

Gresham Village School and Nursery

Newsletter

5th September 2024

Dear All,

Thank you for getting the children ready to come back to school this week. We have had a really good start with a focus this week on building relationships and understanding routines etc. At the end of this email, you will find a list of most of the dates for the term. Teachers are writing to you with welcome messages and more details about the term for each class and we will also provide your term-on-a-page by the end of the week.

We have an ambitious plan for the year- hopefully many of you will be able to come to the Coffee Morning on Monday 16th September, when we will be discussing this. If you are unable to come, I will put it in our next newsletter. Open Classrooms is on Thursday 26th September, which will be an early opportunity for you to see your child's classroom and some of the work they have been doing.

Take care everyone

Marc Goodliffe

School term dates

We have attached the 2024-25 calendar of school term times. Please note that we have added two extra training days on Thursday 24th October and Friday 10th January. These are for whole school phonics training with Read Write Inc's training provider. We were unable to secure dates within our usual training days, hence the need to hold the training on additional days.

Forest School

Forest School starts from next week and will run until November, when the weather starts to turn. Children need to come to school in their Forest School kit on Forest School days. They will need long sleeves, an extra jumper and a waterproof.

Nursery and Reception (YN and R) Mondays

Wrens (Y1) Fridays

Robins (Y2) Fridays

Swallows (Y3) Mondays (9, 16, 23 September; 21 Oct, 4 Nov)

Bitterns (Y4) Mondays (30 Sept, 7, 14 Oct; 11, 18 Nov)

Kingfishers (Y5) Fridays (13, 20, 27 Sept; 1, 8 Nov)

Puffins (Y6) Fridays (4, 11, 18 Oct; 15, 22 Nov)

PE

For years 1 to 6, PE is split over two days this year. Children need to come to school in their school PE kit and school jumper. They will need both sets of shoes, so we do not trail mud into school. If PE and Forest School are on the same days, they need only wear their Forest School kit.

Nursery/ Reception (YN and R) Wednesdays (with Natalie)

Wrens (Y1) Tuesday (with Mrs Dunnett); Friday (with Miss Neylon)

Robins (Y2) Tuesday (with Mrs Dunnett); Friday (with Ms Vargo)

Swallows (Y3) Wednesday (with Mrs Dunnett); Friday (with Miss Brown)

Bitterns (Y4) Wednesday (with Mrs Dunnett); Friday (with Ms Samuels)

Kingfishers (Y5) Monday (with Mrs Nahajski); Thursday (with Mrs Dunnett)

Puffins (Y6) Monday (with Mr Davies); Thursday (with Mrs Dunnett)

School Office

Message from Julie:

The school office is open from Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm and is closed for lunch from 12.00 to 12.30pm.

Julie (our School Secretary) works from Monday to Wednesday and Lin (our Clerical Assistant) works Thursday to Friday and alternate Wednesdays. This is a slight reduction in office hours from last term and so we are currently looking at ways to streamline practices in the office to keep disruptions to a minimum, allowing for a productive workflow. **One of the areas we are looking at is telephone calls and with this in mind we are kindly asking parents to avoid using Option 2 - speak to someone in the office - until after 10.30 am each day.** You can of course still leave messages with us regarding absences on the absence line at any time - Option 1 - and you can also use this to leave other messages (such as After School or Breakfast Club requirements) that we will pick up throughout the day.

If your call is a matter of urgency then of course please do press Option 2 to come through and speak to one of the office staff.

Many thanks for your support and co-operation with this proposed change.

Julie

Communication

Some aspects of communication were brought up in our parents' survey last term, so we have made a few adjustments, largely to make your class teacher the main point of contact for most communication about your child.

The school office remains the main port of call for lunches, breakfast and after school club enquiries etc. You can telephone, preferably after 10.30am, unless it is an emergency; or email office@greshamvillage.org.uk or come directly to reception.

If you need to contact us about a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Marc Goodliffe	head@greshamvillage.org.uk
Karen Nice	knice@synergymat.co.uk
Emily Motts-Burden	emottsburden@greshamvillage.org.uk
Ali Nahajski	anahajski@greshamvillage.org.uk

Your child's class teacher is your main point of contact for most matters in relation to your child's welfare and education. This includes medical and mental health issues, concerns about incidents in school, academic progress and SEND. If you would like to talk face-to-face or by telephone, after school is always the best time. Teachers are also contactable by email and will always endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible during working hours. If you need to speak to a teacher urgently, it is best to telephone the office. Please do not expect weekend or out of hours replies.

