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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely half term break...

Be Greythorn Smart! -School Uniform

Pupils are wearing their Greythorn uniforms with pride and are looking very smart. As the weather starts to get colder, please make sure that your child/ren are wearing their coats to school and that any warm accessories that they wear are labelled.

A reminder that children need to be wearing the **red or white polo shirts (with collars) not round neck t-shirts.**

Red hoodies are not to be worn as part of the school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing either school jumpers or cardigans to school.

We are noticing an increase in pupils wearing more jewellery items than necessary. The only jewellery items allowed to be worn in school is a pair of small studs (one in each ear lobe) and a watch.

Remembrance Day

This week, we have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and its significance to our British heritage. We were reminded about how World War I ended at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month and how we wear our poppies with pride to remember all those who have fought in wars.

Fond Farewells

Mrs Fairclough will be leaving us at Christmas to start a new Deputy Head role at Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School.

Mrs Fairclough has worked at Greythorn for 15 years in a variety of roles across the school. We are very grateful to her for her many years as a valued part of the Greythorn community. We wish her lots of luck and success as she moves on to pastures new.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss O'Grady who is having a baby! Miss O'Grady will be starting her maternity leave after the February holidays.

Greythorn FOGSA

Autumn Disco

This year's autumn disco with our popular DJ, Mr Sidery, will take place on Thursday 16th November. The Foundation & KS1 disco will be from 5pm to 5:45pm and the KS2 disco will be from 6pm to 7pm. Tickets are available for £3.50 on Parent Pay or can be bought on the door. Please note, the queue to enter moves quicker if you've already paid online! Tickets include a sweet treat and some neon face paint. Please let FOGSA know of any related allergies. See the letter sent on Dojo on Tuesday 7th for further details.

Wear what makes you look awesome!

Winter Fayre and Christmas

This year's Winter Fayre will take place on Friday 8th December from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

There will be a range of stalls, fully licensed bar, Santa's grotto, cakes, and the KS2 choir will perform as well.

If you, or the company you work for, are able to donate any raffle prizes, please email FOGSA with the details. As with the summer picnic, we will be counting on your support to run a stall. Details on that nearer the time. Please note the following dates:

Friday 24th November: Paper bags will be sent home. Please decorate your bag, fill it with a surprise and close the bag with tape or stickers. These surprise bags will be on sale at the Fayre.

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th November: bring in any unwanted Christmas / holiday jumpers

Thursday 30th November: after school sale of Christmas / holiday jumpers

Friday 1st December: non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes, chocolate, cuddly toys (good condition)

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th December: bring in your filled paper bags

Thursday 7th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

Friday 8th December: any donations of cakes will be most welcome on the morning of the Fayre

On **Friday 8th December, Friday 15th December and Friday 22nd December**, children are welcome to wear a Christmas/holiday jumper to school along with their school uniform. Y5/6 will need to wear full school uniform on Friday 8th December as they are on a trip to the Holocaust Centre.

Attendance: - Lateness

We are still having a handful of pupils who are late to school on a regular basis.



Lateness is regularly monitored, should this continue, you will be invited into school to discuss ways in which we can help improve this.

In total this week, there has been 7 hours and 47 minutes lost in learning time due to lateness, this is a weekly improvement.

Holidays

Please do not take holidays in school term time. Holidays in term time will cannot be authorised and if taken, could result in a County fine.

Parent view

If you could spare 5 minutes, please can you register and complete a parent questionnaire on <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Ofsted Parent View is an online survey that allows you (as parents) to give your views about your child's school. It is also a way for school to see how we can improve our service for you and your children.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Next week it's Children in Need! We have a few different things happening in school as part of our fundraising:

1. Design a Children in Need T-shirt competition. Children will receive a sheet today from their teacher. It costs £1 to enter (please attach to the sheet). The deadline is **Thursday 16th November**. Please return completed sheets to the office or Miss Hud. Winners will be given a prize in gem assembly on Friday 17th November.
2. Merchandise sale. We have a range of Children in Need merchandise for sale this year (badges, pens, wristbands). These will be for sale before and after school on the KS1 playground on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
3. Wear something spotty day. On **Friday 17th November**, all children can come to school in non-uniform- the theme is wear something spotty. The suggested donation will be £1. This can just be for part of your outfit (eg. spotty socks) or you can go all out to be 'spotacular'.
4. On **Wednesday 15th November**, on the KS1 playground after school, there will be a special visitor linked to Children in Need! If your child would like a photo with this special visitor, you will need to remember £1.

Please remember your cash, as there will be no online payment option. Let's get fundraising!

Any questions, please message Miss Hud

Christmas Shoebox appeal

We would like to support this local charity in collecting items for their Christmas appeal. Please bring your shoeboxes-wrapped or unwrapped, Christmas paper, or gifts (see poster) to school in the week beginning 20th November. Please note that you do not have to bring a filled shoebox. You can just bring one or more items.



We appreciate that there have been a number of charity events this term, as always, participation in these activities is voluntary. Any donations that you send are gratefully received.

Greythorn open mornings

Do have any children starting school, next year (Sep 2024) or know anyone who does? You are warmly invited to attend our school open days on:

Wednesday 15th November 9.30am – 11.30am

Saturday 25th November 10am- 12noon

Come and see our wonderful school in action and meet our fantastic teachers.

Celebrations!

Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating over the weekend.



Upcoming events

Inset Days 2023-2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Next half term's dates

Thursday 16 th November	Autumn school disco! (See details above)
Wednesday 22 nd November	Y5/6 Reading café
Saturday 25 th November	FS Open morning for new parents
Thursday 30 th November	Greythorn Choir sing at the County Hall Christmas lights switch on
Friday 8 th December	Y5/6 to Holocaust Centre
Friday 8 th December	Greythorn Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas Play
Friday 15 th December	KS1 Christmas Play
Monday 18 th December	EYFS Christmas performance 2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 20 th December	KS1 to The Playhouse
Wednesday 20 th December	EYFS Christmas performance 2.45pm
Thursday 21 st December	KS2 cinema trip
Friday 22 nd December	Greythorn Golden Greats

Best wishes,

Mrs Tae Carpenter