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Dear families

As we are now a few weeks into the first half term, I wanted to update you on how amazing the children have been so far at the start of the academic year.

Firstly, thank you to all parents/carers who have kindly volunteered to support on trips. We value the support with this so please always ask your child's class teachers if they need any assistance. The calendar has a lot of dates already so please refer to this to ensure you know what is happening over the academic year. You can also find this on our website. Our Mablethorpe and London residential are busy being planned. Mablethorpe will be the same as last year for Year 5, day at the beach, fun fair, mini golf, and fish & chips. London for Year 6 will include visits to tourist attractions, such as Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, along with visits to the many museums and parks of London, we will also be going on the London Eye and visiting the Shrek Adventure.

Coffee and Crafts afternoon will continue to go ahead each half term with the next one on Friday 18th October 2.00pm to 3.15pm. This will be an opportunity for you to spend time with your child(ren) completing some crafts in school. Members of the Leadership team will start the afternoon off with a discussion prior to you heading to classrooms.

The Greenwood Academies Trust are now changing the way we work with families and would like Academy Parent Ambassadors for each school. We require 2 ambassadors; these individuals must be **elected** from amongst your current parent body and the posts will be re-elected at the start of every academic year. The role will involve meeting with myself or the Senior Leadership Team and looking at how we can further provide support for the children and community. We will be holding elections for these in November, and I will send out further details as I get them.

Thank you to those who attended the PINS neurodiversity coffee morning with professionals last Friday. Feedback was a positive experience; giving you the chance to speak to experts if you are finding any behaviours with your children difficult. Please keep an eye out for more dates and opportunities. If you have concerns about your child(ren), please speak to their class teacher. Miss Cotton will always try and make herself available, however, please understand that she has class commitments so **use the link on the website** to book an appointment. This is the link to the form https://forms.office.com/e/Krue6Q2NZn





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Reminder that parents evening is in 2 weeks, Tuesday 15th October, this is an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and discuss how they are doing and how we can both support them further. Please remember to sign; there will be a link sent, but if you do experience any issues, please contact the office.

You will have seen school attendance is being pushed in the news, fines have increased and so have punishment for those taking their children out of school. The Department for Education now have daily access to our registers. If a child has 5 days consecutively off school without contact or medical evidence provided, we are being directed to issue fines. Please speak to us if you have any concerns but this is all now a government directive which we must follow.



Information in other languages Read some of our most popular resources translated into other languages including advice sheets on constipation, bedwetting and daytime wetting. Most children in school are fully toilet trained and on average, this is completed by the age of 3. However, if you need support with toilet training your child, the ERIC website <u>Home - ERIC</u> has a lot of support for parents. <u>https://eric.org.uk/</u>

They also hold webinars to support those who require additional support due to Special Educational needs and have a free helpline if you have any questions. School staff cannot toilet train your children and there will be a good opportunity over the coming weeks with a 2 week half term to help your child with this.

Finally, a few reminders.

 Dinners: we are a nut free school due to allergies of children who can become seriously ill if exposed. Those who bring sandwiches, please be aware of this. (no nut based spreads; Nutella, peanut butter, almond spread, or nut based milks; Almond, Hazelnut) Secondly, those on dinners, please remember to order in advance. If your child has any



issues regarding their dinners, please speak to the class teacher as they may not be aware.

 Uniform: Uniform is looking good across the school. However, please remember to write your child's name and year group in jumpers/coats/t-shirts/ trousers/shorts so if they are misplaced, we can return them. We have a lot of clothing in lost



property that we cannot return to their owners. If it isn't claimed, we put it on our pre-loved rack which is on offer to our families who need it. As the weather turns cold, please send your children with suitable clothing and footwear.

- Medication: Only prescribed medication can be given in school. **All medicines should be dropped off at the office** where you will need to sign a permission form (complete online if preferred) for your child to be given this medication. Please note that antibiotics that are only
- needed 3 times per day must <u>**not**</u> be handed in you can give these to your child before school, straight after school and at bedtime. If your child requires Paracetamol/Calpol throughout the day for a sudden treatment (earache/toothache etc) you can come to the office to give this to your child yourself.



