

Hello Yellow Day - Friday 9th October

Today, we are celebrating Hello Yellow day, by having a non-uniform day today and wearing something yellow to school.

Hello Yellow is a charity supporting children with their own mental health and wellbeing. As we cannot accept cash in the school, if you would like to donate then please do so by donating to Hello Yellow online at

<https://youngminds.org.uk/donate/>

We raised an incredible amount last year, I hope we can raise it again this year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our 'Hello Yellow' day so far!



Diary Dates

Monday 12th-
Thursday 15th October
Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd October
End of Term

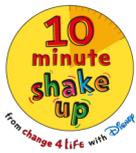
Friday 23rd October
Staff training day
School closed to children

Monday 2nd November
School re-opens

Promoting Physical Activity at Home

As a school, we are passionate about providing all of our children with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to lead active lives. In order to promote physical activity out of school, please can you encourage your child to be active for an average of at least 60 minutes per day across the week and also minimise the amount of time spent being sedentary, as recommended by the UK Chief Medical Officers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/physical-activity-guidelines-uk-chief-medical-officers-report>.



For example, children could actively commute to school where possible, keep an activity diary and create active games at home - there are lots of great ideas here

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>.

Walk to School Week 2020

We are taking part in the National Walk to School Week 2020 from next week. This is designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day. It also encourages healthy habits for life with a focus on diet, exercise and well-being.

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school can help set kids up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing.

We will be talking to the children about the many health benefits of walking and how exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.



How can I get involved in Walk to School Week?

This challenge is not just about walking, any type of exercise is encouraged, including cycling, riding your scooter or even running!

Although it may not be possible for every child to walk the distance from their house to their school, parents are encouraged to 'drive and stride,' parking further than they normally would and walking the rest of the way. This also means that traffic congestion and pollution is reduced around school gates. The village hall is a good place to park and parents could then walk along Kirby Road with their children.

Parents Evening

Due to Covid restrictions, we are trying to minimise the number of visitors in our school so parents evenings will be taking place next week by telephone calls. This week you should have received a confirmation slip of your confirmed time. Please have your phone available and please be aware that our number may show up as 'no caller ID'.

Class attendance for w/c 9/09/20 goes to: **Ash class with 100%**

Class attendance for w/c 05/10/20 goes to: **Ash class with 99%**

Job Vacancy

Gretton Primary Academy is looking to recruit an enthusiastic and reliable SEND Learning Support Assistant for 14 hours per week to join our creative, vibrant and high performing village school.

The position will involve providing one-to-one support every morning for a pupil with additional needs in our reception class.

If you are interested, please refer to our school website to find out more information.

<https://www.grettonprimary.org.uk/schoolinfo/varancies>

Flu Jabs

All children will be offered a flu jab this year on the 24th November.

Online consent forms have been sent out with more information.

Any questions please contact the school office.

Please send your child/ren in with a coat from next week as temperatures are starting to drop—it definitely feels like autumn now!

Harvest Festival

Just a reminder; we will not be able to deliver Harvest Boxes to the elderly residents of Gretton this year. So instead, we kindly ask for any donations of tinned or dried food to be brought into school and we will donate these to the Baptist Chapel for circulation to local families in need or to the food bank in Corby. We will be filming our Harvest Festival celebrations in school and will inform you once this is on our school website.

Any donations need to be in by Thursday 22nd October.

Thank you for all your help and support.



Our value of the month is: **Respect**

We are reinforcing the importance of good manners with the children and would ask parents to encourage good manners at home to reinforce the messages from school.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SESSIONS

Afterschool club have introduced new shorter sessions to make it more affordable for those parents who need less hours. Please see the costs below. To book places please contact

Megan Buchanan at megan.buchanan@corby.gov.uk or telephone her on 07565605067.

3:15PM-4PM- £4

3.15PM-5PM-£8

3.15PM-6PM-£11



Happy Halloween to all you ghouls and ghosts!

This year for Halloween, you are invited to come to school dressed up as any spooky character. Or if you would like to just wear your own clothes that's ok too.

This will be on the last day of term - Thursday 22nd October.

Best Witches!



Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

Your child may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

Income Support. Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit.

At Gretton Primary, the academic progress of our Pupil Premium pupils is supported through one to one work with an adult to close any gaps in learning or to accelerate progress.

As well as this, we will offer free second-hand uniform or subsidise the cost of new school uniform. We can also

subsidise the cost of breakfast and after school club, pay for music lessons in school and support families with the cost of school trips.

Once registered for Pupil Premium funding your child will continue to be entitled to a free school meal once they reach Key Stage 2. If you think you may be eligible, please contact the school office by emailing Mrs Crawford.