

SPRING 2017

# Green Park News

## Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new and exciting term! The children have all returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn!

We have more exciting topics and learning experiences this term. Thank you for your continued support with homework.

We are delighted to have Mr. Gillespie with us in Year 3 and 4, covering Mrs. Cole-Pendrey's maternity leave and Mrs. Marr who is teaching across Key Stage 2.

Our Facebook page continues to gather 'likes' and you have told us that you love using it. Please spread the word so all of our families use it to link with school.

So, here's to another great term!

Very best wishes

Liz Nightingale - Head Teacher

## Car Park/Parking issues

Please continue to drive safely in the car park and outside school. **Do not park in the areas clearly marked near to the zebra crossing** – it reduces driver visibility.

**Do not park on the yellow zigzags outside school** – these must be kept clear.

**Please remember the Highway Code still applies in our car park. Do NOT park on the double yellow lines and only use the drop off point if you are going to be a couple of minutes. Otherwise use the parking bays please.**



## General information - equipment

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should bring in their own equipment in order to be 'ready to learn'. In their pencil cases they should have:

- a **black ink pen (not biro)** - in Years 3/4 we request that these are self-inked and do not require cartridges
- a pencil
- a rubber
- colouring pencils
- a pencil sharpener
- a 30cm transparent, rigid ruler

All equipment is available to buy from the office at a reasonable price. Please ensure equipment is clearly labelled.

## Uniform and PE

Uniform information is available on our website. Our red school jumpers are available to buy from the office. Pupils may also like to wear one of our Green Park School fleeces as it is still a wee bit chilly!

For PE, pupils should wear black shorts and a red PE t-shirt (also available to buy). Dark-coloured joggers are allowed for outdoor games when the weather is chilly.

Footwear should be flat, plain, **black** shoes. Smart, black boots are acceptable for the winter months.

Jewellery is not allowed in school. Earrings should be small gold studs only. These should be taken out for PE unless the piercing is less than six weeks old. Micro-pore tape should be sent in to cover earrings up during this time.

## Communication

We have key information on our website at <http://www.greenpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk/>.

The website is currently being rebuilt and will be launched soon.

Our Facebook page is live and will give instant updates and reminders.

Please check your parent mail regularly.

Follow us on Twitter [@GreenParkMK](https://twitter.com/GreenParkMK)

Please let us know what is useful to you – the feedback will ensure we improve things!

## School times

School starts at 8.45am and ***pupils should not be on site until 8.35am.*** The school day ends at 3.15pm.

If pupils come to school on bikes or scooters then they must NOT ride these on the site please.

***We would respectfully ask that parents do not come onto the school grounds before 3pm as PE lessons and outdoor activities are still going on and this is distracting for pupils.***

## Medicines and inhalers

Pupils with asthma MUST have their inhaler in school. Without it they cannot take part in PE or school visits. **It is also the responsibility of parents to make sure inhalers are in date and not empty.**

Parents will be contacted if an inhaler is missing and children may have to be kept at home until medication is in school. We take this incredibly seriously – an ambulance may not get to school in time to save a life. We are only allowed to administer prescribed medicines to pupils. If your child needs to be given medication please bring it into the front office and speak to a member of staff.

## Hot school meals

Menus are available on the school website and from the office. Don't forget to get your order in on a Wednesday!

Any queries should be directed to Michele at Essence catering on 07584 024062.

## Nut free school

Don't forget – we are a nut free zone as we have a pupil with a life-threatening nut allergy.

Please see our website for more information.

## Sickness

Children who have had the winter vomiting virus with symptoms of **sickness and diarrhoea** should stay off school until they have been clear for **48hours**.

If your child has **just** had a bout of **sickness** and feels well, they may return after **24hours**. If you have any queries then do contact the school.

## Head Lice

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair. Cover it in conditioner and comb through to remove the little critters. Children do not need lots of time off school to treat head lice.

## Change of details/emergency contacts

Please inform the office if you have changed personal details e.g. mobile phone numbers. It would also be helpful if you check your 'other contacts' for emergencies and make sure people are available. We have had a couple of recent incidents when we haven't been able to get hold of anyone for a child and this concerns us.

## School closures – we all love a snow day! 😊

Don't forget – if it snows and you need to see if school is closed then you can check our Facebook page, listen to MKFM or check the council website on: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/closures](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/closures). You can also sign up for text alerts via the same website.

## School term dates

Dates are now available right up until 2018 so parents can make any necessary arrangements. A full list of dates is on our website, including all INSET days.

## Curriculum Planning

An overview of what children are learning is available on the website so you can see what is being taught in school. If you would like to look at planning in more detail, please pop in for a chat and we can share the 'Cornerstone Curriculum Planning' books with you.

## Christmas Collections

Thanks to all of you, we raised an amazing amount of money for the Winter Night Shelter. Your donations for our homeless appeal have also been fantastic and the local homeless charities wish to extend their thanks to all of you for your huge generosity.

## SATs

Year 6 SATs are from 8<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> May. **Children must be in school** to take the tests please.

## Key events and dates for this term

### **30 January – 3 February – Book Week**

It's that time of year again – lots of reading activities, the Book Fair, the staff panto and – yes you guessed it – **dressing up as a book character day (Friday 3 February)**!

### **Thursday 9 February – 3.30-8.00 Parents Evening**

Appointment letters will be sent out soon

### **13 - 17 February – Half Term Holiday**

### **Thursday 23 March – Mums/Special Ladies to School**

2.00 – 3.15 across the school

### **24 March – Comic Relief fundraising day**

Green Park's Got Talent (!)

## Friends of the School Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24 January – 7.00pm – meeting

Further events to follow

### **And not forgetting....**

The children will be involved in lots of other exciting activities as the term progresses, including:

- Polish Day (run by the children)
  - Swimming for Year 4
  - Music festivals
  - Sports festivals
- Choir singing at various functions
  - Singing Playgrounds
    - Sign 2 Sing
  - Football tournaments

And much much more.....

Please do pop in to see us if there is anything you would like to discuss.  
Speak to your child's teacher or you can contact Mrs. N via the school messenger service on the Facebook page.