

Welcome back to the new school year...

- I would like to thank our families for supporting us in the successful return to school. We have been impressed with how well the children have settled into the new school routines and thanks to the vigilance of staff and co-operation of the children, we are managing to keep the children in their 3 separate bubbles throughout the school day.
- This is a protective measure to reduce the risk of transmission of Coronavirus. The children have responded extremely well to the measures we have put in place to keep us all safe and have had a great start to the new school year.
- The children and teachers are telling me that they are really enjoying their new classes and staff have been really impressed with the super attitudes to learning shown by the children. The children have all worked very hard this week as we have been carrying out assessments to inform us of any gaps in learning which have arisen over the lockdown period. We will be implementing a recovery curriculum to enable children to catch up on any learning they have missed.
- Teachers have also spent part of every day focusing specifically on children's well-being and dedicating time for children to discuss any concerns they may have.
- Attendance has been very good since the start of term. Where any child has displayed symptoms of Coronavirus we have advised them to take a test and remain at home until the results are confirmed. Fortunately all tests have come back negative. If we were to have a positive test in school Public Health England would advise the school on the best course of action and whether we need to close a bubble temporarily. I sincerely hope that this will not be necessary but if any children are required to self isolate we have a remote learning policy in place which we would implement.
- We are constantly reviewing our current procedures and **we have noticed that the pavement at the front of the school can become very congested at the end of the school day so from Monday parents and children will be able to exit the playgrounds via the front gate and back gate near Chirpy Chicks.** We hope that this improve the situation.
- We do appreciate parents socially distancing from staff on the playground as it is very important that we keep them safe too.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this challenging time. Jane MacDonald

New Staff

- Our core staff team remains very stable again this year but we would like to welcome two teacher trainees, Mrs Baldwin into Ash class and Miss Mason into Sycamore class, who will be with us all year to complete their training.
- We would also like to welcome, Alanis, who has joined our super cleaning team. We now have a member of cleaning staff on site all day to ensure that classrooms and communal areas are constantly being cleaned.

Learning Logs

- The children's learning logs should be brought into school every Friday so they can renew their reading books. **(This is the only time learning logs need to be in school to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19).** The learning logs contain very useful information, from term dates to lists of spellings. Please take time to look at this book with your child and sign it to record their daily reading at home.

Curriculum Overviews, Knowledge Organisers and Homework Grids

- Your child should have brought home these documents which outline what the children will be learning this term. These can also be found on the school website in the home learning pages for your class. <https://www.grettonprimary.org.uk/homelearning>

Diary Dates

Thursday 24th September

- MacMillian coffee morning (Takeaway)

Friday 2nd October

- Y6 L3 Bikeability training

Friday 23rd October

- Staff training day—school closed to children.

Half term

Monday 2nd November

- School re-opens

Permission to Walk Home

Please can we remind parents that children in years 4-6 will not be permitted to walk home from school on their own unless the new permission form sent home this week has been signed by a parent and returned to the school office. Please speak to the school office if you require another copy.



Earrings

- Please could we remind parents that only **small stud earrings** are permitted to be worn in school and that all earrings should be removed for PE.

If you change your mobile phone number or email address during the year please let the school office know. We need to have the correct details so that we can contact you if your child is unwell and to communicate school news.



Our value of the month is:

Responsibility

Responsibility is taking care of yourself, others and belongings

MacMillan Coffee Morning



As you may be aware it will soon be the 'MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning' and as usual Willow class will be hosting this event.

However, this year it will need to be a take away service! More details to follow. We hope you will come along and support this event on

Thursday 24th September from 9am.

If you would like to donate any cakes, tea, coffee, plates, napkins, plastic cups etc. for our coffee morning then please speak to Miss Hearne (Willow Class). The more donations we receive the greater our donation to the charity.

Thank you.

Drumming lessons with Glenn

Drumming lessons will be starting back very soon, we will be sending letters home to those that already have lessons to see if they would like to continue and also to pupils who have expressed an interest in trying drum lessons.

I can assure you that all risk assessments have been made and Glenn will be wearing the appropriate PPE.



Notices

Please remember our school office is closed for parents to come in. If you need help with anything please call us on 01536 770366 or email office@grettonprimary.org

Please can just one parent accompany the children to and from school to reduce the numbers of adults on site.

Please avoid bringing school bags into school to keep our corridors clear.

Please stand clear of school gates when gathering in the playground at the end of the day

Please can older children who come to school on their own arrive no earlier than 8.50am.

Thank you!

Class attendance for w/c 02/09/20 goes to:
Maple with 97%

Class attendance for w/c 07/09/20 goes to:
Oak class with 100%

Absence Notification

Please may we remind parents that every effort should be made to inform school if your child is absent from school on the first day of absence, by 9.15am.

We will be contacting parents by 9.30am if the school has not been informed of any absence.

If you suspect your child may have any symptoms of coronavirus please do not send your child into school. We advise you to take your child for a Covid test. There is a Covid-19 walk through testing site in Corby at James Ashworth

Square, which is open from 8am to 8pm everyday.

Appointments should be made by phoning 0301 3032713. As soon as you receive a negative result your child can come back to school.

If your child or any member of your household tests positive please contact Mrs MacDonald immediately.

Also, just a reminder, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea please let the office know as soon as possible. The Brooke Weston Trust guidelines now state that children can return to school 24 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Packed Lunch—Important Notice

As some of our children have severe nut allergies there are **NO nuts** or nut related products allowed in the children's packed lunches.

Also can we remind parents that no fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets are allowed in lunch boxes and that children should be encouraged to bring a healthy lunch to school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



GRETTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ARTS AND CRAFTS - SPORTS - PLAY ACTIVITIES MONDAY-FRIDAY 3.15PM-6PM AVAILABLE ALL SCHOOL TERM WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER-THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER £50 PER WEEK - £11 PER DAY PAYMENT TO BE GIVEN TO CBC STAFF AT CLUB	GRETTON MORNING CLUB  MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-8.55AM AVAILABLE ALL SCHOOL TERM WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER-THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER £90 FOR ENTIRE TERM (SAVING OVER £10) - £10 PER WEEK - £3 PER DAY PAYMENT TO BE GIVEN TO CBC STAFF AT MORNING CLUB HALF PRICE FOR SECOND SIBLING  PLEASE NOTE NO SNACKS ARE PROVIDED BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN ALONG
SIBLING DISCOUNT - £9 FOR SECOND CHILD BOOKING ADVISED	

Morning and after school club

To book for your child(ren) to attend either the morning or after school club please email the club leader- Megan Buchanan at megan.buchanan@corby.gov.uk or telephone her on 07565605067.