



Grendon Primary School  
21 October 2022

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Dear Parents,

As this half term ends, I would like to thank you again for all of your support for school. I know how much you enjoyed the Harvest Assemblies and it was great to speak to many of you at Parents Evening too.

We recognise and value the importance of the partnership between school and home and are always happy to listen to feedback. Wherever possible, we take your views into account when making decisions in school, as you can see below:

You said: You would prefer the additional hours in the school day to be used for social times.

We did: Extend lunchtimes to enable a slightly longer eating time and playtime.

You said: You wanted to know more about your children's learning.

We did: Hold welcome meetings, share Learning Journey road maps and gave a more formal structure to parents evenings.

You said: You wanted a wider range of clubs.

We did: Introduce the Edudrama Club for KS2 this term that we hope to extend to KS1 after Christmas.

Have a lovely half term everyone. We will see you all at 8.50am on Tuesday 1st November in order to get the first Attendance Hero stamp!

Mrs Ridley

### **BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO!**

Our new attendance policy begins on 1st November. Remember that children will need to be in school by **8:50am** to get their Hero Stamp each day.

**Registration takes place at 8:50am. Children who arrive after 8:50am are late** and must be brought to the School Office by an adult to provide a reason. A late slip will be given.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2023**

**Don't be late - be aware of the closing date!** Secondary school applications must be submitted by 31st October 2022.

You must apply on line at:  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Places will be offered by email by the local authority on 1st March 2023.



### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to those of you who attended our Harvest assemblies on Tuesday and for all your donations. It was lovely to see so many of you.

We collected an amazing 34 large bags of food which was taken to The Food Pantry. They were overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity and send their heartfelt thanks to you all.



### **UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS**

Our school is a Gold Rights Respecting School. We protect and promote children's rights across the school.

**This month we are looking at article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 7 says:**

You could talk at home with your children and think about these questions:

- Why is having a name important?
- What would it be like not to have a name? How would other people refer to you?
- Do you have any family names or middle names that you share?
- If you could choose another name, what would it be?

Perhaps you could design a special name plaque for your child's bedroom door? We'd love to see any amazing art work that you produce. Please send it in to your child's class teacher.



### **Article 7**

I have the right to have a name and nationality.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



21 October	School Closes for half term at 3:20pm
<b>31 October</b>	<b>School closed to pupils for Teacher Training</b>
<b>1 November</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils</b>
8 November	Y1 (1C) trip to Back to Back Houses
9 November	Grendon 'Open Day' for Prospective Parents
11 November	Flu Vaccinations administered for pupils
15 November	Y1 (1H) trip to Back to Back Houses
18 November	Junior Leader Day - 'Children In Need'
13 December	Nativity Service at Immanuel Church
16 December	School closes for Christmas break.
3 Jan 2023	School re-opens to staff and pupils

Full details of events will be sent out in advance  
Our website is regularly updated with new events  
*Dates correct at time of going to print!*

## Local Authority Term Dates 2022 - 2023

### Autumn Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 5 September 2022  
**Half Term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October**  
Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022

### Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023  
**Half Term: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February**  
Terms ends: Friday 31st March

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17 April  
**Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June**  
Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July

**Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:**  
31st October 2022, 24th & 25th July 2023.

### We currently have a number of Extra Curricular Activities:

MONDAY		THURSDAY	
8:00 - 8:40am	Y5 & 6 Sports Club	1:45 - 3:15pm	Flute & Clarinet
3:20 - 4:20pm	Y2 Active 60 Club	3:20-4:00pm	Choir
TUESDAY		FRIDAY	
1:00 - 3:00pm	Violin	8:00 - 8:40am	Y3 Sports Club
WEDNESDAY			
8:00 - 8:40am	Y4 Sports Club		
3:20 - 4:45pm	Y3-Y6 Drama Club		
3:20 - 4:20pm			

We still have a number of families who have not yet returned the Annual Permission forms. These were sent out in brown envelopes. **It is a requirement that we have these completed forms returned asap!**

We are sure you will have viewed your child's photograph on line. Orders need to be placed by 22nd October to get free delivery to school.

Mrs Prendeville will be holding a SEND Language Development workshop with Miss Robbin on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to follow.

### Residential Visits 2023

Year 3 & 4 children have an overnight stay at St Briavels Castle. Year 5 & 6 children spend three days at Blackwell Adventure.

Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Residential	Date of Trip	Deposit Due Date
St Briavels Castle (Years 3 & 4)	19-20 April 2023	Wednesday 2nd November
Blackwell Court (Years 5 & 6)	21-23 June 2023	Wednesday 2nd November

### SWIMMING:

Year 5 will be swimming after half term.  
5F will swim on Tuesday  
5P will swim on Friday



We know it is a little early but wanted to give you advance notice that we will be going to Immanuel Church this year to celebrate our Nativity. This is due to take place on the morning of Tuesday 13th December. Further details will follow!



The clocks go back on **Sunday 30th October 2022** signalling the end of British summer-time.



## Flu Vaccination Scheme

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school to administer the flu vaccine to pupils on:

**Friday 11th November**

Please complete and return the Flu Consent form to school asap, whether you want your child to have this or not. We have spare forms in Reception if needed.



## PARKING



We do appreciate how busy Grendon Road is during peak times, but ask you not to park on the yellow zigzags outside the school gates or on the pavement. The children's safety is put at risk when this occurs and you need to consider this when dropping off and collecting your children.

**DO NOT PARK OVER DRIVEWAYS OR BLOCK PATHWAYS.**

We constantly receive complaints from local residents and ask that you be considerate when parking your car. Residents have been advised to contact Billesley Police with any parking issues/abusive behaviour.  
*Thank you for your co-operation*



**Toilets**  
Please be aware we do not have toilets for public use.



## Office Opening Hours



8:40 - 9:00am  
3:10 - 3:30pm

