



20th October 2023

End of Term 1, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we close Term 1 of the year, please see below some key information, news and celebrations ahead of the half-term break.

Key Dates

School reopens to Pupils for Term 2	30 th October 2023
Parent/Carer Survey released	31 st October 2023
KS2 Parent Consults	8 th November 2023
KS3 Parent Consults	15 th November 2023
KS4 Parent Consults	22 nd November 2023
ADHD parent/carer support group	22 nd November 2023
End of Term Rewards day	19 th December 2023
School Christmas Lunch	20 th December 2023
Break-up for Christmas Holidays	20 th December 2023

Seasonal Safety

We are at the time of year where the night darkens quickly, we have discussed with pupil through assembly about their personal safety when 'playing out' and darkness, but also if celebrating Halloween and Guy Fawkes that we are mindful of safety measures and respecting people who don't celebrate those events or can feel scared by them, especially the elderly, young children and animals.

Harry the Therapy Dog

Harry has been working with children in reading this half-term and he has loved it, as have the children! The impact Harry is having on pupils love of reading and their confidence is huge and is such a pleasure to see. Harry has also provided emotional support to pupils at times of crisis. Harry's visits are provided through the charity 'Pets as Therapy', the School Council will be arranging a fundraising event for them this year, but you can find more information or donate yourselves at the following link:

<https://petsastherapy.org/>

Parent Support Group – ADHD

On 22nd November Miss Parker will be hosting a support group for parents/carers of young people at Greenfields with ADHD and Neurodiversity. The group will discuss common challenges, empathetic supports and strategies. Please contact Miss Parker for more details terri.parker@greenfields-cit.co.uk

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/>



Transition to new Classes & Curriculum

Nobody likes change! So well done to all pupils on the transition to our new vertical class structure, we know they found this difficult to start with, but this is now really starting to settle and the impact on pupils learning has been positive. It has also been great to see new parts of the curriculum in action, with some great Music lessons and Computing becoming more advanced with the introduction of the new pupil laptops.

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Termly Awards

Congratulations to the following members of the school community who have excelled in demonstrating Greenfields values (Personalised, Aspirational, Caring, Engaging) and been awarded the termly PACE awards:

PERSONALISED: Leo Barry, making significant progress and positive contributions in Science

ASPIRATIONAL: Joshua Means, seeking out opportunities to catch up on missed learning and requesting homework to support his Key Stage 4 Study

CARING: Melody White-Morris, for developing her relationships with adults resulting in increased time in class

ENGAGING: Denney Butcher, for designing and developing the whole-school construction area

Headteacher's Award: Cohen Batty - Emotional and Personal Resilience

National Shortage of Medications

There is a national shortage of certain types of ADHD medication. We have liaised with the ICB and have been informed that all GP's are aware of the shortages and parents/carers are advised to contact their GP for advice of alternative medication available. We urge all parents/carers who this affects to contact school urgently, through your Wellbeing Mentor, and keep us-up-to-date on the impact on their child and the response from GPs. Please consider this like any other medical situation in relation to your child's mental and physical health.

School Council

During September, the whole pupil body took part in democratically voting for their pupil and staff house captains. There were some strong applications and a great deal of competitive spirit with the pupils (and staff) sharing their campaign posters widely across the school, leading to a very close count on election day. We are very pleased to present the house captains; the pupil house captains also form the school council.

	Cedar	Willow	Oak
Pupil House Captain	Toby	Callum	Jayden
Pupil Vice Captain	Connor	Oakley	Ellie
Staff House Captain	Miss Lawson	Mr Cameron	Miss Clarke
Staff Vice Captain	Miss Sumner	Miss Cockroft	Miss Dawson

School Council meets during the P.A.C.E session on Wednesday mornings and have already been invaluable in providing pupil voice and feedback to a number of areas. Another duty of the school council is to identify pupils who are demonstrating positive British Values, awards for this are awarded in assembly each week.

Lower-School Football

We are working towards an inter-school football match against Ambergate this term and those showing positive behaviours have trained on Tuesday's during Star Time. Unfortunately, the fixture was cancelled by Ambergate however the boys involved coped really well and instead played a five a side match between themselves which was refereed by Miss Lawson. Great sportsmanship was shown between the boys with the match ending in a 2- 2 draw. There are more fixtures planned for lower-school next term.

Attendance

Congratulations to the 36 pupils who have maintained 100% attendance this term. Additional awards have been issued for those with the most improved attendance:

William Goode (Willingham Class)

Melody White-Morris (Pinewood Class)

Riley Ogden (Blidworth Class)

A further congratulations to Willingham class for achieving the highest collective attendance this term!

Damage and Stealing School Property

Since my last letter, we have continued to see intentional damage caused to school property, to furniture, laptops and doors/windows. Where caused intentionally, these costs will be passed on to parents/carers through a bill on ParentPay. We have also had two internal radios stolen from school and would appreciate these being safely returned to school to avoid us making costly insurance claims which means less resources to spend on pupils.

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Staffing – welcomes, farewells and changes

During term 2 of the year Miss Pilgrim is undertaking a temporary secondment to Boston Endeavour Academy to support their provision and share good practise between the schools.

Over the last half-term, we have said farewell to Mr Hicks. We have welcomed new staff to our Team; Miss Johnson, Miss Mahlatsi, Mr Stone, Mrs Winter, Mr Stubbs, Miss Tweedle, Mr Retford and Miss Clack will join us after half-term. Everyone is also really pleased to see Mr Quanbrough begin his return to work following a serious injury.

We have also welcomed several new pupils to Greenfields since we returned in September; Jai, Jake and Cohen in Upper-School, Kaydee and Theo in Lower-School.

I wish all our school community an enjoyable and safe half-term break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr A. Rush
Headteacher

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