



Grendon Primary School 14 July 2023

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Dear Parents,

We have almost reached the end of another busy school year and I'd like to say a big thank you for your support during the year - we couldn't do it without you! We look forward to a new year and seeing what we can achieve with all the exciting things planned. We wish Year 6 children all the best with your move to secondary schools in September. We will say our proper goodbyes at the Prom and Leavers Assembly next week.

As part of our new behaviour policy, which we will share in September, we are introducing a House system at Grendon.

This year all children have been split into a houses - you may have heard about this after our House Day this week!

Next year's Reception class will be split in a graduation ceremony at the end of their Reception year in July 2024, and this will become an annual event, with Reception children graduating before they move to Year 1 each year.

After much thought and consideration, we are naming our houses after people who are aspirational because of their achievements in their field. They all have strong connections to Birmingham and feature throughout our curriculum. Children will find out more about them during their time at Grendon. Our School Captains for next year will become 'Heads of Houses' and support our Leadership team in this role. All other staff will also be split into houses, but will have to wait until September before they find out!

Our Houses will be:

Cadbury (George), led by Miss Clarke and Mrs Pollitt and their colour is purple.

Boulton (Matthew), led by Miss Jones and Mr Norris and their colour is red.

Malala (Yousafzai), led by Mrs Prendeville and Mrs Collins and their colour is green.

Lewis (Denise), led by Mr Darby and Mr Goodman and their colour is yellow.

Children will work all year during our usual curriculum and enrichment days to win points for their team. This becomes another way for us to reward the excellent behaviour we see so often. On House day at the end of each year, the winning team will win a trophy! Please find out which House your child is in, and support them in their quest to win points - good luck everybody!

Staff and Governors hope you have a lovely summer, stay safe and see you in September!

Mrs Ridley

Our New Classes from September 2023

Old Class	Old Teacher	New Class	New Teacher and Teaching Assistant	Email Address to contact new teachers
RT	Mrs Thompson	1C	Mrs Collins Miss Boynton	Year1@grendon.bham.sch.uk
RW	Miss Wilson	1T	Mrs Thompson Miss Roath	
1C	Mrs Collins	2B	Miss Broughton Miss Campbell	Year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk
1H	Mrs Overton	2P	Mrs Pollitt Miss Putnam	
2B	Miss Broughton	3H	Mr Hedderley Mrs Kaur	Year3@grendon.bham.sch.uk
2E	Mr Elvins	3J	Miss James Mrs Fox	
3G	Mrs Godfrey	4M	Miss Mills Mrs Suthers	Year4@grendon.bham.sch.uk
3H	Mr Hedderley	4G	Mrs Godfrey Mrs O'Hare	
4H	Miss Hall	5F	Mr Feely Mrs Beedon	Year5@grendon.bham.sch.uk
4N	Mr Norris	5H	Miss Hall Mrs Beedon	
5F	Mr Feely	6B	Mr Bache Mrs Shea	Year6@grendon.bham.sch.uk
5P	Mrs Pollitt	6N	Mr Norris Mrs Shea	

We have one Reception class next year who have received their own timetable for September - Miss Wilson will be working in Reception with Mrs Barshan.

STAFF CHANGES:

The following staff will be leaving us at the end of term.

We thank them for their support for school this year, and offer them our very best wishes in their future endeavours:

Miss L Overton
Mr A Elvins
Miss S Ward
Miss T Clarke
Ms A Ali

We welcome two new teachers who are joining us in September;

Miss Mills who will be working in Year 4 and Miss James who will be working in Year 3.

We also welcome a new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Putnam who will work in Y2.

Drop In Parents Evening

You are welcome to drop-in to your child's classroom between 3:30 & 4:00pm on **Tuesday 18th July**.

You will be able to see their work and collect some of it and take it home.

Annual School Reports

You should receive your child's report today. This will include an attendance report for this academic year up to and including 7th July.

Any hero badges for 100% attendance will be given out in September as the cut off will be the last day of term; with the exception of Year 6 who will receive theirs in the Awards Assembly on Wednesday next week.

Money Saving Notices / Community Notices:

Lovetovisit is once again working with partners across the education and tourism sector, to bring **children and their families** 'things to do' in the **summer holidays**. The success of this project last year, plus the on-going cost-of-living crisis, has led to the relaunch of this exclusive offer for families: **10% off absolutely everything on Lovetovisit, across the entire site**.

That opens up a world of nearby things to do for children: theme parks, aquariums, zoos, flower gardens, museums, castles, theatre, sports, festivals, live events and more. We know this made a huge difference to families last summer, and with your help, we're looking to do even more this time around.

We have been asked to share the schools voucher code: **SCHOOLS23** with you in order to benefit from this special saving. (see Below)



Simply go to **Lovetovisit.com**, scroll or search for an attraction you like, and enter **SCHOOLS23** in the 'Got a promo code?' box when buying your tickets. The discount will be applied automatically.

Not only will you find savings on the biggest names in tourism, like London Eye, SEA LIFE, West End shows, Alton Towers... but great local attractions too, and hundreds of free things that won't cost a penny, including woodland walks, Forestry Commission and English Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and museums.

Lovetovisit.com is really proud this campaign supports local attractions and helps kids get out and about.

Birmingham Festival 23

A **free** family-friendly outdoor festival will be taking over Centenary Square **28th July - 6th August** with live music, performances and activities to celebrate the legacy of the Commonwealth Games 2022. There will be something for everyone, with accessible activities, local talent, dance, family-friendly entertainment, the chance to meet B2022's iconic Perry, and the best of Birmingham's food and drink offer.

