



September 2014

# 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 every evening so that you do not miss out on important school news and events.

Mrs J. Hall

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### SEPTEMBER

11th & 12th	F2 Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
15th	F2 children in full time
Week beginning 22nd	Yr1 & Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
26th	Macmillan Charity Cake sale

### OCTOBER

2nd	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Parents Curriculum Evening 6pm (further details to follow)
9th	F2 Parents Curriculum Evening 6pm (further details to follow)
27th-31st	Half term holiday

### NOVEMBER

3rd	Staff Development Day—no pupils
4th	Children return to school
Week beginning 10th	Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
14th	Children in Need charity day
24th & 25th	Junior Chefs

### DECEMBER

12th	Carol Service St. John's Church 1.45pm
18th	Party Day
19th	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 as soon as possible on the first day of absence. You can either phone, e-mail or call into the office.

[schooloffice@greasby-infant.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@greasby-infant.wirral.sch.uk)

677 2830



### 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 no longer able to authorise absences in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. These need to be discussed with the school and an application form must be completed.

### 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 purchase 16 iPads for the children to use in curriculum time. We also plan to resurface the KS1 activity trail and FOGIS have contributed towards the costs of the new safety surface. Without your support these developments would not have been possible. 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.

**Good luck to everyone this year.**

## Staffing Update

### **Year 1**

We would like to welcome Mrs Clark to Greasby Infants and she is job sharing class 1CH with Miss Hitchell, supported by Mrs Callander. Mrs Horne has moved to work in Year 1 with Mrs Hazeldine as her Teaching Assistant.

### **Year 2**

Miss Macdonald got married over the summer holidays and is now Mrs Brandreth. The other Year 2 teachers are Mrs Pollitt and Miss Fulton, who job share class LP. Mrs Pollitt will only be working until half term, as she will then go on maternity leave. Miss Fulton will then take over the class on a fulltime basis. Mrs Butler, Mrs Shaughnessy and Mrs Williams continue as the Teaching Assistants in Year 2.

### **Speech and Language Therapist**

We now employ a speech and language therapist one morning a week. Stefanie Cooper will be in school on Tuesday mornings. If you have any concerns regarding your child's language or communication skills, an appointment can be arranged via the school office.

### **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.

### **Message from the Local Police**



Last week the police came to visit school as they had had a complaint from the Fire Brigade, who had been responding to an emergency in the local area and were unable to drive down Hall Drive due to cars parked on both sides of the roads. I was shocked to hear that when asked by the firemen to move their cars, the parents refused and walked away. Please can I ask that parents take care where they park and are considerate of others, especially at busy times.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

Following the introduction of the universal free school meals for all infant aged children this term, I am delighted to say that our children are really enjoying the new menu and happily tuck into their school lunches. The catering staff now have to order provisions for many more children and it is essential that you return your order forms by the deadlines set. We all appreciate your support with this.



The current lunch menu can be found on the school website:

[www.greasby-infant.eschools.co.uk](http://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.

### **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 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 Linda Thompson on 0151 666 4831 or email at [lindathompson2@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:lindathompson2@wirral.gov.uk)

