Greenford CE VC Primary School Newsletter

6.11.26

Welcome

Dear families and friends,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break and managed to find some time to relax and enjoy being together. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and hear all about their adventures.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening this week. Thank you for taking the time to come in and talk with us about your children's learning and progress. We look forward to welcoming more of you at our second evening next Wednesday.

I've also had lots of excited children telling me about their plans to visit fireworks displays this weekend! Whatever you have planned, I hope you have a wonderful time, enjoy the celebrations and stay safe.

Children across the school have been learning about Bonfire Night this week, including discovering the story of Guy Fawkes and thinking carefully about how to stay safe around fireworks. Children in Key Stage 2 have been busy creating firework safety posters, while our youngest children in Magnolia have been exploring firework safety through role play.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

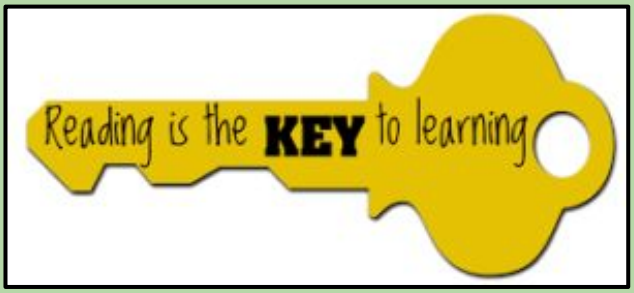
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The Power of Reading – Just 10 Minutes a Day!

If there is one thing you can do at home to make a real difference to your child's education, it is to **read with them, listen to them read and help them develop a love of books.**

We've noticed recently that quite a few children aren't reading regularly at home, and this is something we'd really like to improve. I know how busy family life can be, and that finding time to sit down with a book isn't always easy. But reading at home really is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning. Even ten minutes a day, consistently, can make a difference.

Reading is about so much more than being good at English. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly tend to achieve better across the curriculum. It makes sense when you think about it: whether children are solving a maths problem, understanding a science investigation or learning about history, reading is at the heart of almost everything they do. In fact, reading ability is one of the strongest indicators of a child's wider academic achievement.

Here are a few statistics that might surprise you:

- Research from the **Education Endowment Foundation** suggests that effective parental involvement in children's learning can lead to an average of **four additional months of progress** over a year. Much of the research behind this finding focuses on supporting reading at home.
- A major study by the **Institute of Education** found that children who read for pleasure made greater progress in **vocabulary, spelling** and even **mathematics** between the ages of 10 and 16.
- Research from the **National Literacy Trust** has found that children who enjoy reading are **more than twice as likely to have above-average reading skills** as those who don't.

The good news is that making a difference doesn't have to be complicated. **Just 10–15 minutes of reading together each day is a wonderful place to start.** For younger children, this might mean sharing a bedtime story, practising their phonics or listening to them read their school book. For older children, it might mean reading a chapter together, talking about a favourite character or simply encouraging them to pick up a book for pleasure.

And please don't feel that reading together has to stop once your child can read independently. Even our oldest children benefit enormously from being read to, discussing stories and sharing books with adults.

Above all, we want children to discover that reading isn't simply something we do at school because we have to. It is something that can take us anywhere, teach us almost anything and give us a lifetime of enjoyment.

So, my challenge to every Greenford family is simple: make reading part of your daily routine. Just ten minutes a day is a great starting point. Those few minutes really do matter, and together we can help every child become a confident, enthusiastic reader.

A really big well done to our school council members, who organised a non-uniform day just before half term to raise money for sustainable glue sticks. They raise over £120 alltogether!

New Uniform Supplier

We have a new uniform supplier which will enable parents to order uniform directly from the supplier. This should make it quicker and easier for you to purchase the uniform. The company we are now using is MyClothing and the link you need to use is https://myclothing.com/collections/greenford-primary-school-30165

Local Food Links Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December

This is a lovely opportunity for the children to enjoy a Christmas meal together.

If you would like to order, please do so by midnight on **Wednesday 9th December** - https://my.localfoodlinks.org.uk/

This is the busiest day of the year for our food supplier and, unfortunately, we will not be able to make any exceptions for late orders!

Remember meals are FREE for all Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and eligible Year 3+ pupils .

We are aware that sometimes those who don't usually have a hot school meal like to order one on that day. If you need your child's unique code, please email support@localfoodlinks.org.uk with your child's full name, school and year.



Dates for your diary

18.11.26 - Individual and sibling photographs

11.11.26 – 3-5pm Parent consultations

19.11.26 - Bronze Ambassadors day (selected children, more details to follow)

27.11.26 - FoGS Secret Present room

2.12.26 - School Nurse Drop-In Session (more details to follow)

4.12.26 - FoGS Christmas social gathering after school

16.12.26 - Pantomime in school; Christmas lunch for pupils