

September 2021

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As the summer holidays are drawing to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to ensure that you are all fully informed with the arrangements for the return to school in September.

This summer we have had quite a lot of building work carried out, many thanks to Allison Firth (our school facilities manager) Joanne Busfield (our school business manager) and to Chris McKimm our superb caretaker for ensuring that all of the improvements have continued to remain on track. School is now surrounded by new fencing, our whole corridor has now been painted, Year 1 have a brand new door and ramp access to outdoor provision and we are delighted that our KS2 toilets have finally been refurbished. School is looking incredible, and we are looking forward to finally having parents back inside the building!

The Department for Education have confirmed that from September we will no longer need to stay in our bubbles. This is wonderful news for us all and will mean that we can return to some sense of normality.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS:

Morning drop off:

Nursery morning sessions will be 8.50-11.50 and the afternoon sessions will be 12.10-3.10

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (note the change of entrance for Y3 children) children can be dropped off at the main entrance from 8.30-8.40 and will go straight down into their classes.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children can be dropped off at the KS2 entrance from 8.30-8.40 and they will go straight up to their classes.

Daily Wake-up-Shake-Up will be held in the hall from 8.30-8.40 and all children from Reception to Year 6 can take part in these sessions (just come to the top gate and go straight into the hall to join in)

End of the day pick up:

We are really mindful that returning to our 'normal' end of the day arrangements will feel very busy in comparison to what we have experienced over the past 18 months. With that in mind we would like to slightly stagger our end of the day pick-ups by five minutes.

Nursery children will be dismissed from the main gate at 11.50 for those who are staying for the morning and 3.10 for other children



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Reception and Year 1 children will be dismissed from the main gate at 2.55
Year 2 and 3 children will be dismissed from the main gate at 3

Year 4 and 5 children will be dismissed at the KS2 gate at 2.55
Year 6 children will be dismissed at the KS2 gate at 3

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Miss Rouse and Mrs Wilson will run both our Breakfast and our After School Club. The timings are as follows:

Breakfast club will run from 7.45-8.45. The drop off point for Breakfast club is the KS2 door.

After school club will run from 3-6 and the pick up point for After School club is the KS2 gate.

Our wrap around care must be pre-booked for the half term to ensure that we can keep within the guidelines of staff to child ratios. Places can be booked through Mrs Wright (Natalie) in the office.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES:

We are delighted that our Whole School Celebration Assembly will return on Friday mornings from 9.10. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate academic achievements, children who have shone with our school values and those who have achieved certificates out of school. We also celebrate class attendance and it is a wonderful way to end our week. Parents of children who are receiving certificates in the assembly will be notified on a Thursday and invited to attend the assembly.

PARENT'S EVENINGS:

Over the academic year there will be two opportunities to sit down with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress and next steps. Parents evenings will be held in the school hall on the following dates and will be bookable nearer to the time via our school app. Your child's showcase books will be available to look at before your appointment.

Monday 18th October from 3.30-5.50

Tuesday 19th October from 3.30-5.50

Tuesday 15th February from 3.30-5.50



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Wednesday 16th February from 3.30-5.50

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS:

We are delighted that we can once again open our school doors to parents and families to watch our superb Christmas productions

EYFS Nativity (Nursery and Reception): Wednesday 15th December 10-11 am

Year 1,2 and 3 Carol Concert: Thursday 16th December 2-3pm

Year 4,5 and 6 Carol Concert: Friday 17th December 2-3pm

WARRIORS OF THE RAINBOW:

We are delighted to be working in collaboration with Skipton Camerata Orchestra throughout the first half of the Autumn Term on an environmental performance. Our KS2 children who take part in this event will perform at Skipton Town hall on the 14th and the 16th October and tickets will be available closer to the performances for parents and families to watch.

YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL:

Once again, Mrs Marshall will be taking a group of children to dance at York University as part of the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival. This year's theme is 'The Power of Together.' Greatwood has participated in the festival for many years and the opportunity to perform in front of an audience of over 2500 people enables our children to develop their passion for dance and creativity.

COVID ARRANGEMENTS:

On the 17th August the DFE updated their COVID guidance for re-opening schools.

- School will no longer need to identify close contacts. NHS track and Trace will now identify close contacts, who will then be advised to carry out a PCR test.
- Individuals are no longer expected to isolate if they live with someone who has covid if they are under 18 or are fully vaccinated.
- Our increased cleaning schedule will continue to be in place.
- Classrooms will continue to be well ventilated.

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY:

With the significant reduction in the number of associate staff that we have within school, we are actively seeking support from volunteers to help at school. We currently need help with listening to readers, help to maintain our allotment and garden areas and help to support on school trips. Any volunteers that we have within school will be fully trained and will need to have a DBS certificate. If you feel that you could help us at all, please contact Mrs Wright (Natalie) in the school office and she will arrange a meeting with Mrs Yeoman.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER:

A quick reminder of our Greatwood school uniform. It is really important that our children look smart every single day and that they also wear clean uniform.

Grey Greatwood jumper or cardigan

White school shirt **(not polo shirt)**

Greatwood school tie

Grey Pinafore dress or skirt

Blue and white checked gingham dress (for summer weather)

Grey pants or shorts

Grey, black or white school socks

Black school shoes **(Not boots or trainers)**

Grey, white, blue or black hair accessories

NB: Jumpers, Cargidans and ties can be purchased from the school office.

PE Kit:

White polo shirt

Navy or Black PE shorts

Black pumps for KS1 and black trainers for KS2

KS2 children will also need a navy or black hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE.



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