

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to your first term at Greenholm!

Please ensure that you have returned all the forms from your induction folder to the school office. This includes whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. All Reception children receive a free school dinner however, if you are in receipt of any benefits then please fill out the form at the office. The school can receive additional funds for your child.

We are currently conducting baseline assessments on all the children to establish their current level of knowledge and abilities across the early year's curriculum. This will help us to ensure that your child is supported appropriately. We will provide updates throughout the year on how your child is progressing and what support they might need at home.

Autumn Term Themes

- Ourselves and our families
- Black history month
- Festivals and Celebrations
- Oral hygiene
- The Gingerbread man
- Kippers Christmas Eve

We will be exploring our similarities and differences, likes and dislikes, and who is in our family. We will also be talking about different celebrations and festivals we celebrate with our families. Children will explore these topics through artwork, stories, and circle times.

In literacy we will be focusing on blending Phase 2 letters and sounds. Handwriting is a massive priority this year so children will be having daily handwriting sessions.

In Numeracy we will focus on early recognition of numbers and counting, shape names and pattern.

Children will also be learning French once a week and have opportunity to take part in forest schools.

P.E Lessons

Your child will be taking part in **P.E lessons every Thursday**. To be able to take part in the lessons your child will need to come to school wearing the correct kit; a Greenholm t-shirt, black shorts or leggings, socks and black school pumps.

Healthy snack

Children need to bring a piece of **fruit or vegetable** to school for their morning snack. Children should not bring, crisps, biscuits or chocolate. We are also a no nut school so please **no nuts**.

Rewards and Sanctions

When your child demonstrates a good attitude/behaviour and/or good work they will receive one of the following- verbal praise, stickers, hand stamps, a Dojo point or a certificate.

If your child does not follow the class rules they are given three warnings, after which they will be at risk of missing some playtime or being spoken to by a member of the senior leadership team.

School Day

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September – 9.30am- 2.30pm

Monday 7th -Friday 11th September- 8.55am- 3.00pm

On Monday 14th September children will start at normal time. The gate will open at **8.45am** and close at 9.00am. The register is done at **9.00am**, any child who comes in after that time will be marked as late. Pick up is **3.10pm**. Please drop off and pick up your child promptly to avoid any disruption.

Key Dates

Teacher training day -25th September

Phonics Workshop (Parent information) -24th September

Pupils Individual Photos – 5th October

Parents Evening- 19th October

School Bonfire Night- 3rd November

Odd Socks Day- 20th November

KS1 and EYFS Disco- 26th November

Reception Nativity and Christmas jumper day – 4th December

Reception Hippodrome Trip (One tiny penguin)- 15th December

Early Finish for pupils 1.30pm -18th December

Many thanks for your help and support,

The Reception Team

Miss Lea-Redmond, Miss Kay, Miss Yeomans, Mrs Hussain, Mrs McGowan, Mrs Minchin