- Arrival: **Registration is at 8:45am (8:40am Nursery and Reception)**, children should be in school at this time. Some children are arriving late daily. If you are struggling with them at home or have an organisational issue, please talk to the class teacher who will try and support you. Please remember late marks, if sustained, may lead to a fine being issued by the local authority.
- Collection: School finishes at 3:15pm daily (3:10pm for Nursery and Reception class). Some children may attend after school clubs (you will have been notified confirmation if your child is on an after-school club), these finish at 4:00pm (some sports on Fridays end at 4.15pm). It is important that you collect your child <u>on time</u>. If you are delayed for ANY reason, please call the office in plenty of time to inform us so that we know you are on your way. Persistent late collection from school may result in further action being taken as this is a potential safeguarding issue. Persistent late collection from an after-school club will result in your child losing their spot on the club.

Please speak to the class teacher if you have any questions as these should always be the first people you approach. As always, I wish to thank you, our community, in the support you provide me, the children and the staff team, we are grateful.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Jane Principal

Diary Dates 2024-2025

2024/2025
Term Start/End
School Trip
In school Event
INSET/ Bank Holiday
School Swimming

Date	Event	Info	Year Group
01 October 2024	Library Visit	Joseph Coelho Author Event	Year 4
01 October 2024	Black History Month	Whole School	All
03 October 2024	Stay and Play EYFS (Phonics)	2pm start	EYFS
08 October 2024	Flu Vaccinations	start 1pm	F2 to Y6 (consent only)
09 October 2024	School Photographs	In the hall from 9am - siblings who attend the school only plus usual individual pics	All
10 October 2024	World Mental Health Day	All wear Yellow	All
10 October 2024	School Trip	Crich Tramway Museum	Year 1
11 October 2024	School Trip	Mansfield Palace Theatre	Reception
14 October 2024	School Trip	Sherwood Pines - Trenches	Year 5
15 October 2024	Parents Evening	1.30pm	All
16 October 2024	School Trip	Perlethorpe - Evacuees	Year 6
17 October 2024	Halloween Disco	Hall 3.15 - 4.15	Y1-3
17 October 2024	Halloween Disco	Hall 4.30 - 5.30	Y4-6
18 October 2024	Last Day of Autumn Term 1	Last day of school	All
18 October 2024	Coffee and Crafts - Harvest theme (14.00- 15:00)	2pm start	All
04 November 2024	First Day of Autumn Term 2	First day back	All
11 November 2024	Anti-bullying Week	Odd socks week	All
11 November 2024	Remembrance		All
15 November 2024	Children In Need Day	Non uniform/Wear Spotty	All
19 November 2024	Rugby Festival	Mansfield Rugby Club	Years 5 & 6
20 November 2024	Gymnastics	776 Gym Centre	Years 1 - 2
21 November 2024	Careers Day	Wear your Dream Job	All Years
27 November 2024	School Trip	Mansfield Museum	Year 4
03 December 2024	Disability Awareness Day	Assembly and follow up tasks	All
03 December 2024	SEND Parents Evening	3.15pm start	SEND Families
05 December 2024	Jingle Jog	Sherwood Pines	mixed
06 December 2024	Coffee and Crafts afternoon- Christmas crafts (13:30- 15:00)	1.30pm start	All
10 December 2024	School Trip	Sundown - Winter Wonderland	EYFS
11 December 2024	Christmas Dinner	Hall	All