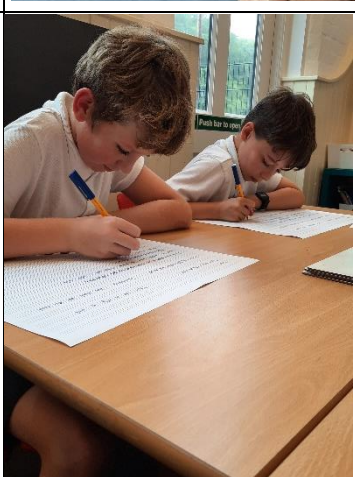
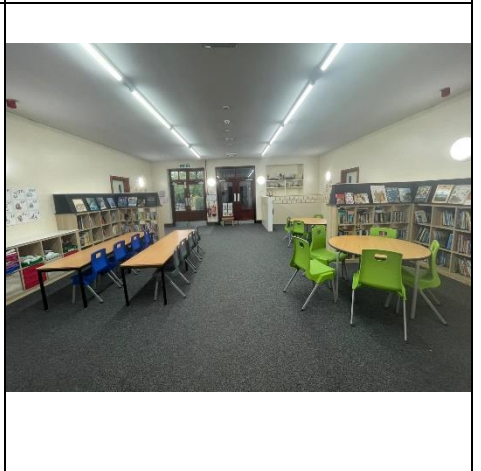
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Wrens	sneylon@greshamvillage.org.uk
Robins	avargo@greshamvillage.org.uk
Swallows	mmbrown@greshamvillage.org.uk
Bitterns	dcoombs@greshamvillage.org.uk and jsamuels@greshamvillage.org.uk
Kingfishers	anahajski@greshamvillage.org.uk
Puffins	cdavies@greshamvillage.org.uk

If your child's class teacher is not able to help or you feel your concern is not being addressed, please contact one of the following:

- Karen Nice is our SENDCO. She is at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Her email address is knice@synergymat.co.uk.
- Emily Motts-Burden is our Mental Health and Inclusion Lead. Her email address is above.
- I will always try to make myself available. My email is head@greshamvillage.org.uk. If I am not available, Mrs Nahajski and Mrs Motts-Burden are the leadership team.

Celebrating ...

- Lots of building work and refurbishment over the school holidays: new toilets, the library, Early Years and new windows at the front of school.
- A good start to the new year.



Dates for the autumn term

16 Sept	Coffee morning for parents, 8.45- 9.45	A chance to come into school for a chat over a drink. The focus will be our plans for the coming year.
23 Sept	Celebration assembly KS2, 2.40pm	Including KS2 birthdays for this half term.
	KS1 multi-sports at Colby	Sports event for Robins class.
24 Sept	Celebration assembly KS1, 2.40pm	Including KS1 birthdays for this half term.
26 Sept	School Council Elections	We will be electing our Y6 School Council Leaders and each class's School Council Representative.
	Open classrooms 3- 4pm	School open to parents for you to come and see your child's classroom and books.
07 Oct	KS2 cross-country	Voluntary event for children in Y3- 6. Details to follow.
23 Oct	Wrens' Harvest Festival, 2.30pm in the school hall.	Wrens will be celebrating their Harvest Festival. Year 1 parents welcome.
		School Council will be collecting Harvest gifts for North Norfolk Foodbank.
24 and 25 Oct	School closed for staff training	
28 Oct- 2 Nov	Half term	
7 Nov	Cross-country inter-house event Y3- 6	Weather permitting. Held on Village Park. We will need parent volunteers, please.
14 Nov	Odd Socks Day as part of National Anti-bullying Week	
15 Nov	Children in Need	
18 Nov	Celebration assembly KS2, 2.40pm	Including KS2 birthdays for this half term.
20 Nov	Celebration assembly KS1, 2.40pm	Including KS1 birthdays for this half term.
21 Nov	Coffee morning for parents, 8.45- 9.45	Focus on children's writing
27 Nov	Parents' Evening	
28 Nov	Parents' Evening	
5 Dec	Tag rugby inter-house event Y4- 6	

12 Dec	Children's Nativity for parents	Wrens and Robins. There will be morning and afternoon performances.
17 Dec	Friends' Christmas Fayre	
18 Dec	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas dinner	
19 Dec	Key Stage 2 Christmas dinner	
20 Dec	KS2 Carols in All Saints' Church, Gresham	
	Half day closing- end of term	School closes for Early Years and KS1 at 12.50 and 1pm for KS2.