



Grendon Primary School
 13 September 2017
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Welcome back parents, children and staff! I hope you all had a good rest during the summer break. A particular welcome to all the new families who have joined us.

We welcome the following staff -
 Miss S Smith who is teaching Year 1, Mrs K Godfrey who will be teaching across school.
 Teaching Assistants - Mrs H Leavy, Miss J Gwinnett, Miss Mason & Mrs Weller

Please check the calendar overleaf and website for forthcoming events as they are being regularly updated

Ms T Pyke
 Head Teacher



Fire Drills/Lockdown

We will, as usual, be holding unannounced fire practice drills in school. Following Government guidance, we will also be practising Lockdown procedures used, if there should be an external threat to school as detailed in a letter issued this week. Security provision has been reviewed as part of this process in order that your children's safety and care is paramount.

Data Checking Forms

We will soon be sending out various forms including a Data Checking sheet, which requires completing and returning to school asap. Please check all information for accuracy and amend where necessary. **It is really important that we have up to date contact numbers in case of an emergency.**
Thank you for your cooperation

Parent Welcome Meetings

Please come in where you can meet your child's class teacher and find out what children will be learning this term:

Dates are as follows:

- 13 Sept - 2:45pm Year 1
- 14 Sept - 2:30pm Year 4
- 18 Sept - 2:40pm Year 2
- 19 Sept - 2:40pm Year 3
- 2:45pm Reception
- 21 Sept - 2:50pm - Year 5
- 22 Sept - 9:10am Year 6
- 26 Sept - 3:30pm Year 2

Well done to everyone for settling back into school. Everyone looks really smart



We remind you of the following:

- Parents and children should not be on site before 8:50am
- Children should be in their line at 8.55am.
- Children arriving after 9am 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.
- All absences must be reported by parents by 9.30am and a reason provided.
- Book Bags and PE kits are required in school every day.
- Dinner money must be paid on Monday mornings either directly to the office or via the class teacher, in a named envelope. Changes to dinner arrangements need to be given 2 weeks in advance in person to the office.
- Please send your child in with a drink of plain water in a named bottle. Water is freely available from the water coolers in school. All other drinks must remain on the trolley for break/lunchtime.
- School uniform needs to be worn at all times and clearly labelled with your child's name. Shoes should be worn in school., not boots or trainers.
- The weather is changing daily and ask that you send your child in with a coat
- Staff are happy to help with any questions you may have; the best time to speak to your child's class teacher is at the end of the day or make an appointment at the office - mornings are very busy!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place in school on Tuesday 26 September at 9:15am.

We would be happy to receive donations of Tins, Groceries etc. which will be donated to **FareShare**

(www.fareshare.org.uk) who amongst other things contribute towards providing 18.3 million meals per year.



School Photographs

Our photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 17th October** to take individual portraits. Children who have siblings in school will have their photograph taken together unless you tell us otherwise. Please ensure the eldest child in your family knows that he/she must collect brothers/sisters (including Nursery) for their photograph, when sent for. Thank you

Parent's Evening

- 8 Nov - 3:30 - 5:30pm
- 9 Nov - 4:30 - 6:30pm

Having listened to parent views, we have amended the format of parents evening for this term. As a result we will be holding this over two evenings giving parents additional time.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!

13 Sept	Y1 WOW day - Castles Theme
20 Sept	Y2 WOW Day
22 Sept	Y4 WOW Day
26 Sept	Harvest Festival 9:15am
27 Sept	Y6 WOW Day - Vikings Theme
29 Sept	Y5 WOW Day - Anglo Saxon Theme
6 Oct	Y3 WOW Day - Egyptian Theme
9 Oct	Y1 Trip to Tamworth Castle
10 Oct	Y2 Trip to Aston Hall
17 Oct	School Photographer in school
17 Oct	Nursery Stay and Play 11-12pm
20 Oct	School Closes for half term
30 Oct	School opens to Staff only
31 Oct	School Re-opens to pupils
3 Nov	Enterprise trip (Details TBC)
4 Nov	Reception WOW Day
8 Nov	Flu Vaccinations for Pupils in Reception-Year 4
8 Nov	Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:30pm
9 Nov	Parents Evening 4:30 - 6:30pm
14 Nov	School Open Day for New Intake
22 Dec	School closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm
8 Jan 2018	School re-opens to staff only
9 Jan 2018	School re-opens to pupils

Full details of events will be sent out in advance
Dates correct at time of going to print!

School Year 2017 to 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2017

Half Term: Monday 23 October 2017 to Friday 27 October 2017

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2018

Half Term: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 February 2018

Term Ends: Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 16 April 2018

Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 1 June 2018

Term Ends: Tuesday 24 July 2018

Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
4 & 5th September, 30th October 2017, 8th January 2018,
24th July 2018



IMPORTANT NOTE

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please **DO NOT** send in food or snacks containing nuts or nut products. Thank you

Instrument	Day	Time
Brass	Tuesday	8:50 - 9:50am
Recorder	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30am
Cello	Wednesday	11:20 - 12:20pm
Violin	Thursday	1:00 - 3:15pm
Orchestra	Thursday	3:15 - 4:00pm

Music

Lessons are heavily subsidised by school. Our fees are **£35 per term**, per instrument.; payable at the beginning of each term. If you wish to pay for the whole year, this will be at the

reduced fee of £100 (£5 saving). If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument please complete and return the letter of interest sent out by Mr Bache last week.

MUSIC MATTERS!



Family Assemblies



We enjoy celebrating special events and assemblies with you. We have Easter and Christmas celebrations where we encourage everyone to join us as well as SEAL (special achievement) assemblies at the end of every term. On **Friday afternoons** we have Good Work assemblies. Parents are welcome to attend these; if your child has an award we will let you know in advance. The Assemblies are usually at **2.45pm** in the **Infant and Junior Halls**.

Please be prompt as we will be unable to accommodate latecomers!

Uniform



Sold after 3pm daily, we have most sizes available. Order forms are available from Reception

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



Dinner Money is £11.25 per week



Please make payment on a **Monday Morning** by cash or cheque. *We cannot accept card payments.*

Pizza Day is on Friday and costs £2.25

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2018

Year 6 Parents/Carers - You must now apply for your child's Secondary school place. Closing date for all applications is **31st October**. Details of open evenings can be found on BCC and schools' websites.

You can apply on line at-
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Office Opening Hours



8:50-9:30am
3:00-3:30pm