



Greythorn Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebration!

I hope that you have all had a chance to read our wonderful OFSTED report. We hope that you are as delighted as we are with this amazing report. This report is testament to all the hard work and dedication that has gone into our wonderful school since the last inspection, 6 years ago and really captured our school beautifully.

I would like to thank you all, our staff, governors, pupils, parents and families and the whole community for helping make Greythorn an amazing place for our children to flourish and thrive on their educational journey.

Please click the link to read the report. [Greythorn OFSTED report](#)

Be Greythorn Smart! -School Uniform

Greythorn school uniform is a red school sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan (no hoodies), a red polo shirt (white is acceptable until September 2025), dark grey trousers (no leggings), dark grey skirt, dark grey shorts (**not black**), plain black shoes, grey or white socks, grey or red tights. Black school shoes or boots to be worn not trainers.

The only jewellery that can be worn are small stud earrings, (no drop earrings or large oversized earrings). Your child must be able to remove them for PE lessons. Pupils with long hair need to have a hair bobble to tie it back for PE days. No bracelets or necklaces to be worn in school. No smart watches to be worn. Please ensure that your child/ren are not wearing nail varnish to school.

Sun safe

We hope that summer has now arrived! Just a reminder that children should all be bringing a water bottle to school. In warm weather, they should bring a sunhat and put on all-day sunscreen before they come to school. We cannot apply sunscreen at school. Children should continue to also bring a waterproof coat in case of showers.

Communication with staff

When communicating (Class Dojo/ email) with staff, be aware that if you contact staff outside of school hours, they may not reply to you until the next school day. Any messages sent during the day will be checked at a time convenient to the staff member as they will ultimately be teaching or supporting your children in class. They will do their best to reply to you on that day. If your message is urgent and requires immediate attention, please send it to the school office rather than Class Dojo. For communication with the headteacher, please use email rather than Class Dojo.

Attendance

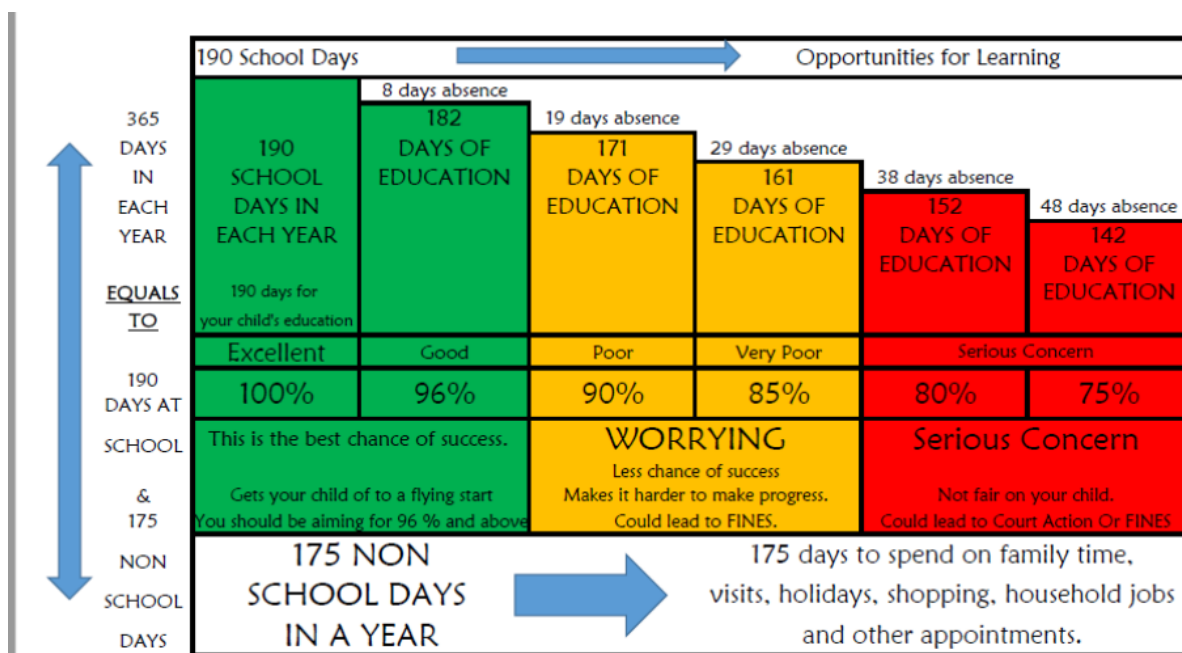
It is vital that your child attends school every day – lost learning is hard to catch up on and can affect your child’s outcomes. Please make your child’s medical appointments outside of school times as far as is possible although we do recognise that important hospital appointments may unavoidably be in school time.

What is an authorised absence?

- If your child is ill and you have contacted the school-please leave a message on the office answerphone by 8.30am on first day of absence
- If your child is attending a medical appointment and school have seen evidence
- Religious observance

What is an **unauthorised** absence?

