



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 9th October 2020

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#HelloYellow

YOUNGMINDS

We are delighted to be supporting this worthy charity again this year. Talking about Mental Health has never been more in the news/important than right now.

Throughout the day today children have been carrying out a variety of tasks/activities ranging from meditation, yoga, circle time sessions, story time sessions based around appropriate books e.g. Have you filled a bucket today? and Be Kind! The children have watched an assembly power point produced by 'Young Minds', taken part in Feelings Bingo and enjoyed craft activities.

Thank you all for entering into the spirit of things by sending children into school wearing something yellow and for your very kind donations. We will let you know the total raised once it has all been counted!

Food Bank Donations

We are unable to host our usual Harvest Festival celebrations this year but would still like to help out our local community. You will all be aware from the media that demand on all food banks has increased since lockdown and so, from week commencing 12th October, we will be collecting non-perishable store cupboard items (preferably with a long date on them) which will be passed onto our local food bank. Due to current COVID restrictions, we kindly ask that any donations are placed in the box outside the main school entrance rather than sent into class with children. The last day for donations will be Thursday 22nd October. I'm sure you'll agree this is a really worthwhile act of kindness that others can benefit from. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support.



Feeding the Community

Half-term Holidays

IMPORTANT: To keep the whole school community safe, it's essential that if you travel to a foreign country that is not on the travel corridor list, that you follow the self-isolate rules. Therefore, if you intend to go abroad anywhere during the half term holiday please could you email the school office to inform them. We need to know the destination, your travel dates and when you will be returning to the UK as you may well have to self-isolate on return. Even countries that are currently on the corridor list may be removed so **any** travel/holiday abroad needs to be reported to the school office please. It will also aid teachers to prepare for possible self-isolation and setting up remote learning for any children in their class who are affected. Thank you.

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Important Dates

Monday 12th October: Virtual Parents' Evening Meetings

Thursday 15th October: Virtual Parents' Evening Meetings

Monday 19th October: Virtual Parents' Evening Meetings

Thursday 22nd October: Virtual Parents' Evening Meetings

Friday 23rd October: Staff Inset Day



Applications for Y7 Places

For parents/carers with children in Y6, please don't forget that the deadline for applications to Y7 is 31st October 2020 which is during the half term break.

Applications for Staffordshire high schools is online and accessed via <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx#timeline>

Attendance Thanks

Governors wish to send a special message of thanks to you all for your support in the full re-opening of school. They have been particularly impressed with our current attendance rates given the current situation, as well as the time of year that we are entering where seasonal colds are a plenty!

Remember, if children or anyone in the household has symptoms of COVID-19 they should not attend school.



End of Day

If children are going home with another family at the end of the school day, please could you inform the school office via email so that staff are aware.

Email to use:

notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you

Data Collection Sheets

If you have not already done so, please sign, date and return your child's data collection sheet (even if there are no changes) asap. If you require another one, please email the school office. Thank you.

Contact Details

Please notify the school office immediately if any of your contact details change.

Please also remember to update your ParentPay account with the changes as we are unable to do this.

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Acts of Kindness

It has been wonderful to find out this week about an act of kindness that 2 of our pupils took part in during lockdown.

Children at the Birmingham Children's Hospital Edge of Care ward were unable to socialise or even come together on the ward in the height of lockdown due to COVID-19 restrictions. This meant that they had to remain in their own area with a very limited and rapidly diminishing supply of activities to keep themselves entertained. Upon hearing this, Annie and Martha were so determined to help them that they started collecting an assortment of arts activities, books, puzzles and stationary items. They were very aware that the ward had children of all ages (toddlers to 16 year olds) and selected items with this in mind. The hospital were thrilled to receive a large box of items, which they were able to distribute to all the children and sent Annie and Martha a lovely card of gratitude.

I'm sure you'll agree that this is a beautiful gesture shown by Annie and Martha and highlights, even in the toughest of times, how selfless and caring these young ladies are.

Well done girls, we're incredibly proud of you and all your kindness; what super role models you are!



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