

# **Gresham Primary School**

## **Weekly Newsletter**

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### **Whole school attendance**

**98.1%**

**Thank you for your  
continuing support.**

### **Highest attending class**

**Year 4**

**100%**

**Well done!**

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>No events today</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Nasal Flu vaccinations. Consent (either yes or no) to be completed by <u>4pm today (10<sup>th</sup> September)</u></b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>MDL tennis coaching for children in Year 1-4 after school- sign up directly with MDL</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Soundstart begins for Year 3</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 5N to Whitgift School for hockey (am) Well being programme for Year 5 (both classes pm)</b>

### **Drop off before school**

Thank you for your support at drop off. The new system is working well with the children coming into school calmly and sensibly, ready for their day. We have noticed that some of the older children either come in themselves or are left promptly by parents. This is fine but please talk to your child about safety and staying in the playground and not leaving the premises. Both the vehicle gate and red gate are unmanned and we can not keep an eye on every child.

### **School Dinner Menu**

We have attached the new autumn menu that now has the dates on it.

## **ParentPay issue for children in Reception to Year 2**

We have realised that an error on ParentPay means that children in Reception to Year 2, who receive Universal Free School meals may be being charged a penny for them. This may result in parents receiving a debt reminder. Please be aware that these are auto-generated by the system, but can be ignored. We are working with ParentPay to resolve the issue and send apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### **Incorrectly completed forms**

A number of the forms that we recently sent out have been incorrectly completed. These will be returned, via your child's school bag, in the next few days. Please look out for these and return them to the office as soon as possible.

### **Healthy lunchbox ideas**



#### **Keep them fuller for longer**

Base the lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



#### **Mix your slices**

If your child doesn't like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from one slice of white bread and one slice of wholemeal/brown bread.

Parents are reminded that no hot or warm food should be brought into school in flasks as this poses a potential hazard to the children.

### **School Tours for new Reception Parents**

We have a few dates in our diary for new reception tours. If you know anyone whose child will be starting in September 2022 please tell them to call the office to make an appointment.

### **Covid Mitigation Measures**

We understand that some parents have questions regarding the return to school and what measures are in place to help keep our pupils and community safe. Many processes remain in place, including:

Regular handwashing

Extra cleaning

One-way system for pupils

Tissue hygiene bins

Parent/carer outside access only and using one-way system

Limited access to visitors (including use of Covid forms)

Twice weekly lateral flow tests for staff

School ventilation

Although we no longer have official bubbles in place and children are free to play with whom they wish outside, there is very minimal mixing of classes inside.

If there are cases of Covid in the school, the school community will be notified and the class identified.

We would like to remind parents that we recommend that face coverings should continue to be worn at drop off and pick up, unless you are exempt.

## **Bikes**

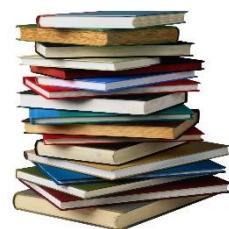
The school still has 4 bikes with 20" wheels which it no longer needs and would be happy for parents to have them in return for a donation to the school. They require a bit of TLC as they have not been used for a while. If you could make use of the bikes please contact the school office to arrange to view or collect them.



## **Library books.**

We have gone through the shelves over the summer and scanned every book to check what its status is. Therefore, if your child can't take a book out when the library reopens it will be because we have it on our records that is at home.

Please can everybody take a quick look at home for any books with barcodes on as we have just over 100 books loaned at the moment which haven't been returned to the school.



As you can imagine keeping the library organised is an on-going job. If you have any time to volunteer in the school library please e-mail the office.

Many thanks!

## **Medicines**

When your child brought home their inhalers or other medications at the end of the summer term new forms were included. As you will appreciate these are important as it is vital that we have up to date information on how to administer the medication. Please ensure that when you return your child's medication you include these completed forms.

## **PA News**

On Wednesday we welcomed new reception parents to Gresham with some Prosecco and nibbles. We were delighted that over 30 of you came along. (Prosecco on offer may have helped- duly noted for future events!)

It was a great opportunity to introduce ourselves as the new co-chairs of the PA and outline our aims this year. Put simply, the PA is about having fun, enjoying social activities with other parents/carers and making some money for the school to use to support our children.

We invite everyone to join our PA mailing list so we can share upcoming meetings and events with you.

There is no expectation, commitment needed or pressure.

To hear more just email us with your name and mobile number and we will add you to the mailing list and WhatsApp group: greshamschoolpa@gmail.com

Date for your diary: Wednesday 6th October: Gresham PA AGM @ the school.

We can't wait to hold our first event and start raising some money for the school.

*Little by little, a little becomes a lot.*

See you soon,

**Claudia and Andy  
Co-Chairs**

**Thank you for reading the newsletter  
Have a nice weekend**