



Grendon Primary School
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A note from Mrs Ridley....

What a busy start to term it has been! You will know over the last few years, just how important it is been for us to ensure that our children are fully engaged and involved in school life. As such, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed our School Captains and Junior Leaders for the year. A huge congratulations to Emilie-Rose, Isaac, Diego and Salsabil all from Year 6, for not only surviving the recruitment process that included writing letters of application, being short listed and then interviewed by myself and last years School Captains, but for their successful appointment as School Captains for this year. Also, children have voted and chosen a Junior Leader to represent each class from Year 1 to Year 6. Congratulations to Sianna, Ella, Roman, Lola, Jaxon, Alden, Lovelle, Lillie, Aiza, Abed, Khalidou and Damien for delivering their speech and being elected by their class. They will be very busy this year organising Junior Leader days for the whole school and working to change and improve aspects of school and community that really matter to them. Well done to everyone, I really look forward to working with you all this year.

Best wishes
Mrs Ridley

Important Reminders



Gates open at 8:40am. Registration takes place at 8:50am.

- It is parents/carers responsibility to report a child's absence. You need to call the office before 9:00am. Please clearly state your child's name and class and reason. For absence.
- 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.
- If your child has a medical appointment, please bring in proof and notify the office in advance if you need to collect your child early.
- Book Bags and PE kits are required in school every day.
- Dinner money is **£12:50** per week. This needs to be paid in advance on a **Monday, payable through Schoolmoney. We cannot extend credit.** Changes to lunch arrangements must be provided to the office giving 2 weeks notice.
- School uniform should be worn at all times and clearly labelled with your child's name.** We do keep stock which can be ordered from 'The Shop' in Schoolmoney. We will contact you when your order is ready for collection.
- We have a substantial amount of good quality second-hand uniform in school and by way of helping families will be offering you the chance to 'help yourself' to these items. We will let you know the date but expect it to be before half term.
- The weather is changing daily and ask that you send your child in with a coat.
- Long hair needs to be tied back. Any hair coverings or accessories must be in school colours. Children should not have colours in their hair for school. No jewellery other than stud earrings should be worn.
- If anyone, other than yourself is collecting your child from school, you need to let us know by 1pm. We will not release your children to anyone without prior notification. We will question anyone you have sent to collect your children on your behalf without speaking to us.
- We have sent out Data Checking Sheets and other important forms requiring your completion. Please return asap.

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival celebration will take place in school this year on Monday 16th October. Parents are welcome to attend.
Reception to Y3 will take place in the KS2 hall, at 9:15am prompt.
Y4 - Y6 will take place in the KS2 hall at 2:40pm prompt. Both assemblies will be based on the same theme. We hope to continue to support people in our local community through 'The Yardley Wood Food Pantry'. Please collect tins, packets and other foods that have a long expiry date so that they can be shared amongst families that need it most.
We will accept donations from Monday 9th October.

Thank you for your support with this.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2024

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 & 31/08/2020 they will be able to start school in September 2024. You can apply for a primary school place from **1st October 2023. Applications must be completed on-line at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

Closing date for applications is: **15th January 2024.**

Places will be offered by the local authority in April 2024.

OPEN EVENING - September 2024 Intake

We are pleased to be inviting parents/carers of children due to start Reception in September 2024, to attend our 'Open Day' which will be held on:

Wednesday 15th November
Times: 2pm-3pm and 6pm-7pm

IMPORTANT - SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2024

An important notice for Year 6 Parents/Carers - you NOW need to apply for your child's Secondary school place. **Closing date for all applications is 31st October 2023. Details of open evenings can be found on school websites.**

You must apply on line at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
We are here to help if you need support - just let us know.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



25 September	RSPCA visiting Y2
6 October	Year 4 Skills Challenge Training
11 October	Year 4 Visit to Black Country Museum
16 October	Harvest Assembly
17 October	Year 6 Graffiti Workshop
23 October	Flu Vaccinations for pupils in Reception-Y6
25 October	School Photographer in
27 October	School closes at 3:20pm for half term
6 November	School closed to pupils for Teacher Training
7 November	School re-opens to pupils
8 November	Year 1 Share Session - details to follow
15 November	Grendon Open Day for Prospective Parents
16 November	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
17 November	Junior Leader Day - 'Children in Need' charity day
21 November	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre Visit

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 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2023
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**
Terms ends: Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April
Half Term: **Monday 27 May 2023 to Friday 1 June**
Term Ends: Monday 22 July

Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
6th November 2023, 8th January 2024 & 22 July 2024

MUSIC TUITION

Music Fees are **£35 per term**, per instrument; payable in advance at the beginning of each term. (September, January & April).

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument and in Y3 - Y6, we offer lessons in Violin, Flute & Clarinet. Please complete and return the letter of interest available from Mr Bache.



Instrument	Day	Time
Flute & Clarinet	Wednesday	1:15 - 3:15pm
Violin	Tuesday	1pm - 3pm

MUSIC MATTERS!



School Photographs



The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 25th October** to take the children's portraits.

- All children are required to wear full school uniform
- Children who have siblings in school will have their photograph taken together unless you tell us otherwise.

Photographs can be viewed and ordered online.

Wheelers ebooks:

Wheelers ebooks is an online reading system available for all children. This can be accessed through our school website. Click on 'library' and follow the instructions on how to download the app and log in. If you have any difficulty with access please email your child's class teacher.



Road Safety

You will be aware of all the amazing work our Junior Leaders have done over the last few years to improve safety on Grendon Road. This includes, working with 3 local councillors, park and stride initiatives, posters outside school, the speed camera and double yellow lines on Grendon Road and a Clean Air Monitor on our school building. Despite this, congestion on Grendon Road seems worse than ever at the start of this term. This is not a behaviour that we can change ourselves - we need your support. Wherever possible, please park further away and walk the final part to school. If you are parking, **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.

Behaviour at Grendon

Anytime we have a visitor in school or our children go out of school on a trip or visit, we have many comments about just how well behaved our children are. You will remember that last year, we began to trial a new behaviour policy that allowed us to challenge the children to show exceptional behaviour and for us to recognise and celebrate this. Our new 'Ready to Learn' system worked brilliantly and is now part of policy. Please find attached a leaflet that explains our approach and introduces our new school rules - Grendon's Goals! Children are already busy earning House Points for meeting Grendon's Goals - ask them to tell you about it!

Attendance week beginning 11.9.23. Congratulations to 2P, 4M and 5H, who were the only classes to reach our 97% target.

RW	1C	1T	2P	2B	3H	3J	4G	4M	5H	5F	6N	6B
93.3%	91.1%	93.5%	97.1%	94.6%	96.2%	96.3%	95.4%	98.2%	97.3%	88.9%	95.9%	94.4%

Toilets

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

Office Opening Hours

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

