

May 2021

NEWSLETTER

A HAPPY PLACE TO LEARN



MESSAGE FROM MRS YEOMAN

As we move towards the end of the half term I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your hard work, your patience and your support over the past few months. School has got a real 'buzz' about it at the minute and it feels fantastic to see the children really flourishing. I cannot wait to be able to invite parents into school for Celebration Assemblies and events once more.

LEARNING CELEBRATIONS

I have been very impressed with the learning that has been taking place within school **Nursery:** have been busy looking after their very own caterpillars, we cannot wait to watch them change over the next few weeks! **Reception:** Our Reception children have been climbing to new heights with three ladders that Mrs Bealey has brought into school. It has been fantastic to see the children climbing onto the tree stumps and sitting up high. **Year 1:** Chris, our new caretaker, brought his Tractor in to show the children as part of their transport topic. They have been learning all about the very first aeroplane and the Wright Brothers! **Year 2:** Have been studying the Wonders of the World and have been looking at bees and how important they are for us. **Year 3:** Have been learning all about the Great British Coastlines and have been studying fossils. They have used clay and plaster of Paris to make their very own fossils. I know that they are all looking forward to visiting Stump Cross Caverns after the half term. **Year 4:** Have really impressed me with their Roman catapult prototypes! **Year 5:** Have produced some stunning art, the detail in the portraits that they have created is magnificent. **Year 6:** Have been learning all about Malala Yousafzai and have produced some incredible 'hot writes' that are worthy of being published.

[LINK: www.greatwoodcommunityprimary.co.uk](http://www.greatwoodcommunityprimary.co.uk)

OUTDOOR-ED

Our Outdoor-Ed project is going from strength to strength at the minute. Mr Magee and Mr French have planned so many wonderful opportunities for our children. The latest Year 4 group have been fishing, dry stone walling, gardening, walking up Pendle Hill, walking up Sharp Haw, fishing, planting new trees, orienteering, learning how to read a compass and have also learnt how to read maps and draw their own.

We are so very lucky that we can offer Outdoor-Ed to our children. The benefits on wellbeing, teamwork, resilience, self-esteem, happiness and self confidence have made such a difference to our children and the parental feedback has been amazing!

"Thanks to all involved, Kaiden is loving this!" Steph Hey

"Cameron has loved Outdoor-Ed. This has just been brilliant, thanks to all the staff involved!" Sara Moorby

"Lewis is loving outdoor-Ed, he's still talking about fishing now. Thank you for these opportunities!" Donna Collop

"Kaiden has had the best week! He has loved every second of it. Thank you" Rebecca Ambler

"Thank you for your dedication to teaching, especially Outdoor Ed. I am proud to say Paisley attends Greatwood School." Mary Burden



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ATTENDANCE- EVERY DAY COUNTS

Well done to all of the classes who have such wonderful attendance this term. It is superb to see and such a team effort! A reminder that our target for Attendance for all children is to be above 96%

	Attendance	Late Marks
Reception	99.1%	3
Year 1	96.7%	23
Year 2	97.8%	3
Year 3	97.3%	14
Year 4	95.2%	28
Year 5	98.8%	18
Year 6	95.8%	37

We have a number of families who are persistently late at the moment and **I am really concerned about this!** The knock-on effect that this has on lost learning time (not to mention the disruption to the school office and the children who have settled into learning) is significant as can be seen in the information below:

School and future success starts with good attendance!



BOOK BAGS

After half term I am really pleased to announce that we can once again start to bring in book bags and pact books (yippee). This will mean that we can once again start sending reading books home (this will continue to support the reading planet learning) .

Reading at home every single night is the single most important thing that you can do to support your child's education. The impact that reading every night will have on your child will be significant and I cannot recommend it enough!

SCHOOL JUMPERS/CARDIGANS

After half term we will be selling school jumpers and cardigans with the Greatwood logo on. The prices, as I am sure you will agree, are very reasonable. These can be paid for on Parent Pay and collected from the office.

Price List (2020 – 2021)

Grey V Neck Jumpers (inc. Greatwood Logo)	
Size (Age)	Price (per jumper)
5	£5.50
6	£5.50
7	£6.50
8	£6.50
9	£6.50
10	£6.50
11	£7.50
12	£7.50

Grey V Neck Cardigans (inc. Greatwood Logo)	
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6	£5.50
7	£7.00
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TERM DATES:

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM THIS THURSDAY (AT 3PM) 26TH MAY. SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 7TH JUNE

GREATWOOD SAPLINGS

We are delighted to be able to introduce a new weekly group for parents and their young babies/children. This group will run weekly from the 9th June. It is a superb opportunity for parents and little ones to get together, particularly after the past 12 months! Please speak to Mrs Smith to book a place (places are limited)

Greatwood Saplings

Where your little ones can grow and flourish

What is Greatwood Saplings?
A brand new parent/carer baby and toddler group (0-3 years) where we'll welcome you and your little one to the Greatwood School community.

Venue
Greatwood Community Primary and Nursery School, After School Club building.

Time
1.45 - 2.45pm
every Wednesday

Come along for refreshments, social and play opportunities and friendly advice and support for families. We're looking forward to seeing you!

CLASS PHOTOS

Unfortunately, due to COVID and risk assessments we cannot invite a photography company into school at the moment. I know how disappointing this might seem. In response to this, I have asked Mrs Smith if she will take some super photos of each class on a day when the weather is kind to us. We will then sell copies of the photographs to parents.

ALDI VOUCHERS

We are once again, able to provide Aldi vouchers for our families in receipt of Free School meals for the half term break. These vouchers can be collected from Mrs Wright in the office.



SKIPTON FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT

Over the past year Skipton Food Bank have supported over 40 Greatwood families on a weekly basis with food parcels. We would like to be able to give something back to the Food Bank, so will be collecting on their behalf (under the shelter at the front of school) if you would like to make a donation of food then please place it in the box at the office.

