



Grendon Primary School 5 May 2023

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Dear Parents,

Our new 'Ready to Learn' behaviour management process has been a huge success already this term. Remember that if children are in 'Ready to Learn' this means that they are demonstrating good behaviour. There are 3 further steps that they can move above this - 'Great Choice', 'Reward' and finally 'Exceptional'. As 'Ready to Learn' is already good behaviour, the challenge to reach 'Exceptional' is significant. Huge congratulations to the few children who have had postcards home so far this term. Their behaviour has been exceptional. We are very, very proud of you.

If your children have been here in previous years, you will know that each year we issue our annual school improvement plan parents questionnaire. This asks for your thoughts and feelings on a range of issues and allows us to build your feedback into our school improvement plan for September 23.

I know we ask for your views on other issues during the year, but this is the most important opportunity for you to have your say. Please, please take 5 minutes to click on the link below and share your views with us. Although the responses are anonymous, please feel free to identify yourself or your child if you would like to, in the any other thoughts section at the end of the questionnaire. We can then respond to you individually if needed.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MeGXk66HGp>

Mrs Ridley



**We will be closed on Monday
8th May for King Charles'
Coronation.**

Spring Break Holiday:
School will close on Friday 26th May
at 3:20pm for the Spring break.
School re-opens on Monday 5th June.



E-Safety update

Please be aware that online experts have released a safeguarding update in regards to the popular Roblox game. In some of the games available to children within Roblox they depict themes linked to self-harm, isolation, hopelessness and suicide.

As of April 2023, Roblox are yet to remove the harmful games from their platform. Please continue to monitor you child/children online and if you have any concerns please discuss these with a Safeguarding Leader (DSL) within school.



Save the date - 15th June!

We had so much fun last year that we're going to do it all over again! We really hope that you can join us at our Summer Fayre on Thursday 15th June from 5-7pm for lots of fun stalls, games, food and more. We will provide more info on the big day and how you can get involved very soon!

FRENCH CAFE

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended the Year 5 French Cafe this half-term. 45 families attended the event, which made the atmosphere 'magnifique' and a worthwhile experience for all.

The children and staff had a wonderful time serving the guests and using their new French vocabulary through the event. Please continue to look out for future curriculum sharing sessions across all year groups. Merci beaucoup!

Mr Darby



Children's Rights

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School. We value and promote children's rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and take our responsibilities as duty bearers seriously.



We are so pleased to be meeting back together for assemblies in school. Children have learnt about Article 17 in their assemblies this week. This article talks about children's rights to access information from the media. Sometimes it can be hard to work out how to discuss big news stories in an age appropriate way with children but it is always surprising how much children appreciate talking about what is happening in the world. Imagine how different it would be to be living in a part of the world where the news was censored. How do you and your family keep up to date with the news? Newsround is a great source of information as are the child friendly 'First News' newspapers we have in school.

ARTICLE 17 (access to information from the media)
Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Sports Days

We have provided you with dates for our forthcoming Sports Days. They are totally dependant on good weather of course, so lets keep everything crossed!



SATS TEST DATES:

Y6: 9th - 12th May
Y2: From 15th May

Please make sure your child is in school every day and on time during this time.

IMPORTANT - Contact Details

You must inform the school office of any changes to:
Your mobile number
Your email address
Home address-Evidence will be required.

Please make sure that all outstanding dinner money, trips and music fees are paid before the spring break as we are unable to extend credit. Thank you for your cooperation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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| 8 May | School Closed to all for King Charles' Coronation |
| 9 May | Year 1 Dance Track Auditions |
| 9 - 12 May | Y6 SATS tests: 9 - 12th May inclusive |
| 10 May | Reception trip to Tamworth Castle |
| 15 May | Y2 SATs tests from 15th May |
| 16 May | Y1 DT Parent Share Session 1:15 - 3pm |
| 22 May | KS2 Sports afternoon 2:15-3:10pm |
| 23 May | Reception Sports afternoon 2:00-3:10pm |
| 24 May | KS1 Sports afternoon 2:00-3:10pm |
| 26 May | School closes for half term |
| 5 June | School re-opens to all |
| 15 June | Summer Fayre - 5-7pm - Further details to follow |
| 20 June | Y1 Multi Skills |
| 21 June | Y2 Multi Skills |
| 21-23 June | Blackwell Court Residential |
| 22 June | Y3 Trip to Botanical Gardens |
| 28 June | Y5 Bushcraft Workshop |
| 21 July | School closes to pupils for the summer break |
| 24-25 July | Teacher Training days - school closed to 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 - 2024

Summer Term 2023

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

**Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
24th & 25th July 2023.**

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September
Half Term: Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November
Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023
Teacher Training Days TBC

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024
Half Term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Term Ends: Friday 22 March 2024
Teacher Training Days TBC

YEAR 6 VISIT TO RAF COSFORD



On Wednesday 29th March, Year 6 visited RAF Cosford as part of their History learning. During our time at the museum, we participated in an interesting and interactive workshop that informed us about the 'Battle of Britain'.



We learnt about some of roles that both men and women fulfilled during World War II, such as RAF pilots and the Royal Observer Corps. Afterwards, some of us tested out a Morrison Shelter, which would have been used for protection during 'The Blitz'.



Later in the day, we visited the 4D cinema where we were able to experience what flying is like for an RAF pilot. By exploring the exhibitions, we were able to see British World War II planes such as the Spitfire and Hurricane, in addition to the German Messerschmitt planes.



YEAR 3 & 4 VISIT ST BRIAVELS CASTLE!

We went for a sleepover at St Briavels!

It was definitely worth the 1.5 hour journey. We made bread and had a banquet on the first day. We then went to our rooms, I was with all the other girls.

The following morning we got up and had breakfast. We could have fruit/Cereal and then a hot meal - It was the best breakfast I had ever had!



Not long after we did Archery; Miss Hall got a bulls-eye - TWICE!



Soon after that, we had a tour of the castle. We even heard ghost stories. Did you know that there was a ghost in my room - don't worry it was a NICE ghost! We then went home. It was really fun!
Zoe

You can see lots more photo's on our school website!

Leave in Term time

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. While we sympathise and understand the difference in cost of holidays outside term time, it is a legal requirement, and your child's right, to attend school every day that it is open and on time.

We may take action against parents who take holidays during term time.

We're all going on a term time holiday!...

...and when we get back our kids will have loads of catching up to do!!!
THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU BOOK YOURS!



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.*

Photo Orders

If you haven't already placed your order, today is the last day to receive free delivery to school. After this time postage costs will apply.

SWIMMING

Year 6 will be swimming after half term.
6B - Tuesday
6R - Friday