- Your child being taken out of school for a holiday during term time
- Your child not attending school due to birthday celebrations or other family events
- Your child visiting family or friends, shopping or hair appointments
- Your child taking a full day off school for medical/dental appointments
- Your child arriving to school after 9.15am
- Your child being absent with an ailment that school would expect them to attend with.
- Your child missing school due to a medical/dental appointment for a parent/sibling



Please help us to help you. If you are worried about your child’s school attendance, then staff are available at school and within the local authority who can help and support you. Gaps in education can mean your child will not reach their full potential.

Holidays

Please do not take holidays in school term time. Holidays in term time will never be authorised and, if taken, could result in a County fine.

Pupil Premium

If your financial circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of government benefits, please be aware that you may also be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This funding gives many benefits in school. This includes free school meals in KS2, subsidised music lessons or after school clubs, trips or residential and other benefits to help families and support children's learning. I would encourage you to apply if you think you may be eligible:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/financial-support/financial-support>

If you would like an informal, confidential chat about it please email pam.parkin@greythorn.notts.sch.uk

Trust Awards

Thank you all for your recent nominations for the Trust Awards in July. All winners have now been notified-congratulations to them and a photo will appear in a later newsletter.

FOGSA

This year's **summer picnic** will be held on Friday 21st June, or Friday 28th June if the weather is bad on the 21st. Please book your diaries for Friday 21st June from 5pm to 7.30pm. Bring your own picnic, or there will be hot dogs, cakes and slushies available to purchase, along with the usual cake stall, licensed bar, chocolate tombola, raffle, lots of games, inflatables and more!

We will also have a professional family photo shoot available at the picnic. A time slot needs to be booked in advance at a cost of £10 per slot. This is non-refundable, but a £10 discount will be applied to any purchases made. The photographer will ensure £10 per booking plus a percentage of what you spend goes to FOGSA. To book your slot, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/241292253276355> Full details are on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Hurry! Only a limited number of slots are available!

We will be asking for donations of chocolate and/or cakes nearer the time. We will also need volunteers to run the stalls. Please email FOGSA at fogsaemail@gmail.com to offer a 30-minute slot when you would be available to volunteer. If you or your company have any raffle prizes, small or big, that you'd like to offer for our raffle, please hand them into reception and/or email FOGSA to let them know.

School uniform that has been outgrown but is in good condition can be donated to the school. Please drop it off (clean!) to the school reception. We have a second-hand uniform rail in reception at a cost of £1 per item. All money raised goes to FOGSA.

Speaking of uniform, it really helps the school and your children if all items are named. FOGSA have therefore partnered with **Stikins name labels**. These name labels simply stick in your clothes, shoes, water bottles, etc and are hard wearing. Easy! Order yours at <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> using the Fundraising number **8595** so that FOGSA can get 30% of what you spend. If you would like 5 free samples per child (no obligation to buy), please email FOGSA at fogsaemail@gmail.com with your children's full names as you want them printed on the labels by Friday 24th May.

Easy Fundraising is a website you can go through to shop with your favourite online retailers. When you go through Easy Fundraising, a percentage of what you spend goes to FOGSA, at no cost to you! Once you sign up, you can enable reminders on your browser so if you're shopping online and the website will donate, a little pop up will tell you to click on it so you can help FOGSA while you shop! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-greythorn/>

Your School Lottery is another way to support the school whilst being in with a chance to win money or prizes. A percentage of the amount you spend on the lottery tickets goes to FOGSA. Every week we receive a notification that tells us one of our supporters at Greythorn has won a prize! The current prize bundle on offer is a summer getaway or £1,000! If you'd like to sign up, here's the link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/account/login?returnUrl=%2Fschool-admin%2Fdc0c3061-c9d0-46fd-b79c-4ae7961c996a>

Father's Day gifts will go on sale before half-term. Look out for the letter on Dojo in a couple of weeks for some great gifts for the amazing dads, granddads and father-figures in our children's lives!

FOGSA is short on volunteers. We are unable to run as many events to the scale as we have done in the past due to a lack of volunteers to help with the organisation and preparation of the events. If you would like to get involved in FOGSA to help in any way, however small or big your contribution, please email FOGSAemail@gmail.com If we don't have enough volunteers, FOGSA may cease to function following the end of this academic year, which would be a tremendous loss to the school and the school community. Please do consider getting involved!

Maths Challenge

Several of our Y6 children took part in the UK Maths Challenge. This challenge, usually for Y7-8, encourages deeper mathematical thinking to solve a variety of maths puzzles. The children all approached this challenge with determination. I am really happy to let you know that we achieved 5 Silvers and 3 Bronzes- which is remarkable considering the children are in Y6. Well done everyone! This picture shows some of the participants in the challenge.



