



September 2019

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

Week beginning 30th Yr1 & Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment

OCTOBER

7th Curriculum Evening for Foundation Stage parents 6pm

14th Curriculum Evening for KS1 parents 6pm

23rd Harvest celebration 9.15, invitation only

28th-1st Nov Half term holiday

NOVEMBER

4th Children return to school

6th Individual and family school photographs

Week beginning 11th Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment

15th Children in Need Charity Day

18th Flu immunisation

DECEMBER

12th Year 2 visit to Greasby Methodist Church am

13th Carol Service at St John's Church Frankby

16th Year 2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm

17th Foundation Stage Christmas Concert 9.30am

18th Foundation Stage Christmas Concert 9.30am

18th Year 1 Christmas Concert 1.30pm

19th Party Day and visit from Santa

20th Christmas Jumper Day

ATTENDANCE

Procedure for Children Arriving Late

School starts promptly at 8.55am for Years 1 & 2. F1 start at 8.45 with F2 starting at 9.00am. KS1 doors are open from 8.45 and F2 doors will also be open from this time as soon as the children are settled into school. 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

677 2830



Absences

The Headteacher is unable to authorise holidays 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. Children miss vital aspects of their education, when they are off school on holiday and they often find it difficult to catch up.

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 it's owner. The lost property box can be found outside the Headteacher's office.



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. If you have a specific need to use the school car park, please discuss with the Headteacher and request a parking permit. We ask that other parents do not park in the car park for the safety of all our children.

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 some of the strengths identified and areas for improvement. We will work on these areas throughout the year.

Strengths

- **Staff** are caring, approachable, supportive, helpful, friendly, professional, understanding, hardworking and committed.
- **Curriculum** is varied, stimulating, fun, engaging, enjoyable, supports good progress and builds confidence. Read, Write Inc is an excellent way of teaching phonics and the children enjoy learning in this manner.
- **Assessments** are informative and carried out in a relaxed, non stressful manner.
- **School Environment** is friendly, happy, caring, relaxed, nurturing, safe, and welcoming, with good parental involvement and a family atmosphere.
- **Tapestry** is an excellent tool for communicating with Foundation parents

Areas for Development

- **Communication** – more notice for special events and regular reminders, more information about how maths is taught and more information about how parents can support learning
- **Reporting to Parents** – more communication about pupil progress, earlier information and more formal updates on progress
- **Curriculum**— Greater focus on reading at home and homework activities
- **Friends of Greasby Infant School**—more communication regarding activities and use of funds

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 either before or after school. We want to keep everyone safe in the playground.



Friend of Greasby Infant School

The money donated from FOGIS last year has been used to support the development of the Literacy across the school. We have focused on reading for pleasure and purchased new reading books for the class libraries. We are also continuing to develop our outdoor KS1 reading room which is a fantastic resource and we know how much the children enjoy reading the books at breaktimes. We have purchased new Read Write Inc phonic books that all the children are bringing home on a weekly basis. We also purchased exciting new books to support the development of our Read to Write scheme, which we have implemented in order to further develop writing skills using high quality literature and wider curriculum enrichments.

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. We do have an emergency inhaler in school and if you would like your child to be able to use this, in case of an emergency, please call into the school office to discuss with Mrs Fisher.

Allergies If your child has any allergies, please make sure that you have informed school, especially if your child needs access to an auto-injector. Please make sure that you have brought one into school and that it 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 Liz Caton e.caton@nhs.net

