

Gresham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Whole school attendance

98%

Thank you for your continuing support.

Highest attending class

Year 3 100%

Well done

Thank you

We would like to thank all the families adhering to the government guidelines and helping to keep our community safe. We would particularly like to express our gratitude to the many families who have had to undertake the often time consuming and unsettling task of testing themselves and their children. We so very much appreciate the lengths so many of you have gone to protect the children, staff and each other.

Tier 2

The school is now within a tier 2 area. Please ensure you are fully aware of the restrictions:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert>

Please note that if you live in a different tier, you must adhere to the rules of the highest tier.

SATS Announcement from the DfE

'For primary assessments, key stage 1 tests in English reading and mathematics, and the English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests at key stage 1 and 2 will be removed for one year, in recognition of the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Schools can take a flexible approach to the administration of the key stage 2 tests and phonics screening check, by extending the original timetable by a week, until 26 May and 25 June, respectively.

Although primary performance data will not be published, teacher assessment in English reading, writing and mathematics at key stage 1, and

all other assessments at key stage 2, will remain. These measures will help to understand pupils' lost time in education and support those that need it most, providing vital information to parents and assisting with pupils' transition to secondary schools.'

Summary

	Reading	Writing	Maths	GPS
Year 1	Phonics Screening Check	NA	NA	NA
Year 2	Teacher Assessment	Teacher Assessment	Teacher Assessment	Assessment removed
Year 6	Test	Teacher Assessment	Test	Assessment removed

Whether a subject is assessed by the teacher, through a formal test or has been removed, we will continue to teach a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum.

Christmas Art Project

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported our Christmas Art Project so far. We are now coming to the end of the project for this Christmas with just a few more days to order.

We have had a couple of parents notify us that they do not have a PayPal account so are unable to place an order. Please be aware there is an option to pay with a credit or debit card without registering for PayPal. This link is just below the PayPal sign in.



Also, 'My Child's Art' are replenishing their stock regularly, so it is worth checking back to see if out of stock items are back in stock.

Teeth Resources

Some classes will come home with a tooth brush, tooth paste and information leaflets. These have been donated to the school and have been quarantined before being given out to the children. You may also wish to wipe down the resources when they are taken out of bags. Please share the information with your child to get the most out of these gifts.

Thank you again for all your support.

Parents Association News

Online Panto - Last chance to buy tickets today (Friday) - 18:00!

Tickets for the virtual performance of Jack and the Beanstalk are only available until 6pm tonight. For more details and to book click here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/greshampa>
Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets so far!

Festive Elf Trail - Last chance to buy tickets today (Friday) - 23:55!

We hope you enjoyed last week's teaser trailer for our Elf Trail. If you missed it, we're very sorry but it has now 'elf'-destroyed!

However you can still join in the fun if you apply 'your-elves' and book your tickets today before 23.55! Click on the link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/greshampa>

Trail packs will be winging their way out to ticket holders shortly and you are in for a treat! A huge thank you to Tamsin Skilton who has so beautifully brought our elf story to life with her designs.

Secret Santa - Friday 11th December, maximum £2 per child

We are so pleased to be able to bring Secret Santa back to Gresham this year. The event will take place outside weather permitting. Full details are on the attached poster and on the website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/greshampa>

PTA Big Raffle - tickets now sold out!

Well done to everyone who managed to snap up their tickets as they sold out mid-week. Draws start from Monday 7th December and we're keeping our fingers crossed for some Gresham winners! Thank you for your ticket purchases.

Bauble competition - Deadline for photos Monday 14th December

All participating children will have received their bauble in class this week. Email a photo of your bauble with your child's name and class in the title to: greshampa@gmail.com by Monday 14th December. One email per child please. We're looking forward to seeing your creative decorations!

Gresham Tea Towels - update

Tea towels are being printed and on schedule to be delivered to school week commencing Monday 14th December. Further updates will be given nearer the time.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.
Have a lovely weekend

