



Grendon Primary School

16 September 2014



Welcome back Everyone!



As you see we have many children and staff new to school joining us. We hope they enjoy their time with us. Good News! Building works are almost complete and we are at last unpacking and moving back in. School looks bright and fresh. Thank you to all staff and families and especially children who put up with a building site for so long, although we thought it was really worth it! Happy New School Year.

Ms T Pyke

settling into school



The children have done really well settling back into school life after a long holiday. Most children have remembered our rules but we thought it would be a good idea to have a quick reminder:

- School opens at 8:50am. Parents/children should **not** be on site before this time.
- Children have to be in their lines at 8.55am
- Late children have to be brought to the School Office by an adult to provide a reason. If a child has a medical appointment please bring in proof.
- All absences have to be reported by 9.30am and a reason provided.
- Children need their Book Bags and PE kits in school every day.
- Dinner money must be paid on Monday mornings either weekly or for the term.
- Changes to dinner arrangements need to be given 2 weeks in advance in person to the Office.
- Please send your child in with a drink of water in a named bottle.
- Water Bottles can be bought for 40p from the Office and can be re-filled during the school day.
- School uniform needs to be worn at all times and labelled clearly. Shoes and not **BOOTS or TRAINERS** should be worn in school.
- Please see teachers at the end of the day or make an appointment to see them - mornings are very busy!
- Trip money and consent forms must be returned by the deadline given unless you have made arrangements with the School Office.
- Staff are happy to help with any questions you may have, **the best time to speak to your child's teacher is at the end of the day or you can make an appointment through the School Office.**

Dinner Money is £10.25 a week or £77.90 for this half term.
 Pizza Day is Friday and costs £16.40 for this half term.
Please give 2 Weeks notice if you wish your child to change their dinner arrangements.

Our Staff

Ms T Pyke	Head Teacher		
Mrs J Newbold	DHT/Senco		
Mrs H Ridley	AHT/Assess/ Maths		
LEARNING ASSISTANTS			TEACHERS:
Miss T Kenny/ Miss A Nawaz Miss C Mullen		N	Ms S Richardson
Miss S Ward		RC	Miss A Collett
Miss R Suthers		RS	Mrs L Sparkes
Mrs J Goodwin		1S	Mrs J Smith-Ozsies
Mrs S McCarthy		1W	Miss R Wilson
Mrs H Beedon		2F	Mrs L Foster/ Mr M Windsor
Mrs E Ingram		3C	Mrs S Collins/ Mr S Bache
		4H	Mr C Hedderley
Mrs N Tinald		4P	Mrs L Pollitt
Miss H Clarke		5D	Mr A Darby
		5F	Mr P Feely
Miss R Rhone		6N	Mr A Norris
		PPA	Mrs C Owen
		PPA	Mr M Windsor
Miss S Jones	Senior Learning Mentor / BECO/ Attendance.	EAL	Ms A Waite-Wright
Mrs A Rainford	Office Manager	Student	Miss H Woodcroft
Mrs S Lewis Miss A Clark	Admin Assistant Admin Assistant		
Mr B Worrall	BSS		
Mr A Sidike	ICT		

Well Done Reception!



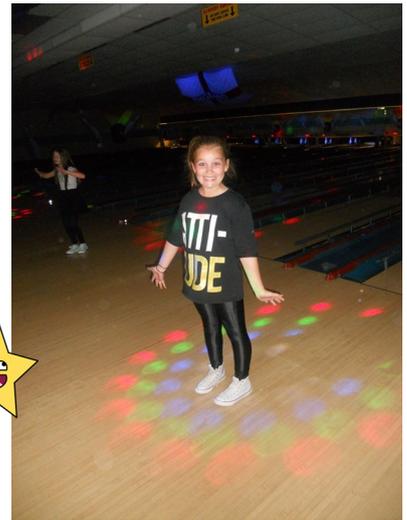
Reception children have settled well into school life and with only a few tears. It is really important that you **support your child** by making sure they are **in their lines at 8.55** and that you **encourage them to walk in with their class**. We ask that you leave us to look after them and should there be any problems we will contact you.

Attendance Stars

Ice Cream treats for Year 5 and 6.



Bowling Trip for 98% and above attenders



To qualify for the next Attendance Reward Trips, we will be taking children who do not have more than 2 days off between now and when we break up for Christmas.

Green Day Picnic



Thank you to everyone who managed to attend and enjoy lunch in the sunshine with the children.



Summer Music Concert



Our children showed us just how talented they are during our musical concert. We are very proud of them. Thank you for supporting your children with their music.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

22 Sept	Mad Science Assembly Years 3-6
23 Sept	Harvest Festival 9:10am in Junior Hall
26 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9-10am
29 Sept	RE Week
6 Oct	Year 5 visit to Odeon
7 Oct	Annual Animal Lady visit
15 Oct	Reception visit to Sea Life Centre
23 Oct	Photographer in school (Class Photo's)
24 Oct	School closes for half term
31 Oct	Closing date for Secondary Applications
3 Nov	School Re-opens to staff and pupils
12 Nov	School Open Day
19 Nov	'Horrible Christmas' at B'ham Rep (Y3-Y6)
19 Dec	School closes for Christmas

Full details of events will be sent out in advance

Dates correct at time of going to print!

Weekly Events

Monday

11:00 - 12:30	Swimming - Class 6N
2:00 - 3:00	Violin Tuition with Mr Bacanu

Tuesday

10:45 - 11:45	Brass Tuition with Miss Stevenson
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Wednesday

3:30 - 4:15	Choir with Mr Bache
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Thursday

8:30 - 9:00	Recorder Club with Miss Holloway
9:00 - 11:00	Class Recorder Tuition
11:00 - 12:00	Woodwind tuition with Miss Holloway

Friday

11:00 - 12:30	Swimming - Class 3C
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Music Lessons are heavily subsidised by school and ask only a small termly fee from parents. Please ensure this is paid on time at the beginning of each term. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 23rd September



Our Harvest Festival will be held in the Junior Hall next Tuesday at 9:15 am.

PARENTS/CARERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME to join us. All harvest contributions will be donated to the Kinmos Centre in Kings Heath to support the homeless. **We will be happy to receive donations of your Tins, Groceries etc. from Friday 19th September.**

26th September



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is the Macmillan cancer charity's biggest fundraising event. Please come and join us and show your support.

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
9-10am IN THE INFANT
HALL.

TERM DATES 2014/15

These are Local Authority dates

Monday 1 Sept to Friday 24 October
Half term

Monday 3 November to Friday 19 December
2015

Monday 5 January to Friday 13 February
Half term

Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March
Easter Holiday

Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May
Half term

Monday 1 June to Monday 20 July

Teacher Training day when school is closed to pupils:

1 September 2014

2 September 2014

20 July 2015

2 x Dates TBA

Free Nursery Places

All 3 and 4-year olds are entitled to 15 hours free early education. We currently have places in our Nursery, mornings or afternoon sessions are available.

If you would like to apply for a place or require further information, please call into the office for an application form.



Family Assemblies



We enjoy celebrating special events and assemblies with you. We have Easter and Christmas celebrations where we encourage everyone to join us as well as SEAL (special achievement) assemblies at the end of every term. On **Friday afternoons** we have Good Work assemblies. Parents are welcome to attend these; if your child has an award we will let you know in advance. The Assemblies are usually at 2.45pm in the Infant and Junior Halls.

UNIFORM

We now have all sizes of uniform in school including cardigans & jumpers. We are still waiting for PE kit to come into stock.



Office Opening Hours



8:50-9:30am
3:00-3:30pm

Uniform is on sale during the afternoon