28th Feb

Teacher Training Day - School closed to all pupils.

- Tuesday 1st March

School re-opens to all pupils @ 8.35am.

- Thursday 3rd March

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dress in Pyjamas and bring in favourite book.

- Friday 4th March

Year 5 Selected students Maths Club.

FOR ALL RECEPTION PARENTS!

Do you sometimes struggle to get your child ready for school on time? Beccy, our early years link worker, is hosting a coffee morning offering ideas for effective morning routines. The coffee morning will take place from 9am onwards, on Thursday 3rd March. There will also be another chance to apply for the Household Support Fund of up to £150 to help with utility bills and food at the coffee morning. We really hope to see you there- no need to book, just come and join us for a cup of tea and a biscuit in the annexe. #attendanceheroes

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HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Families on low incomes can get help with food and utility costs this winter via the UK government's Household Support Fund. The scheme, which runs until Thursday 31 March 2022, can also be used for things like emergency boiler and heating repairs and housing costs.

To access support, you must be over the age of 16 and be without sufficient resources to meet your immediate short-term needs.

Please contact Mrs Cross via the school office for more information and to apply.

ATTENDANCE

**Whole school attendance
this week 92.7%**

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR FRIDAY 21ST JANUARY – THURSDAY 27TH 2022

Each week, our target for attendance is 97% or above. This week's whole school attendance was a little bit low at 87.8%. 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.

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Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Marks
Form LEOPARDS	86.1%	5.6%	0.5%
Form ZEBRAS	84.9%	3.1%	1.6%
Form LIONS	93.1%	2.7%	1.6%
Form TIGERS	90.9%	0.0%	1.3%
Form GAZELLES	95.9%	1.5%	1.9%
Form GIRAFFES	88.1%	5.0%	1.7%
Form BOURNVILLE	95.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Form CADBURY	99.2%	0.0%	0.8%
Form SHAKESPEARE	89.3%	6.3%	0.4%
Form TOLKIEN	93.5%	3.4%	0.8%
Form MARS	95.1%	2.1%	0.4%
Form SATURN	94.1%	0.4%	0.4%
Form JUPITER	93.2%	0.9%	0.9%
Form PLUTO	96.6%	1.5%	0.0%

Remember that gates are open at 8.30am and closes at 8.50am so that everyone is in class ready for learning on time.

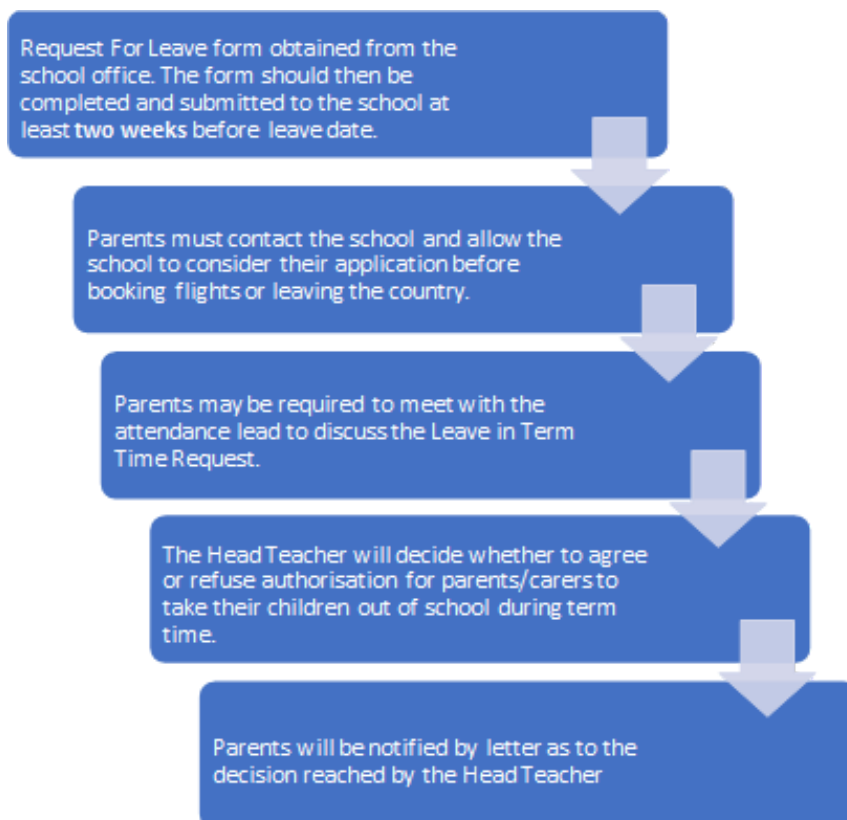
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

As the weather begins to improve and we start thinking about getting away, we wanted to remind all parents of the school policy for leave in term time for holidays. The law clearly states that parents have a legal duty to ensure their child/children attend school regularly and that head teachers can only authorise leave during term time in exceptional circumstances, which must be evidenced.

All parents are informed of this when children join the school, reminders are sent out termly and details appear on the school website. This is in line with the policies in all other local schools.

Green Meadow Primary School does not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, and this is supported with evidence. Advice is sought from Birmingham City Council Attendance Team when required.

Request for Leave of Absence Process





Taking unauthorised leave in term time is grounds for issuing a penalty notice (£60 per parent, per child, eg: two children taking a one week leave of absence to visit family abroad could result in a fine of £240 for the parents, rising to £480 if not paid promptly). Parents are also warned that penalty notices may also be issued where parents allow their child to be present in a public place during school hours without reasonable justification.

For more information, please see the Attendance Policy on the school website.

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

WELL DONE TO THE 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.

				
Clare Balding	Mo Farah	Stephen Hawking	J.K. Rowling	Steven Spielberg
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Lunchtime Arrangements

TUESDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 4TH
MARCH 2022

Week 1

HOT DINNERS AND A SELECTION OF SANDWICHES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Lamb Lasagne or Quorn Lasagne Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken or Fish Goujons Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons or Vegan Bites Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza or Fish Goujons Jacket Potato & Cheese / Beans
	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
	Pancakes & Chocolate Sauce Fruit / Yoghurts	Chocolate Crunch Fruit / Yoghurts	Jam Sponge Fruit / Yoghurts	Ice Cream Fruit / Yoghurts

CODE CLUB




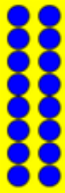
The children in the Year 3 Code Club have had a great time this term and made fantastic progress. They have been using Scratch Junior to create animations and games - this week we made a racing fish game!

If you would like to have a go at home, you can download Scratch Junior for free on an iPad. Next term, we hope to use Scratch software on the laptops and share a few of our projects with you. Thank you.



Math Challenge



2×8 	$8 + 8$ 	9	16
4×4 	8×2 	25	43

This week's maths challenge

Find reasons why each number might not belong with the other three.

Can you find all possibilities?

Share your ideas using mathematical vocabulary and reasoning.

Explain your thinking to someone. Do they have different reasons?

I'll look forward to hearing your ideas after half term. Have a great week!

Mrs Whettell

Also, look out for our marvellous month of March maths challenges.

These will be given to your child when they return to school on

Tuesday, 1st March. For every day, there is a quick 5 minute challenge for you to do with your child as we know just a few minutes a day can make such a difference.