



# Greythorn Primary School

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## Newsletter: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed another awesome week of learning and we are enjoying celebrating the children's achievements in Gem assembly on Fridays. Classes are in full flow with their learning and are setting high standards for their behaviour for learning and for the presentation in their books. We have been working on our routines- wonderful walking, lovely lining up and super sitting and also our new one- marvellous manners. Pupils and staff are greeting each other with a smile and a hello and politely asking about each other's wellbeing. This has got off to a flying start and children are greeting both adults and each other with marvellous manners.

### **Be Greythorn Smart! -School Uniform**

Pupils are wearing their Greythorn uniforms with pride and are looking smart.

A reminder that children should not be wearing nail varnish to school. Hair cuts should not be extreme- no shaved lines, skin fades, dyed hair or bright, glitzy decorative hair accessories. All hair accessories should be plain dark colours or school colours.

We do already have a pile of unlabelled school uniform. Please make sure to label all of your children's clothing so that they can be returned to the rightful owner when gets lost!

### **Coming into school in the mornings**

Key Stage 2 pupils (Y3-6) pupils are to come in through the gate by themselves now. This is to promote their independence and also minimise the amount of people on site at this busy time of day.

Parents are reminded that the gate closes promptly at 9am. If you arrive to school after 9am, you will need to sign your children in at the office. To avoid this, please endeavour to get to school before the gates close at 9am. Punctuality is key and sets the tone for the day. Please foster good timing and punctuality habits for your children to learn from.

### **Communication with staff**

When communicating with staff (Class Dojo/ email), 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 school day will be checked at a time convenient to the staff member as they will be teaching or supporting your children in class at that time. They will do their best to reply to you on that day. If your message is urgent and requires immediate attention, please contact the school office by email or phone rather than send a message on Class Dojo.

### **Secondary school applications**

A reminder that applications for your child's secondary school admission close on the Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Click the link for details on how to apply.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/hub>

Please ensure that you fill in all 4 secondary school choices even if you live in the catchment area and/or only want one school. This is to avoid being placed at schools far away should your application be unsuccessful. Please speak to Mrs Cox or Mrs Parkin if you would like to discuss this- we are also more than happy for you to arrange to come into school to fill the application form in.

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## School Council

We have a new School Council!

Our new school council has been elected. Our councillors for 2023-24 are....

YR- Emily (Pine class) and Miraslava (Elm class)

Oak- Dhillon and Isla

Maple- Abdalla & Rahma

Willow- Annabeth and Ted

Beech- Georgia and Yutika

Holly- Nina and Flynn

Rowan- Theo and Jannah

Sycamore- Marcello and Gracie

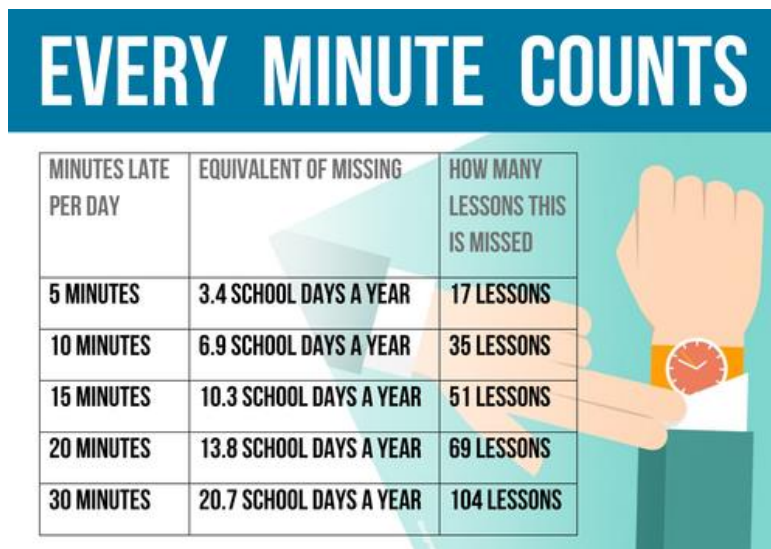
Silver Birch- Jennah and Rafferty

Yew- Belle and Bertie



Congratulations! The school council badges have been ordered and the agenda for the first meeting is set!

## Attendance: - Lateness



It is imperative that your children arrive on time for school each day.

The effects of lateness on your child can cause emotional distress and dysregulation, missed morning routines and key learning and missed early morning social time with their peers.

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 8 hours and 7 minutes lost in learning time due to lateness. Let's improve this.

## Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October when our assembly will be led by Leslie from St Paul's church. We will be collecting food for The Friary in West Bridgford- a centre where food and supplies are provided to those in need. They have particular requests at the moment for:

Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, Custards, Tins of baked beans, Tins of tomatoes, Tins of soup, Tins of meat, Tea and coffee, Jars of pasta sauce, Jams, marmalades, spreads etc., Biscuits, Cereal bars, Crisps, Chocolate Bar, Cans of fizzy drinks, Bottles of Water, Long life milk, Cereals, Sugar, Wash powder, Washing up liquid, Toothbrushes, Shower gel, Deodorant (for male and female)

Please bring in your donations on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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## Sports news

Our Year 5/6 Greythorn Boys Football team made the semi finals of the Rushcliffe Schools Boys Football Tournament on Saturday 16th September.

24 teams took part with only the 4 group winners heading through to the semi finals. Greythorn won their group with three wins, a 1-1 draw and a 2-1 defeat. Our standout match was a hard fought 2-1 win against Lady Bay. Greythorn showed great resilience in this incredibly tough game which saw one of our footballers score an incredible long range free kick. Unfortunately, Greythorn lost their semi final game 2-0 however we are incredibly proud of all 8 members of the team who played. This is the first time Greythorn have made it out of the group stage at the Rushcliffe Football Tournament for a number of years - an achievement for these 8 players to be incredibly proud of.



On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the Greythorn Girls football team were in action at their tournament. This time, there were 16 teams taking part. Our team consisted of players from Y4, Y5 and Y6. They all played incredibly well and didn't lose a single game which is a fantastic achievement. The girls even managed to hold the winners of their group to a goalless draw in their final match despite that team having won all their other matches 3-0. There was some fantastic defending, passing and clear runs with the ball. Well done girls- we can't wait to see what you achieve through the season.

## 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 Notts County Council fine.

## Parking

Again, we have received a number of emails, this week, from our neighbours, regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking. I urge you all to park safely and responsibly. Do not block drives and entries or park on the yellow lines or dropped kerbs. There have also been incidents of unpleasant exchanges between school parents and neighbours due to irresponsible parking. This is unacceptable and will be reported to the police.

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

## 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 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am- 11.30am (booking required)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	10am-12noon
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am – 11.30am (booking required)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	10am- 12noon

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

## FOGSA Come and join us!

Thank you to those who attended the FOGSA AGM last week. FOGSA are always looking for new, eager enthusiastic parents to their team. This is an opportunity for parents to get involved in organising fundraising events and activities, and meeting other parents with a focus on positively impacting our children.

The first FOGSA planning meeting for 2023-24 will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm at school**. We will be focussing on planning autumn term events, but will also map out what events and sales we plan to have throughout the year. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved in any way, please feel free to come along! If you'd like to contribute any ideas or your time but can't come to the meeting, please email [FOGSAemail@gmail.com](mailto:FOGSAemail@gmail.com)

### Uniform Swap Shop

If you're on Facebook, please consider joining the FOGSA Swap Shop. This is a place for parents/carers of children at Greythorn to be able to put clothing or any other items up they'd like to donate/swap, or even post a request for anything they're looking for in case someone has it to give away! For example, ballet uniform, football kit, Cubs/Brownies uniform, etc. All we ask is if you receive something, that you consider giving a donation on ParentPay (FOGSA - Your Donation), or cash to the school office. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2099517580249297>

### Easy Fundraising

Another way to support FOGSA is by doing your online shopping through Easy Fundraising. It's really easy to sign up, and if you add the Donation Reminder extension to your browser, you'll be reminded if you're doing your online shopping from a site that will donate a percentage of your shopping to FOGSA at no cost to you! [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=zfz6w0&char=306743&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_term=CE756](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=zfz6w0&char=306743&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_term=CE756)

Finally, perhaps you'd like to buy a school lottery ticket? 74.2% of what you pay goes to our school and prizes. The jackpot prize is £25,000 and currently you could be in with a chance to win a Harry Potter double prize bundle! We also have regular winners from our school who win smaller cash prizes. What are you waiting for? Head over to this website to get your tickets! <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/greythorn-primary-school>

### St Paul's Film Night

St Paul's Church would love to invite pupils and their families to their upcoming Film Night. It's at St Paul's church on Boundary Road on Saturday 14th October. The film is 'Inside Out'- this is a completely free event, including popcorn for everyone. Families can sign up on this link, there is no login required, just an email address:

<https://stpaulsboundaryroad.churchsuite.com/events/bgzvnfmd>

### Upcoming events

#### Inset Days 2023-2024

A reminder that the Inset days for next academic year are: -

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

#### This half term's dates

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan cake sale after school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Derby Museum trip Y3/4
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Derby Museum trip Y3/4
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Scholastic book fair
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for prospective FS parents
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for prospective FS parents
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Y56 to see Oliver at WBS
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school

Best wishes,



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