



Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

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Menu for week commencing
11/09/2023 showing on last page
newsletter

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It has been a brilliant first week back at school for everyone. The children have settled straight back into school life and it was wonderful to have all of KS1 and KS2 together for assembly on Wednesday. Miss Fitzpatrick and I have been in and out of classrooms, watching the children learning and seeing them enjoy the beautiful weather outside at break and lunchtimes. School has been a wonderful place to be this week.

Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL

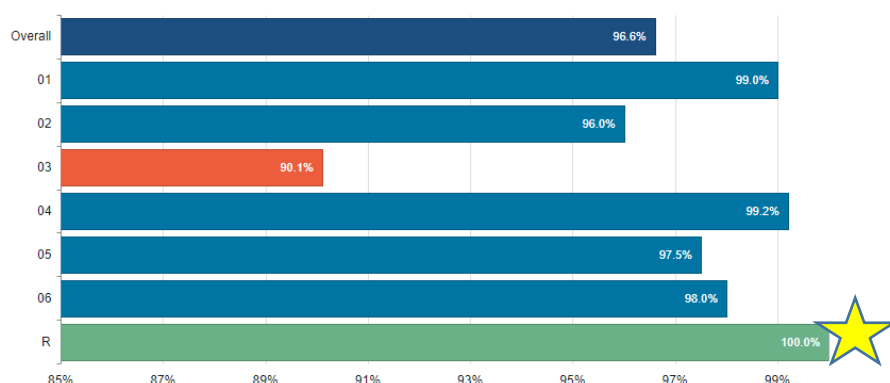
As we move forward, I am really looking forward to starting our Friday 'Celebration Assemblies' again. These will begin on Friday 22nd September at 9.10am starting with Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3. If your child is one of our first 'stars of the week', you will receive a letter the week before inviting you to attend the assembly if you are able.

Please also remember to send in any 'proud moments' from during the summer break. We are happy to display certificates or trophies for our pupils in the school entrance.

Please email cdowning@pga.greenheartlearning.org or tsnell@pga.greenheartlearning.org with anything you would like to share.

Congratulations to **Reception** for having the best attendance during these last 3 days with a **fantastic 100%**

Overall school attendance stands at **96.6%** this week, which is above average – thank you.



Attendance
Matters



PE Days

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on their PE days. This should consist of dark shorts/jogging bottoms and a plain coloured top of their house team colour. No football shirts or branded tops should be worn.

Children should **not wear jewellery on PE days** and earring **MUST** be taken out.

Unfortunately, **no child will be allowed to cover earrings with plasters**. We have consulted with Staffordshire Health and Safety executive, and this is the guidance they have given for us to follow.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

Year Group	PE	Outdoor Games
Nursery	Tuesday	Pupils have daily access to outdoor learning and physical activity during Continuous Provision
Reception	Thursday	
Year 1	Thursday	
Year 2	Friday	Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Monday
Year 4	Friday <i>*swimming</i>	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6	Monday	Wednesday



Noticeboard

Along with the new signage around school, we now also have a school information board. This is situated on the main Rosehill entrance pedestrian gate. So far, term dates and school achievements have already been displayed and soon, the PTFA will also advertise their events on this board.



Please remember there are to be no dogs (except assistance dogs) on site at any time of the school day. This is to comply with health and safety regulations. Please note, this also includes dogs being carried by their owners.



Book Bags

Again this year, all coats will be kept in the classrooms – this is to ensure corridors are kept clear to allow ease of access around school. In order for children to keep belongings in their trays/boxes (which are in the classroom), please only continue to send your child to school with their Pye Green Academy book bag, which we gave out last year. Please do not send rucksacks for your children as there is not the space for us to store them.

New pupils joining our school should have received their **FREE** book bag this week. There are also some spare book bags on the uniform swap bank in the entrance hall, should you need another one.

Asthma Friendly School Award

This week, we have been officially recognised as an 'Asthma Friendly School' by the Staffordshire NHS trust. Last year, Mrs Snell worked closely with them to ensure Pye Green Academy were fully compliant with our asthma criteria for schools. They are very impressed with the policies and procedures we have in place for our pupils with asthma. We are proud to have received this award. Thank you Mrs Snell for your hard work gaining this for us.



Early Years Interactive Tables

Our Early Years pupils are excited to start exploring their interactive tables that were delivered to classes this week.



The multi-touch surfboards allow multiple children to interact simultaneously with the on-screen content linked to their curriculum. I know pupils will enjoy using these in the coming weeks.

Eco School Green Flag Award

We are proud to announce that our Eco-Committee have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. Led by Mrs Burnett, the group worked tirelessly last year to help Pye Green to 'be as green as possible'.

The assessors commented on the passion of our eager, enthusiastic, mature pupils and they were very impressed by the minutes the children kept during their Eco Meetings. They loved the fact that they covered both indoor projects such as energy monitors, a 'switch-off' campaign, reduced paper use, classroom recycling bins and the development of a used uniform bank as well as outdoor activities such as regular litter-picks and the RSPB birdwatch.

They highlighted how active our Eco-Committee were in communicating their activities school-wide with both assembly and class feedback and on their use of the school newsletter, social media and Eco-board.

This year, the Eco-Committee will build on this success and Mrs Burnett already has many exciting ideas to take us from strength to strength. Thank you Mrs Burnett and your Eco team for your hard work gaining this award for us.



Term Time Holiday

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance at school perform better than those who don't.

There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene. In some cases, this could mean that parents receive a fine.

More information can be found below

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/11/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



School Year 2023 to 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 1)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 2)

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November

Term ends: Friday 22nd December

Holiday: Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

Friday 22nd December - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 3)

Please note this is a change of date.

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4 – TBC)

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March

Holiday: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

Holiday: Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th August

Week Two Date W/C 11/09/2023

Primary Menu Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Fish Fingers	Breaded Chicken Steak	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding, & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala	Pizza Selection Cheese & Tomato Peperoni
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)	Mac 'n' Cheese	Quorn Bolognaise	Roast Quorn Fillet & Gravy	Vegetable & Bean Burger with Tomato Ketchup	Nacho Bites
Yellow	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans
Vegetables Corbs	Cauliflower Carrots Baked Beans Diced Potatoes Crusty Bread	Broccoli Sweetcorn Baked Beans Noodles Garlic & Herb Bread	Cauliflower Cheese Carrots Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Green Beans Baked Beans Brown/White Rice Potato Wedges	Garden Peas Broccoli Baked Beans Chips
Sandwich Option (Blue)	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert	Chocolate Crunch	Waffle	Ice-Cream Tub	Chocolate Shortbread	A selection of chilled frozen & fresh fruit desserts