Greythorn Sports (TB)

Girls Football

At our recent tournament the Year 5/6 girls played some fantastic football passing the ball around confidently. The games on the morning were very competitive but, on the day, Greythorn lacked goals. Our team was strong at the back and teams struggled to score against a resilient defence.

Following on from the tournament the team travelled to Willowbrook for where they found the back of the net on three occasions. This result keeps the team 2nd in their league on goal difference with Greythorn and Candleby Lane on 7 points. Greythorn have played one more game than Candleby however to be sat at 2nd in the league with our team made up a mix of Year 4, 5 and 6 girls is a fantastic achievement.

There are two more league games for the girls to play both against Cotgrave C of E where we look forward to wearing our new Premier League Primary Stars Kit with pride!

Boys Football

Greythorn are the current Year 5/6 Rushcliffe Tournament Champions!

7 of our Year 6 players, who played every minute of every game, travelled to the recent tournament which contained 24 Rushcliffe Primary Schools.

We topped the group on 12 points having confidently picked up 3 wins, a score draw and a 0-0, although we had to reply on another 0-0 draw between St Peters and Cropwell in the final group game to secure our place in the semi-finals.

Hamza made some unbelievable saves throughout the tournament, Isaac and Uzair made many match-winning tackles in defence. Noel's pinpoint passing set up many of our goals and he worked incredibly hard for the team. Kareem showed power and accuracy in the goals he scored. Jack and Rex showed great footballing ability and were in the right place at the right time to either make that decisive pass, carry the ball into space ahead or take a strike at goal.

A win against Heymann in the semi-final set us up to play against Radcliffe in the final and despite having to defend for the majority of the first half a counterattack saw us break their line of defence and take home the trophy.

Fantastic performance from all players involved!

Tom Bingley



Y6 SATs week

Y6 have been preparing for their SATS, next week, with a fantastic attitude. We are really proud of them, and we know how hard they have been working. Next week, they will enjoy a special SATS Breakfast club at 8:15am every morning before the tests. They will also get plenty of fresh air and creative activities in the afternoons.

Save The Date: Friday 14th June


Greythorn Father's Day celebrations

Celebrating our wonderful dads and male relatives. We invite dads or a significant male member of your family to come and join us to celebrate! More details nearer the time.



Community events

All Stars (ages 5-8)



We all play at:
West Bridgford Legion Cricket Club
West Park, Loughborough Road,
West Bridgford, NG2 7JE

Session dates:
Sunday 12th May to Sunday 7th July 2024

Session timings:
10am - 10.45am

Contact:
Mark Hepburn-Woods
westbrdgfordlegion@gmail.com
or search "West Bridgford Legion CC"

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk

Dynamos Cricket (ages 8-11)



This is our game.

Join us at: WEST BRIDGFORD LEGION CRICKET CLUB,
WEST PARK, WEST BRIDGFORD NG2 7JE

Sessions will run: SUNDAY 12TH MAY TO 7TH JULY,
11AM-12PM

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- Epperstone Tennis Club
- East Bridgford Tennis Club
- Bingham Tennis Club
- Ravenshead Tennis Club

TO BOOK:
Admin@acesportscoaching.co.uk
07581 198 835

Upcoming events

- Y6 SATs week- 13th – 16th May
- **Spring concert**- Thursday 23rd May 2.30pm and 6.30pm
- **Dads' day event**- Friday 14th June
- Summer picnic**- Friday 21st June (5pm-7.30) Back up date- 28th June)
- Foundation and KS1 sports day**- Monday 24th June (1.45pm- 3.15pm)
- KS2 sports day**- Thursday 27th June (1.45pm- 3.15pm)
- Summer School disco**- Wednesday 24th July (FS and KS1 (5pm-5.45pm) KS2 (6pm- 7pm))

Best wishes



Mrs Tae Carpenter

ALI J PHOTOGRAPHY



NATURAL IMAGERY ALI J PHOTOGRAPHY FAMILY SHOTS AT SCHOOL



WHAT I DO.

With the eye of a primary teacher, I aim to capture the natural giggles and character rather than those 'cheese' smiles usually seen in school photos. This time, we'll be taking images outside in the wild area, with all the family, and even grandparents if you would like! (If there are more than 2 siblings and you would like some individual images too, please book 2 consecutive slots.)



HOW WILL I GET MY PHOTOS ?

An email link allows access to an online private gallery for parents. Digitals will be delivered direct to your email; prints will be delivered to your chosen address.



PRICING

The shoot is £10 to book a time and place. Please ensure that you turn up on time, as it is non-refundable. The £10 is then taken off any purchases. Digitals start at £20. Prints start at £16 with discounts on multiple buys/packages. As an estimate, there will be 8+ shots in your child's gallery to view.



FUNDRAISING.

10% of profits come back to PTA / School Fund, alongside the initial £10 deposit from each child.

HOW DO I BOOK?

Go here and choose a time, pay the deposit and done!



<http://alijphotography.com/school-photography/>



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