



Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you all had a good summer holiday and a well deserved break. It has been a lovely start to the year and all the children are settling into their new classes. We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Please make sure that you check your child's bag and your emails regularly so that you do not miss out on important school news and events.

Mrs J. Hall

September 2018

GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



#### SEPTEMBER

- 14th Parent-Teacher meetings for F2 parents—by appointment
- 17th F2 children in full time
- 27th Macmillan Charity Day

#### OCTOBER

- Week beginning 1st Yr1 & Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
- 8th Curriculum Evening for KS1 parents 6pm
- 15th Curriculum Evening for Year F2 parents 6pm
- 18th Harvest celebration 9.15, invitation only
- 22nd-26th Half term holiday
- 29th Children return to school

#### NOVEMBER

- 1st Phonic sessions for F2 parents—more information to follow
- 7th Individual and family school photographs
- 12th Flu immunisation
- Week beginning 12th Parent Teacher meetings—by appointment
- 15th Year 2 Parents Assessment Meeting 8.30am
- 16th Children in Need Charity Day

### ATTENDANCE

#### Procedure for Children Arriving Late

School starts promptly at 8.55am for Years 1 & 2. F1 start at 8.45 with F2 starting at 9.00am. KS1 doors are open from 8.45 and F2 doors will also be open from this time as soon as the children are settled into school. If a child is late they should enter school via the main entrance and the parent needs to sign the 'late book' which is in the entrance foyer, giving the reason for lateness.



#### Medical appointments

If you need to collect your child for a medical/dental appointment prior notice is required and please report to the school office to sign your child out.



**Absence** - If your child is ill and will not be attending school it is very important that you contact the school office on the first day of absence. You can either phone, e-mail or call into the office. If the absence has not been reported by 9.30am, school will contact the parents to discuss the reasons.

[schooloffice@greasby-infant.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@greasby-infant.wirral.sch.uk)

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#### Absences:

The Headteacher is unable to authorise holidays in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. These need to be put in writing to the Headteacher and discussed with the school, prior to the absence. Children miss vital aspects of their education, when they are off school on holiday and they often find it difficult to catch up.

#### School Uniform

Please can I remind you to make sure all school uniform, including P.E. kits, coats etc are named. This makes it much easier to return lost property to its owner. The lost property box can be found outside the Headteachers office.



#### 100 Club

The money donated from FOGIS last year has been used to support the development of the reading for pleasure across the school. We have purchased new reading books for the class library and are creating an outdoor reading area which will be a fantastic resource and we hope that the children enjoy reading the new books.

FOGIS will shortly send a letter out to invite you to join the 100 club. Please return as soon as possible so that you do not miss the first draw of the year.

**Good luck to everyone this year.**

## Feedback from the End of Year Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who responded to the end of year questionnaires and for the wonderful supportive comments. We appreciate your feedback on school procedures and would like to update you on some of the strengths identified and areas for improvement. We will work on these areas throughout the year.

### Strengths

- **Staff** are caring, approachable, supportive, helpful, friendly, professional, understanding, hardworking and committed.
- **Curriculum** is varied, stimulating, enjoyable, supports good progress and builds confidence. Read, Write Inc is an excellent way of teaching phonics and the children enjoy learning in this manner.
- **Assessments** are informative and carried out in a relaxed, non stressful manner.
- **School Environment** is friendly, happy, caring, relaxed, nurturing, safe, and welcoming, with good parental involvement and a family atmosphere.
- **Tapestry** is an excellent tool for communicating with Foundation parents

### Areas for Development

- **Communication** – more notice for special events and regular reminders. Keep parents more informed of additional support children are receiving.
- **Parental Engagement**—vary the times of concerts and activities to which parents are invited, to make it easier for working parents to attend.

### **Before and After School**

Please can I remind you that it is your responsibility to supervise your children in the playground both before and after school. If your child uses the playground equipment during this time the school is not responsible for any accidents that may happen.

For the safety of all children, please make sure that bikes and scooters are put in the bike/scooter racks at the start of the day and not ridden around the playground. We want to keep everyone safe in the playground.



### **Parking**

Please can I ask that when you are bringing your children to and collecting them from school, you are considerate to those people who live on Hall Drive and Barker Lane. I know that it is very busy at these times, but please try to park safely, do not block drive ways or drive on the pavements. Please can I also remind you for the safety of all our children, to use the footpath and do not park in or walk through the school car park. If you have a specific need to use the school car park, please discuss with the Headteacher and request a parking permit. We ask that other parents do not park in the car park for the safety of all our children.

## SCHOOL MEALS

I am delighted to say that our children are really enjoying the new meals menu and happily tuck into their school lunches.

It is essential that you return your lunch order forms by the deadlines set, so that provisions can be ordered effectively. We all appreciate your support with this. The current lunch menu can be found on the school website:

[www.greasby-infant.eschools.co.uk](http://www.greasby-infant.eschools.co.uk)

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school milk please come and discuss your request with Mrs Fisher in the school office.



**Parent View**—Parents view is an online questionnaire that gives parents and carers the chance to tell Ofsted about their child's school. If you would like to share your views, a link can be found on our school website.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child needs to take any medication whilst they are in school, a Medication Permission and Record sheet needs to be completed before any medication can be administered in school.

Please contact the school office to discuss school policy and procedures regarding medicines.



### **Head Lice**

Please can you check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis. The recommendation from the school nurse is to check hair every 3-4 days. This is best done on wet hair using a fine tooth comb. If you have any concerns, you can discuss these with the school nurse by making an appointment via the school office.

**Asthma** If your child has asthma and needs an inhaler, please can you make sure that one is brought into school to be kept here and that the medication is named and in date. We do have an emergency inhaler in school and if you would like your child to be able to use this, in case of an emergency, please call into the school office to discuss with Mrs Fisher.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding medical conditions or issues an appointment can be made with the school nurse via the school office or by contacting Liz Caton [e.caton@nhs.net](mailto:e.caton@nhs.net)

