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Newsletter, 6.9.22

Dear Parents and Children

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school tomorrow and hope that you have all had a good holiday. We are also looking forward to the new school year- we have got a great deal planned already, including some school trips, visitors and special events. I will write to you later this week with dates for the year and details for this term. Our first aim is to get everyone back to school securely and confidently, which is the aim of this newsletter.

The arrangements for the beginning and end of school are outlined below. We have a few special arrangements at drop off and pick up for Owls (YN and R) and Wrens (Y1) for the first few days back at school in order to ease transition. Miss Neylon or Mrs Motts-Burden and Miss Armstrong will have or are about to contact you about this.

We are aware that some children may find the separation more difficult; if you are worried about this, I would suggest that you don't let your child know about your worry and that you formulate a plan with them. For older children you may even just let them walk in on their own; for younger children, having a little talk about what will happen or even rehearsing it, may be good strategies. In all events, we have endless patience and will do everything we can to help.

Take care everyone and see you tomorrow or Thursday.

Marc Goodliffe

PE and Forest School

There will be no PE or Forest School this week, except for Bitterns, who will have PE this Friday afternoon with me. Except for Bitterns on Friday, children need to be in school uniform this week. From next week, please come in your PE or Forest School Kits on the days you have these lessons. Forest School runs for this half term and the summer term only.

Class	PE	Forest School
Owls (YN and R)	Wednesday afternoon (YR only) with Mrs Dunnett	Thursday morning (YN and R) with Mrs Dunnett
Wrens and Robins (Y1 and 2)	Tuesday	Friday
Swallows (Y3)	Thursday	Monday
Bitterns (Y4)	Friday	Wednesday

Assemblies

Celebration Assembly has always been an opportunity for parents of children in years 1 to 6 to come in to school to share in our celebrations of children's work, successes and birthdays. Celebration Assembly will be held once each calendar month and held on a Monday. Birthdays for that month will be celebrated and you are warmly invited to attend. There will be a section in each assembly to celebrate achievements out of school- if you would like to take part in this, please speak to me beforehand.

Key Stage 1 Celebration Assemblies: 2.30pm on Monday 19th September, 10th October, 14th November, 5th December

Key Stage 2 Celebration Assemblies: 2.35pm on Monday 26th September, 17th October, 21st November, 12th December

Break time snacks

Children in Owls, Wrens and Robins receive a fruity snack every day and nursery continue to receive free milk. Children in Swallows, Bitterns and Ravens may bring a snack to eat at break time. This could be a cereal bar, flapjack, piece of fruit or a biscuit. Children may not bring chocolate bars (although chocolate chips are acceptable in a biscuit or cereal bar) or crisps. **Please remember that we are a nut free school-** we have several children in school with serious nut allergies and appreciate your co-operation with this.

Lunchtime spare shoes and football

At break and lunch, the children in years 1 to 6 may play on the school field, but once the field gets wet, during the autumn and spring terms, they will need to change into spare shoes. Obviously we want to minimise the mud that comes into school, so the children will need to change into a cleaner pair of shoes when they come in. On the other hand, we do not want the children to have multiple pairs of shoes in school, which takes up space, gets confusing and costs you money.

Therefore, when the children are in school uniform, they can change into their wellies or outdoor trainers. If they are at school in PE kit or Forest School clothes, they will need either their school shoes or another pair of shoes to change into.

Children may play football at lunch time, but will need to change. Football boots are not allowed, but children may wear football kit (although not for PE lessons!). Year 1 will not be allowed to play football in the first term.

Breakfast and After-School clubs

Breakfast and After-School clubs will run as last year (7:50- 8:45 and end of school- 5pm). Places will be strictly limited to 24, so please book early to avoid disappointment. If you wish to book a regular place, please contact the office.

The School Day

Nursery sessions: morning 8.45- 12pm; afternoon 12.05- 3.05pm. If you are picking up or dropping off at lunchtime, please come to the school office.

Class	Beginning of school arrangements	End of school arrangements
Owls Nursery and Reception	Please use the gate that opens onto the Early Years outside area. The gate will be opened at 8:30am, but we prefer you to arrive around 8.40am. You will be met in the outside area by the teachers and	School day ends at 3:05. As in the morning, please come in via the road gate and we will bring your child out to you.

	TAs and the children can come straight in. The gate will close at 8:50am.	
Years 1 to 6	Children need to be at school by 8:45am. Teachers will be outside on the yard from 8:40am; children may arrive from 8:40 (no earlier, please) and walk down to the playground, where they will line up ready for class. Please use the pedestrian gate for entry and exit and separate from your child at the gate by the office. Older children may walk in on their own, but not before 8:40, so we can ensure a member of staff is on duty. If you wish to cycle, I would encourage this, but children must wear a cycle helmet.	Wrens and Robins School day ends at 3:05pm. Please come to the yard area and the children will be brought to the gate. Swallows, Bitterns and Ravens School day ends at 3:15pm. Please come to the yard area and the children will come to you.

Preloved Uniform

Claire Duxbury has organised a preloved uniform shop for Gresham Village families. Her aims are to promote sustainability by reusing good quality uniform and to reduce costs for parents, both of which, I know, are high in everyone's thoughts at the moment. She has set up a Facebook page (Gresham Village Preloved Uniform Shop). Please contact her through Facebook, if you wish to buy items or have any good quality items you wish to donate.

Safeguarding

At Gresham Village School and Nursery, our first priority is always the safety of the children. Central to this is to remain true to our school ethos- we have an open and transparent culture in which we encourage every member of our school community to share their views and we put the welfare of the children at the centre of everything we do. For full information about our safeguarding arrangements, please see the safeguarding page on our website. If you have any concerns about a child or adult, please speak to Marc Goodliffe (Headteacher and Lead Designated Professional for Safeguarding) or Debbie Coombs (Deputy Designated Professional for Safeguarding), in person or by telephone on 01263 577349.

Anti-racism and Discrimination Statement

Gresham Village School and Nursery does not tolerate discrimination in any form and is committed to ensuring that all pupils develop a tolerant and inclusive view of the world and to addressing discrimination in a consistent and rigorous way whenever it occurs.

Support for Families: Just One Norfolk

Just One Norfolk is a website provided by the NHS to support families in a multitude of ways. It provides advice about common issues that we have as parents or with our children- illnesses, sleep, emotional health, staying safe and additional needs to name but a few. The website also points parents to services that can help and it is very surprising how many services are available and how they can help.

Support for Families: Online Safety

As adults, we can quickly get out of touch and not understand the risks that our children are potentially exposed to. Often we rely on trusting our children's judgement, but on occasions, children can get out of their depth and into real danger, so it is important that we know about what they are doing and how we can mitigate the risks. Often the answer is as simple as knowing about the settings that the app should be set to in order to protect your child from predators or having a conversation about what to do if things 'don't seem right'.

Net Aware have produced this guide to Tiktok: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

We have an Online Safety page on the school website, which has links to Parent Info, CEOP online safety and Thinkyouknow, all websites full of information about how to keep children safe online. The link to the school web page is:

<http://www.greshamvillage.co.uk/for-parents-carers/online-safety-and-useful-link>