



Friday 21 July 2023

Dear Parents/carers

It has been another very busy year and I cannot quite believe it is the end of the summer term! I thought it would be useful to update you on a few things before the new term starts.

Return to school

School will be closed on Friday 1 September as we have an INSET day.
School reopens on Monday 4 September.

Changes to the school day

In the schools white paper (published in March 2022), the government announced that in order to give every pupil the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential, all mainstream, state-funded schools would be expected to deliver a minimum school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023. These changes do not apply to Nursery or Reception.

Most schools have a school week of at least this length, and others will have plans to meet the minimum expectation by September 2023.

However, in recognition of the pressures currently facing schools, the government have now announced that the deadline has been deferred to September 2024. The government is encouraging schools that are planning to increase their hours from this September to continue to do so.

Greenway Primary and Nursery school are 5mins short of the 32.5 hours required. The governors and senior leadership team have agreed the changes in the timings and these will commence from **1 September 2023. The only change is for Yr1-Yr 6 where the school day will finish at 3.20pm.**

New timings – 1 September 2023.

Nursery	9.00-12.00	30 hours	12.00-3.00pm
Reception	8.55-3.15pm		
Yr 1-Yr 6	8.50-3.20pm		

School Uniform

A useful reminder before term commences in September on our uniform policy.

Shoes

We expect all children in school to have a pair of black indoor shoes that they change into once they arrive at school. This really helps us to maintain a cleaner environment indoors especially when the weather changes in the autumn and winter.

Indoor shoes can be:

Black plimsolls or black trainers or their black fitted shoes. They SHOULD NOT be crocs or slippers.

Outdoor shoes can be:

Black trainers or their black fitted shoes.

The children require trainers for their outdoor PE session and these do not have to be black. However IF they are not black then these are only worn for PE. Many children wear their black trainers as their outdoor shoes and use these same trainers for PE. However this is a personal choice.

Year 6 gift

A big thank you to our Year 6 parents/carers who have kindly bought the school a circular bench which is placed in front of our Greenway mural. We are planning to develop this area for our KS2 children, similar to what we have achieved outside our KS1 classrooms.

A HUGE congratulations to Year 6 and the Year 6 staff for an amazing show on Tuesday night. They all demonstrated determination, team work and a fantastic 'can do' attitude to pull off such a performance! Well done.

Summer Camp

I know Mrs Clutson and Mr Lewis are busy preparing for our Summer Camp which will start on Monday. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Welcome to your new class – Tuesday 12 September

As in previous years, the purpose of this meeting is to inform you of the systems in place to support your child's progress; to give you an overview of the timetable and curriculum in your child's class; and to lay the foundations for effective communication between you and the school. Attendance at this meeting is important for **all** parents/carers of **all** children from Nursery to Yr 6.

During the evening in addition to the sessions with your child's teacher, I will be giving a presentation, outlining the school's priorities for the year and the part played by the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body in ensuring excellence in the way your children are supported at Greenway.

The class teachers and Headteacher's PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded onto the school website the following day should you be unable to attend the evening. The timings of these meetings are set out below.

Class meetings	7.00-7.30pm
Headteacher's presentation	7.30 -8.00pm
Class meetings	8.00-8.30pm

I hope you have a restful and healthy summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 4 September**.

Regards
Katharine Ellwood
Headteacher