No tickets are required – just come along and celebrate the magic and memories of Summer '22 – watch, listen, relax, dance and play. Commissioned by Birmingham City Council as a sign of its ongoing commitment to accessible culture for everyone, supported by Principal Partners Arts Council England and the University of Birmingham.

28th July - 6th August, free every day, Centenary Square, Birmingham. Full programme at www.birminghamfestival23.co.uk

Transfer to Secondary School in 2024

Parents of children currently in Year 5 and live in Birmingham, are due to receive a letter by email this week regarding their child's transfer to secondary education in September 2024.

Parent/carers will be able to submit an online application from 1 September 2023 and are urged to apply for their child to transfer to secondary school by the national closing date of 31 October 2023. Further Information about the application process will be available on the council's website from 1 September 2023.

If you need assistance or guidance in this process; please contact school in the autumn term and we will be able to assist you with this.



Fun-filled, active and inclusive summer holiday play sessions for children **aged 8-12** who have a disability or special educational need and/or are eligible for free school meals. Healthy lunch and snacks provided. Priority given to children living local to Brandwood and Kings Heath.

Morning club
9.30am-12pm

Afternoon club*
1-3pm

Stay & Play - meet the team!
Thursday 27 July

Club dates

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 August
Thursdays 3, 10 & 17 August

*The afternoon sessions are designed specifically for children with higher needs.

Booking & registration essential

FREE!

Visit www.ourscene.org/fit-for-all/ to express interest or call Suze on 07476 898419.

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Bring Brum

Some of our very talented musicians had the opportunity to perform in Symphony Hall in Birmingham this week as part of the Services for Education Youth Proms event.

It was quite an evening, with children, (and staff!), feeling a little nervous and excited in equal measures! When their moment came, children performed magnificently and got a rousing reception from the audience. Their WE CAN attitude certainly shone through.

As usual, many staff from both Symphony Hall and the Music Service commented on our excellent behaviour. Well done to everybody involved and to parents for supporting this. It is certainly something the children will remember for a long time.

Symphony Hall Visit



Phoebe had the most amazing time. I would like to personally thank you, Mrs Ridley, and all the staff for allowing her to perform at such a beautiful venue and be a part of history for the school; plus all the hard work which went into last night.



Parent of Phoebe



Fun times at Blackwell Court Residential!

Last month some of year 5 & 6 pupils went on residential visit for three days. 'We had a fantastic time at Blackwell Court'. The sun shone on us and we took part in lots of great activities!



We learnt how to do archery and did the tree trek.

We had a camp fire and learnt some great songs that we are still singing!



The children took part in team-building games, learnt how to make a shelter as a part of a group and they even lit fires!

The children had a wonderful time, listened and participated brilliantly. A good day was had by all!

Y5 BUSHCRAFT WORKSHOP

At the end of June, the children took part in a 'Bushcraft Workshop', which was run by two members of Ackers Trust.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

17 July Y6 Leavers Disco 6pm - 8pm.
 18 July KS1 End of Year Awards Assembly at 9am
 Music Concert for parents at 2pm
 18-19 July Reception Home visits
 18 July Drop in Parents Evening; 3:30-4pm
 19 July KS2 End of Year Awards Assembly at 9am
 20 July Y6 Leavers Assembly
 21 July School closes to pupils for the summer break at 3:20pm
 24-25 July Teacher Training days - school closed to pupils

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4th September Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
 5th September Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
 6th September School opens to all pupils

Reception Class September 2023 Induction Process

18th-19th July	Home Visits - request this by completing form enclosed in your pack
4th-5th September	Teacher Training days-school closed to all pupils.
6th September	Stay and Play session.
7th September	Your child will stay for the morning session.
8th September	Your child will stay in school all morning, stay for lunch and be collected after lunch.
11th September	Your child will stay in school and be full time from then on, providing they have settled.

We would like to provide advance notice of our Welcome Meetings in September. You are invited to attend where you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out information about the coming year. All meetings commence at 9am.

Year 6	Tuesday 12th September
Year 2	Wednesday 13th September
Year 1	Thursday 14th September
Year 3	Tuesday 19th September
Year 4	Wednesday 20th September
Year 5	Thursday 21st September

Thank you for all your support with the recent book sale.

We were given some amazing book donations, many of which we kept for the library.

We had a really good turnout for the sale and raised **£68.90** which will all go on new library books that the children have requested.

Book Sale



Uniform Purchasing

Please order this in the usual way through Schoolmoney.

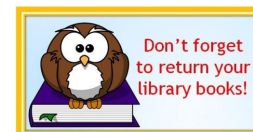
We have plenty of stock on most items, but suggest you order early to avoid disappointment!

Orders will be prepared and you will be notified when this is ready for collection.



Our recent Summer Fayre Raised an amazing £1091.02

Thank you for your support



A reminder that all dinner money, trips and music fees must be paid before we close for the summer break.

We are unable to extend credit. Thank you for your support



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.

Local Authority Term Dates 2022 - 2024

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

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 when school is closed to pupils:
 4th & 5th September 2023
 6th November 2023
 8th January 2024
 22nd July 2024

A huge congratulations to our new School Captains.

They have survived a rigorous process including a letter of application and interview.

Very well done to Isaac, Diego, Emilie-Rose and Salsabil who take up their positions in September.



MUSIC CONCERT

There will be a Music Concert on Tuesday 18th July at 2pm.

Come and watch our musicians perform and our choir sing.

