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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a short, yet action packed, half term filled with lots of super learning opportunities and experiences for the pupils (Young Voices, Number Day, KS1 Reading breakfasts). Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support. We hope that you enjoy a restful and relaxing holiday.

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 (not leggings, jogging bottoms or leg warmers), 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.

Please be reminded that all school uniform should be clearly labelled, including PE kit.

Jewellery: - Only one pair of small stud earrings are allowed (No drop earrings or large oversized earrings). Your child must be able to remove them for PE lessons. No bracelets or necklaces to be worn in school. No smart watches to be worn. Hair to be tied back for PE.

Please ensure that your children come to school looking Greythorn smart.

Attendance

At the end of this half term school attendance is lower that we would like and is caused by **holidays** in term time. 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.

Please do not be offended if you are asked to provide medical evidence for medical appointments- this is standard school practice and is evidence to ensure that the appointment is marked as a medical absence.

Please make sure that you pay particular attention to pages 5 and 6 of the Attendance policy – First day absences procedure and Children Missing Education information. These pages detail the procedures and processes that the school will carry out when your child is absent from school.

Parking

Please ensure that you park safely away from the school, when collecting and dropping off your children. Do not block drives and entries or park on the yellow lines or dropped kerbs. This is illegal and could result in you receiving a fine from the local enforcement team.

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It is everyone's duty of care to ensure that we keep our pupils and community safe by parking responsibly.

Farewell (for now!) and good luck

We say a happy farewell and good luck to our wonderful Miss O'Grady as she leaves us today to start her maternity leave. We wish Miss O'Grady a smooth and safe delivery and we hope she enjoys this special time with her family.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Blake King into our Greythorn family as Willow class teacher starting after the half term holiday. Mrs King is an experienced teacher who has been spending time with Willow class and Miss O'Grady, this week.

FOGSA

FOGSA, our school fundraising charity, would like to thank parents, staff and children for their continued support at events and fundraising initiatives. We do hope those who attended the disco last night enjoyed it! Some parents have asked for details on how to support FOGSA.

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.

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 Nintendo Switch bundle worth £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>

We are currently exploring other donation options and will communicate those once we have them confirmed. **What is FOGSA spending money on?** This is another question that has been asked. Since 2022 we have been paying for Foundation children's book bags, we have been subsidising the year 6 leavers' hoodies and the year 5/6 DAART education for many years. Last summer we invested in some outdoor learning equipment, we're currently looking into buying a sound system which will enhance performances and the children on the school council have spoken with Mrs Carpenter about their classes' wish lists, which we're in discussion with the school on funding. All your contributions will help FOGSA enhance our children's educational experience.

Mother's Day gifts will be on sale after half term. As usual, a letter will go out on Dojo with the details of cost and how to pay along with a picture of each available gift for the children to choose from for their mothers/grandmothers or mother-like figures. Gifts will be wrapped and given to the children who have ordered them in the week of Mother's Day.

FOGSA is short on volunteers. We are unable to run any as many events to the scale 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!

Best wishes,
Zahra Bilides
Vice-Chair of Governors

Children's mental health week and Safer internet day

This week all classes have been learning about ways that they can keep their minds healthy and happy and also how to use the internet safely. We would urge you to monitor your child's internet use closely.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2024** | **Tuesday
6 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



Thank you

Thank you to FOGSA and Greythorn staff for the super discos, yesterday evening. The children had a lot of fun!

Musical opportunities for singers, string, brass and woodwind players

See the attached flyers for exciting opportunities for musicians.

St Paul's Messy Church

A colorful flyer for St Paul's Messy Church. At the top left, it says 'St Paul's Boundary Road' with a small tree icon. The main title 'Messy Church' is in large, red, bubbly letters. To the right, it says 'FREE!' in a yellow banner and 'Meal included!' in a blue banner. Below the title, there are four circular images: 'Arts and crafts' (a child painting), 'Bible stories' (a plate of food), 'Singing together' (a child singing), and 'Meal included!' (a table with food). The text 'Lots of fun for children of all ages and their parents and carers. Come along and get creative!' is in the center. At the bottom, it says 'Saturday 17th February 3:45pm - 5:30pm'. There is a QR code and a small text box that says 'Scan to book your FREE place >>> or visit stpaulsboundaryroad.churchsuite.com/events/zvumeglu'. The address 'St Paul's Church, Boundary Road, NG2 7DB' is at the bottom.

Fundraising

Thank you for your kind donations for the NSPCC's Number Day. We have raised was £348 for this fantastic charity.



Save The Date: Friday 8th March

Greythorn Mother's Day celebrations

Celebrating our wonderful mums and female relatives. We invite mums or a significant female member of your family to come and join us to celebrate!

KS1 9.15am- 10am KS2 2.45pm- 3.30pm



Please choose which session to attend if you have more than one child in school (or attend both!) More details nearer the time.

Happy Chinese New Year!



Happy New Year to all of our families celebrating!

Inset Days 2023-2024

Our next INSET day will be **Monday 26th February 2024**, the second week that we return after the holidays.
Monday 3rd June 2024

Upcoming events

Friday 9th February- Last day

Half term

Back to school- Monday 19th February (Gates open at 8.50am)

Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes – Wednesday 21st- Friday 23rd February

Parents evenings- Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March (4pm-7pm)

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Last day of term- Thursday 28th March
FOGSA next meeting- Tuesday 16th April @ 5pm-6pm

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tae', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Tae Carpenter

Bandwise 2024

WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE DAY OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PLAYERS AGED 8 – 21

BIG YOUTH

MUSIC EXPERIENCE



Playing workshop: Saturday 20th April
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A FUN WORKSHOP AND CONCERT OPEN TO CHILDREN
AGED 5 - 14

Vocals

Singing workshop: Saturday 9 March
Nottingham Trent University, Clifton NG11 8NS

Concert: Sunday 10 March
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA

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Stringwise 2024

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