



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

Nativity Service

In order to give you plenty of notice, I can confirm the following arrangements for this year's Nativity Service. We have had a long tradition at Grendon of taking children to church for this service, but in recent years, Covid restrictions and weather conditions have meant that this has not been possible and that we have been forced into making late changes which has inconvenienced us all. This year, we have decided to hold the service in school to rule out this uncertainty.

The nativity service will begin at 9.30am and be held in the KS2 hall.

- Doors will be open from 9.15am for parents. **We will not be able to admit latecomers as doors will be in use for performers.**
- We will not be able to admit pushchairs, younger children or babies into the performance.
- The choir, our small group of performers and our Reception children will be part of the whole performance.
- All other classes will join to sing their class song and then leave, as if they are performing in a concert.
- There will be mince pies, tea and coffee for parents after the service.

We will allow you to take photographs, we recognise what an important occasion this is. However, in line with our e-safety and acceptable use policies that you signed at the start of the year, any photos with other children included should be for your own use only. You do not have permission to publish any photos other than of your own children on social media.

As the service is in school and not in church, we will include all children as we do at Easter, for Harvest and at other times of the year. Learning respect, tolerance and about other religions is central to the RE curriculum. We absolutely respect all faiths and beliefs. If you do not want your child to be in the hall at all for this service, please let the school office know.



FACEBOOK AT GRENDON

We will be highlighting all the wonderful things that happen at Grendon and sharing key dates and information with you.



Children in Need

Last week the whole school supported Children in Need. *It was great to see everyone participating in the activities. All the children enjoyed it; especially taking part in the 'bearpees' house challenge!*
Did you know we raised £224.00. Well done everyone!
There is still time to donate - please pay via Schoolmoney.

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Big Ambition Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England has asked us to share the following link to a nationwide survey. She states that 'The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard'. Children and/or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Please take the opportunity to teach your child just a little about politics and why their voice is important.
Let's make Grendon's voices heard!



Attendance

Thank you so much your support with improving attendance.

Remember that for children to get their HERO stamps they have to be at school everyday and on time (8.40 - 8.50)

Raffle tickets are given to children who have 5 stamps on their HERO Charts each week. Our prize draw for Smyths Toy Store gift cards will be drawn on 22nd December. The more Raffle tickets your child has the better their chance of winning a Gift card!

We are here to help, if you are experiencing difficulties preventing your child's regular punctual attendance at school.

We are a Local Authority School and therefore we do follow their guidance for ensuring and enforcing regular and punctual attendance at school. We will do everything we can to ensure your child receives their right to an education.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



29 November	Y2 Share Session: Animals
13 December	Fire Service visiting Y4 at 2pm
15 December	Christmas Lunch
19 December	Feel Good Friday/Out of School Awards
20 December	Nativity in school at 9:30am
22 December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties (1:30pm)
22 December	Music Concert
22 December	Christmas Jumper Day
22 December	School Closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm
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9 January	School closed to pupils for teacher training
9 February	School re-opens to pupils
19 February	School closes for half term
22 March	School re-opens to staff & Pupils
8 April	School closes for the Easter holiday
6 May 2023	School re-opens to staff & pupils
	School closed for May Day Holiday

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!

This year we have signed up to Picture News to provide some of our assembly content.



Picture news provides teachers with up to date, child friendly news stories from around the world. Sharing these stories in assembly allows children to develop their understanding of current affairs and their own place in the world. Each assembly is linked to our British Values and our UNICEF Children's Rights, which you will know are 2 of Grendon's Goals. Included in our subscription are take home discussions and a short summary of interesting news stories. We hope you are enjoying the weekly updates.

Christmas Event Timetable

13th December - Christmas Lunch

19th December - Nativity Service in school and Christmas Parties

20th December - Music Concert

22nd December - Christmas Jumper Day

22nd December - School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm.



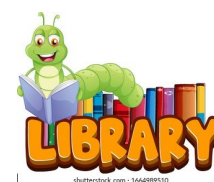
PLEASE NOTE OUR LIBRARY OPENING TIMES:

8:10 - 8:40am on the following days:
(Doors close at 8:20am)

MONDAY: For Years 3 & 4 only

TUESDAY: For Years 1 & 2 only

WEDNESDAY: For Years 5 & 6 only



Friday 22nd December will be a Christmas Jumper day to wear with your uniform, i.e. normal uniform but Christmas jumper instead of school jumper!



Just a reminder that Dinner money is now £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week) and should be paid in advance on a Monday.

If you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements; you must notify the office.

Bring It On Brum! Is running FREE activity clubs throughout the winter school holidays for pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Each club will run for up to seven days and each child is eligible to attend four sessions. Codes and full instructions have already been issued to parents of eligible children - **Please check your emails!**

Holiday clubs will run between 27th & 29th December 2023 and 2nd & 5th January 2024. Most holiday clubs will run during the first week of January. Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type of provision and location of each club, but every day young people will get a nutritious meal served up for free!

Bookings for winter holiday clubs will open from Monday 4 December 23 at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

The website will be updated regularly as new providers are confirmed. If you are unable to find a suitable holiday club straight away; please check back again regularly.

Booked but can't attend?

During some of the earlier programmes, Bring it on Brum! experienced a number of non-attendees. We would encourage parents who book activities for their children and can no longer attend, to kindly contact the provider and cancel the booking so the space can be given to another child.

Support Contact:

If your query concerns distribution of the code and letter to parents of eligible children, please contact:
SchoolCensus@birmingham.gov.uk

For all queries related to the Holiday Activities Programme please contact Birminghamholidayactivities@streetgames.org



Toilets

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

Office Opening Hours

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

