

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents,

### Parents Evening

Our first parents evening of the year will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.40pm - 5.40pm. As we started last year, and to improve efficiency for both us and yourselves, you will need to book your appointments online. Please use the link below. You will need your name and email address exactly as you have provided it for our records. You will also be asked to enter your child's name and date of birth. This will take you to the home page. Please click the blue "make/edit my own booking" option and simply click the time that is convenient. Remember to scroll down the page to see both days, and chose either a Wednesday or Thursday appointment. You will then get an email confirmation of this day and time. If for any reason you need to cancel, please log back in and cancel your appointment. This will free that time for other parents to select. We will use the same structure as for our previous parents evening. You will get academic and pastoral information, including attendance print outs and details of any additional interventions that your child is involved in.

[www.parents-booking.co.uk/grendon](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/grendon)

### Harvest Festival

You will have seen from our newsletter, that Harvest Festival celebrations will take place in school this year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are welcome to attend. Reception to Y3 will take place in the KS2 hall, at 9:15am. Y4 - Y6 will take place in the KS2 hall at 2:40pm. Both assemblies will be based on the same theme. We will continue to support people in our local community through 'The Yardley Wood Food Pantry'. We will accept donations from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Food Pantry have asked especially this year for donations of sugar, soup, pot noodles, pasta sauces, tinned meats, baked beans, small packs of pasta, biscuits and long life milk.

### School Dinners

We have not increased the cost of school dinners, for those that pay, for some time, despite increases in cost of this service to schools. We cannot put off increasing cost any longer, unfortunately. From after half term, the cost of a meal will rise 10p to £2.60. The weekly cost will be £13 from 7<sup>th</sup> November. This should be paid online through our School Money system.

### Social Media

We are excited to let you know that we will be launching our Grendon Facebook page after half term. We will be able to share all of our news and achievements with you instantly as well as send reminders about events. Please look out for further details soon.

### Attendance

Thank you for working with us on our mission to improve our attendance. We have already noticed that communication has improved and would like to thank you for this. We also know that there has been lots of genuine illness around already this term that has affected attendance. Please see below for attendance for last week.

RW	1C	1T	2B	2P	3J	3H	4G	4M	5F	5H	6N	6B
90.3%	93.0%	92.1%	91.7%	100%	91%	93.1%	95%	95.6%	94.4%	92.1%	96.7%	86.6%

A huge well done to 2P - all of the class were in school every day! Amazing! Very well done to you all.

### Whole School Day

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our first Whole School Day of the year. These are designed to extend learning beyond the curriculum and excite and engage children in school life. We are pleased to let you know that this day will be a whole school Art day. We don't want to tell you too much about it at the moment because it will spoil the surprise! For now, all you need to know is children can come to school in their own clothes, no football shirts please. The brighter, the bolder and more fun the better! There will also be an opportunity for you to come in and view the work of our very talented artists!

Best Wishes

Mrs Ridley