

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents,

### Welcome Meetings

A huge thank you to all of you who attended. We hope you found your session helpful. Overall 55% of parents attended, which has increased consistently from 36% when we started these sessions in 2021. Slides from the meeting have been sent out for your reference. Again, many thanks for your support. Because we never give up at Grendon and always use our WE CAN attitudes, we would obviously like to see even more of you joining us for these sessions. To help us improve further and make this even more accessible for yourselves, please can you take two minutes to click on the link below and complete the survey.

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### Parents' Evening

Our first parents evening of the year will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3.35pm - 5.45pm. 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.

<http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/grendon>

### School Uniform

It is great to see our children looking so smart in their Grendon uniforms. I have attached our uniform policy for your reference. We often hold pop up uniform shops where you can come and choose second hand uniform items for no cost. Please keep an eye out for details of these if you are interested. Please can I remind you that leggings are NOT part of school uniform. We will speak to children and yourselves about this if leggings are continually worn.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest assemblies this year will be held on

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Both assemblies will start at 9.00am. We would love you to join us.

We will continue to support the Yardley Wood Food Pantry this year, as we know that they support so many of you and our school community so well. They have asked especially for donations of non-perishable food items. If you can donate even 1 item, we would be really grateful. We will accept donations from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October onwards. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Parking

You will know that this is a common theme in my letters. Those of you who have had children at Grendon for a while, will know how much work our Junior Leaders have done to try and improve safety and the environment around our school. This includes, warning poster, no parking signs, speed warning signs, double yellow lines, making videos, speaking to councillors, air quality monitors, walk to school initiatives, whole school days and much, much more. We have even achieved our Modeshift Stars Outstanding award this year for everything we have done.

Unfortunately, we are aware that despite our continuing efforts, Grendon Road is still not a safe place before or after school. We continue to get complaints both from yourselves and residents about inconsiderate parking.

I have said before that this is not something that I can change myself. I need your support to change your habits before there is a serious incident.

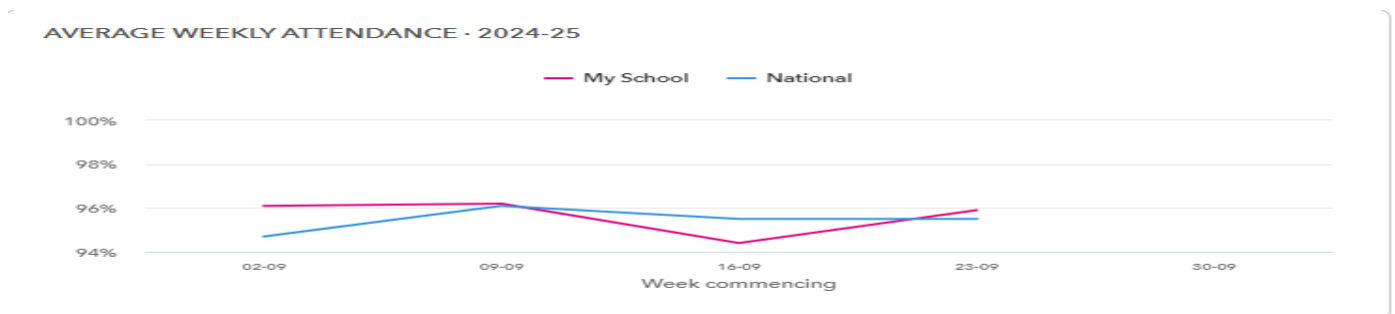
The following link is to the video that children produced this year. Please watch it again, listen to what they said and help us to help your children.

[Grendon Primary - Road Safety Video](#)

### Attendance

You will remember how hard we all worked to improve our school attendance last year and it worked! In September, our attendance was much improved from last September, an amazing start, but we still have work to do as the graph below shows.

Please remember that we are here to help and support with any attendance issues, just come and talk to us. Together we really can ensure children's right to education is met and that they are **Here Everyday Ready to Learn and On time**.



As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ridley