



September 2016

GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you all had a good summer holiday and a well deserved break. It has been a lovely start to the year and all the children are settling into their new classes. We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Please make sure that you check your child's bag and your emails regularly so that you do not miss out on important school news and events.

Mrs J. Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SEPTEMBER

16th	F2 Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
19th	F2 children in full time

OCTOBER

Week beginning 3rd	Yr1 & Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
18th	Harvest celebration 9.30, invitation only
24th-28th	Half term holiday
31st	Staff Development Day—no pupils

NOVEMBER

1st	Children return to school
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DECEMBER

16th	Carol Service St. John's Church 1.45pm
16th	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am
19th	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
20th	F2 Christmas Concert 9.30am
21st	Party day
22nd	End of term

ATTENDANCE

Procedure for Children Arriving Late

School starts promptly at 8.55am for Years 1 & 2. F2 start at 9.00am. If a child is late they should enter school via the main entrance and the parent needs to sign the 'late book' which is in the entrance foyer, giving the reason for lateness.



Medical appointments

If you need to collect your child for a medical/dental appointment prior notice is required and please report to the school office to sign your child out.



Absence - If your child is ill and will not be attending school it is very important that you contact the school office on the first day of absence. You can either phone, e-mail or call into the office. If the absence has not been reported by 9.30am, school will contact the parents to discuss the reasons.

schooloffice@greasby-infant.wirral.sch.uk

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Absences

Holidays should not be taken in term time as children miss vital aspects of their education which they find difficult to catch up on. The Headteacher is unable to authorise absences in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. These need to be put in writing to the Headteacher and discussed with the school, prior to the absence.

School Uniform

Please can I remind you to make sure all school uniform, including P.E. kits, coats etc are named. This makes it much easier to return lost property to its owner. The lost property box can be found outside the Headteacher's office.



100 Club

The money donated from FOGIS last year has been used to support the development of the school quad and also the wildlife pond on the school field.. This will be a fantastic resource and without your support it would not be possible to fund these exciting opportunities for the children. FOGIS will shortly send a letter out to invite you to join the 100 club. Please return as soon as possible so that you do not miss the first draw of the year.

Feedback from the End of Year Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who responded to the end of year questionnaires and for the wonderful supportive comments. We appreciate your feedback on school procedures and would like to update you on a couple of changes we are implementing as a result of your responses.

- Many parents asked if the timing of special events could be moved to mornings, so this year will be holding such events first thing in the morning, usually starting at 9.30am. We hope that this helps working parents, who then do not need to take the whole day off work. We will monitor parental views and the impact of these changes.
- We appreciate how difficult parking around school is, especially at the start of the day and therefore following several suggestions, we will be trialling a new procedure, initially for Years 1 & 2. Instead of the children lining up and coming into school at 8.55, the playground doors will be open from 8.45 and the children will be able to come into school as soon as they arrive. Staff will be in the classrooms and also at the door to ensure all the children are supervised coming into school. This will begin on **Monday 12th September**. If parents find this new starting procedure helpful, it will be extended to the F2 classes.

Before and After School

Please can I remind you that it is your responsibility to supervise your children in the playground both before and after school. If your child uses the playground equipment during this time the school is not responsible for any accidents that may happen.



For the safety of all children, please make sure that bikes and scooters are put in the bike/scooter racks at the start of the day and not ridden around the playground. We want to keep everyone safe in the playground.



Parking

Please can I ask that when you are bringing your children to and collecting them from school, you are considerate to those people who live on Hall Drive and Barker Lane. I know that it is very busy at these times, but please try to park safely, do not block drive ways or drive on the pavements. Please can I also remind you for the safety of all our children, to use the footpath and do not park in or walk through the school car park.

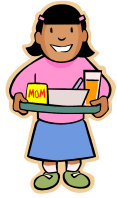
SCHOOL MEALS

I am delighted to say that our children are really enjoying the new meals menu and happily tuck into their school lunches.

It is essential that you return your lunch order forms by the deadlines set, so that provisions can be ordered effectively. We all appreciate your support with this. The current lunch menu can be found on the school website:

www.greasby-infant.eschools.co.uk

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school milk please come and discuss your request with Mrs Fisher in the school office.

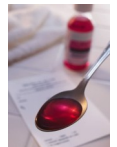


Parent View—Parents view is an online questionnaire that gives parents and carers the chance to tell Ofsted about their child's school. If you would like to share your views, a link can be found on our school website.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child needs to take any medication whilst they are in school, a Medication Permission and Record sheet needs to be completed before any medication can be administered in school.

Please contact the school office to discuss school policy and procedures regarding medicines.



Head Lice

Please can you check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis. The recommendation from the school nurse is to check hair every 3-4 days. This is best done on wet hair using a fine tooth comb. If you have any concerns, you can discuss these with the school nurse by making an appointment via the school office.

Asthma If your child has asthma and needs an inhaler, please can you make sure that one is brought into school to be kept here and that the medication is named and in date.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding medical conditions or issues an appointment can be made with the school nurse via the school office or by contacting Clair Acock on 0151 677 3679.

