



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

We are very pleased with the new gym equipment that was installed in the side playground over half term. Thank you for all of your positive comments, it is good to see you enjoying it almost as much as the children! We will now begin to plan improvements to the equipment in the front playground.

On another positive note, we were delighted to receive replies from almost one quarter of our families regarding our plans to introduce wraparound care at Grendon. All who replied thought it would be a good idea, with many of you interested in using the proposed provision in the future. We will move forward with the next stage of this process and keep you up to date with developments.

Finally, many of you will remember the flooding that closed school, and damaged local properties and businesses in May 2018. You will be aware that there has been work done in Grendon Road and Warstock Road since. We are glad to say that the local authority will soon begin work to improve drainage on the school site. This work is expected to last between 6-12 weeks. We are able to work with contractors to ensure that this work can be completed during term time. It may be that children use different playgrounds for a while, but our site means that we are able to accommodate this. Obviously all health and safety requirements will be met. This work will reduce the risk of school flooding in the future....fingers crossed!

Thank you for your continued support.

Swimming

Swimming forms part of the curriculum. It is a lesson just like Maths, Music or any other. All children are required to participate unless there is a medical condition preventing them from doing so, in which case we would need evidence.

Parents/carers will be notified in advance when your child's class is due to swim.

Please provide your child with suitable swimwear and a towel.



Easter Events

Wednesday 1st April at 9:10am in Junior Hall
Easter Assembly for KS2 (Years 3-6)



Thursday 2nd April at 9:10am in Junior Hall
Easter Bonnet Parade for children in Reception - Year 2

We look forward to seeing you and your child's fabulous creations!

Attendance and Leave in term time

4 of our families have been issued with a fine recently. This is due to not ensuring regular attendance at school and for taking their children out of school for leave during term time. 3 of these cases have gone to the magistrates court with one resulting in a fine of over £300. Please support your children to do their best in their learning by ensuring they attend regularly and on time.



EASTER SPECIAL MENU

The cooks will be serving a special Easter lunch on **Thursday 2nd April** comprising of the following:



Roast Turkey with sumptuous stuffing
Eggstra Special Omelette
Battered fish

Ray of Sunshine Sweetcorn
Peas
Crunchy carrot patch
New and Roast potatoes

Delightfully iced Easter shortbread biscuits

If your child does not usually have a school meal but would like to have this special lunch, please order at the office by Friday 27th March. Cost is £2.35.

ST BRIAVELS RESIDENTIAL MEETING

Parents whose children are taking part in St Braviels Residential visit are invited to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 10th March at 3:20pm in Class 3G.**

A Kit List will be issued and medical information will need to be provided. There are still a few places available if your child is interested in taking part. Forms are available from the office.



Advanced warning that the clocks go forward by 1 hour on **Sunday 29th March** at 2am.
Don't forget!

Easter Holiday

School will close for the Easter holidays on:
Friday 3rd April at 3:15pm.
We will re-open on:
Monday 20th April at 9:00am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10 March	St Briavels Parent Meeting at 3:20pm
11 March	Netball Competition KHBS 3:30-5pm
12 March	Y2 trip to Cadbury World
17 March	Life Education workshop - Y5 & Y6
1 April	KS2 Easter Assembly at 9:10am
2 April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade at 9:10am
3 April	School Closes for Easter at 3:15pm
20 April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
21 April	Y1 Dance Track Workshop in school
28 April	School Photographer in - Class photos and Y6 individual portraits
8 May	Bank Holiday - School closed
21-22 May	St Briavels Residential - Y3 & Y4
22 May	School closes for half term at 3:15pm
1 June	School re-opens to staff and pupils
17-19 June	Blackwell Court Residential

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

Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020
Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Term Ends: Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20 April
Half Term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Term Ends: Friday 17 July

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Tuesday 1st September
Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
Term Ends: Friday 18 December

Teacher Training Day when school is **closed** to pupils:
20th July 2020

Smart Watches

We have noticed a number of children wearing 'Smart Watches'. Could we ask that children don't wear them in school.
Thank you.



There is a change to the day when Our Speech & Language Therapists are in school. They will now be here on a Wednesday.

Extra Curricular Activities

Monday:	Netball 3:15 - 4:15pm
Tuesday:	Violin & Cello with Mr Bacanu Orchestra - 3:15 - 4:00pm
Wednesday:	Breakfast Sports Club - 8am start Choir with Mr Bache 3:15 - 4:00pm
Thursday:	Woodwind tuition with Miss Fox Change for Life 3:15 - 4:15pm
Friday:	Brass tuition with Ms Sohal

Please make sure your child is collected promptly from these activities. If you haven't yet paid your music fees for this term; please do so asap!

Mathematical Multiplication tables check - Year 4.

Parents have been to a meeting and there is a leaflet on our website that provides more information, please have a look!



SATs TESTS

Reminder of dates

Y6 w/c 11 May
Y2 - during May

Please ensure your child is in school during this important time.

Reception 2020

Please be aware places are due to be offered by the local authority on 16th April.

Acceptances need to be returned to the school by 30th April.

RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS

THESE NEED TO BE KEPT CLEAR



- **Parking across someone's drive is not acceptable.**

Be respectful to our neighbours and our community – do the right thing – park considerately

HIGHWAY CODE: Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

School will continue to follow guidance laid out by Public Health England, which can be found on their website and up to date advice which can be found on GOV.UK. Please follow guidance regarding personal hygiene especially more frequent hand washing and the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' strategy for those with coughs and when sneezing.