12 December 2024	Christmas Panto	Mansfield Palace Theatre	All
13 December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day	Wear Christmas Jumpers	All
13 December 2024	Christmas Fayre (14:00 - 16:00)	Hall	All
16 December 2024	Carols at the church (14:00 - 15:00)		Years 4, 5 & 6
17 December 2024	EYFS Nativity	2pm	EYFS
18 December 2024	Carols at the church (14:00 - 15:00)		Years 1, 2 & 3
20 December 2024	Christmas Party Day and the Melissa Hatton Trust	Hall	All
20 December 2024	Last day of Autumn Term 2 for Christmas Break	Last day of school	All
06 January 2025	First Day of Spring Term 1	First day back	All
16 January 2025	In School Workshop	Kings & Queens	Year 5
29 January 2025	Chinese New Year		All
29 January 2025	Coffee and crafts - Chinese New Year (13:30- 15:00)		All
11 February 2025	Safer Internet Day	Awareness	All
11 February 2025	Y6 SATs Parents meeting	3.15pm	Year 6
11 February 2025	School Trip	Butterfly House	Year 3
13 February 2025	School Trip	Bosworth Battlefields	Year 4
14 February 2025	Last Day of Spring Term 1	Last day of school	All
14 February 2025	Young Voices Concert	Choir Concert	Invite only
24 February 2025	First Day of Spring Term 2	First day back	All
05 March 2025	School Trip	Perlethorpe - Vikings	Year 6
06 March 2025	Bring a Book Breakfast	Breakfast at 8am for Families	All Families
06 March 2025	World Book Day	Come dressed as favourite book character or dream career	All
07 March 2025	British Science Week		All
08 March 2025	International Womens day		All
19 March 2025	Scholastic Book Fair Arriving		
20 March 2025	School Trip	National Emergency Services Museum	Year 1
21 March 2025	Red Nose Day	Non uniform	All
25 March 2025	Parents Evening	Hall	All
28 March 2025	Coffee and crafts - Easter theme (13:30- 15:00)		
28 March 2025	School Trip	Creswell Crags	Year 3
03 April 2025	Easter Disco	Easter Disco in the Hall 3.15 - 4.15	Y1-3
03 April 2025	Easter Disco	Easter Disco in the Hall 4.30 - 5.50	Y4-6
04 April 2025	Easter Competition awards	Celebration Assembly - Hall	All
04 April 2025	Last Day of Spring Term 2 for Easter Break	Last day of school	All
21 April 2025	World Poetry Day		All
22 April 2025	First Day of Summer Term 1	First day back	All
29 April 2025	School Trip	Pizza Express	Year 5
30 April 2025	School Trip	Victorian Day - Perlethorpe	Year 2
05 May 2025	Bank Holiday	Early May Bank Holiday	All

06 May 2025	SEND Parents Evening	3.15pm start	SEND
12 May 2025	KS2 SATS commence Mon 12th to Thu 15th May	No holidays to be booked by families this week please	Families Year 6
20 May 2025	School Trip	Pizza Express	Reception
21 May 2025	School Trip	Pleasley Pit	Year 6
22 May 2025	School Trip	Bolsover Castle	Year 1
23 May 2025	Last day of Summer Term 1	Last day of school	All
26 May 2025	Bank Holiday	May Bank Holiday	All
02 June 2025	INSET DAY	No School for children	All
03 June 2025	First Day of Summer Term 2	First day back	All
03 June 2025	KS1 SATS commence (for the month of June)	All of June to be completed before end of June	Year 2
03 June 2025	Y4 Multiplication Tables (2 weeks from 2nd June)	No holidays to be booked by families this week please	Year 4
05 June 2025	World Environmental Day		All
09 June 2025	Phonics Screening check week	To be completed within the week commencing 9th June	Year 1 and 2
10 June 2025	School Trip	Magna	Year 4
12 June 2025	Careers Fayre Day		
13 June 2025	Coffee and Crafts	Summer Fayre theme (13:30- 15:00)	All
18 June 2025	Summer Fayre	1.30-3.30pm (Hall if weather doesn't permit outside)	All
21 June 2025	Kings official birthday		All
24 June 2025	School Trip	Pizza Express	Year 6
25 June 2025	Residential Trip	Mablethorpe Camping 2 nights	Year 5
27 June 2025	Sports Day	KS1 am, KS2 pm	All
30 June 2025	Back Up Sports Day	KS1 am, KS2 pm	All
01 July 2025	Year 6 Transition Days (3 days)	Brunts	Year 6
08 July 2025	Residential Trip	London 8th to 11th July	Year 6
17 July 2025	Y6 Leavers Production	morning - dress rehearsal 10am hall to whole school afternoon - to parents 1.45pm	Year 6
18 July 2025	Y6 End of Year Trip Bowling	Y6 End of Year Treat	Y6
22 July 2025	EYFS Assembly	Hall	EYFS
22 July 2025	Reports to parents		
23 July 2025	100% Attendance Treat (bowling)	100% Attendance Year	Invite only
24 July 2025	Y6 Leavers Disco/Prom	Disco and food/drinks in the hall	All
25 July 2025	Last day of Summer Term 2	Last day of school	All
25 July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Hall	All
28 July 2025	INSET DAY	No School for children	All
29 July 2025	INSET DAY	No School for Children	All