



Message from the Chair of Governors:

As we close the school gates on another amazing academic year, I would like to wish you all the very best and pray you all have a very safe and happy Summer Break.

Our staff and Governing Body have worked with sheer dedication and passion to further enhance the education, social and moral beliefs of your children as well as working tirelessly to create stronger links with the community. This is just one of the reasons I remain committed to my role as the Chair of the Governing Body. It is always my utmost privilege to represent you, your children and Greatham CE School.

Over this academic year, our school has undergone inspections with OFSTED and SIAMS. All of the reports are available for you to read and we are extremely proud of the grades we as a school have achieved. We have added them to the school website for you to view.

I am very proud of the results our Y6 leavers achieved in their SATS. May I take this opportunity to wish our leavers and their families the very best for their future.

See you all in September if not before.

Best wishes
Philip Bentham, Chair of Governors.

Parent Meetings Autumn Term

Listed below are the dates for the very important meetings for all parents in September. On this occasion classroom organisation, timetables, homework and other curriculum issues will be discussed for the new academic school year. Individual appointments will be arranged for those parents whose children receive extra support.

It is essential that all parents come to the first meeting. The dates are listed below:-

Class 1 (Nursery & Reception)	Monday 3rd September at 3.15pm
Class 2 (Year 1 & 2)	Tuesday 4th September at 3.15pm
Class 3 (Year 3 & 4)	Wednesday 5th September at 3.15pm
Class 4 (Year 5 & 6)	Thursday 6th September at 3.15pm

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

	Last Day of School	Return to School
Summer	Friday 20th July 2018	Monday 3rd September 2018
Half Term	Friday 26th October 2018	Monday, 5th November 2018
Christmas	Friday 21st December 2018	Monday 7th January 2019
Half Term	Friday 15th February 2019	Monday, 25th February 2019
Easter	Friday 5th April 2019	Tuesday, 23rd April 2019
May Day	Friday, 3rd May 2019	Tuesday, 7th May 2019
Half Term	Friday 24th May 2019	Monday 10th June 2019
Summer	Friday, 23rd July 2019	Monday 2nd September 2019

We say goodbye to Mrs. Brown who has been covering long term supply in class 3. We would like to wish her well in the future. After the summer holidays, we welcome Miss Mullen, who will be teaching in class 3.

To the left are the school term and holiday dates for 2018/2019. The five P.D. days are: - 3rd to 7th June 2019. School will be closed to all children this week. Please note next year, the five P.D. days are the week following the half-term holiday.

Pupil Absence from School
If your child is absent from school could you please telephone the office before 9.30am to inform school of the reason why. Thank you for your co-operation.

We are delighted to announce that Greatham School has achieved the Gold award in the School Games Mark. Well done to everyone involved.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd September:

Monday 3rd September at 3.15pm:

Tuesday 4th September at 3.15pm:

Wednesday 5th September at 3.15pm:

Thursday 6th September at 3.15pm:

Friday 7th September:

Tuesday 11th September:

Thursday 13th September:

Tuesday 2nd October:

Tuesday 9th October:

Wednesday 17th October:

Friday 19th October:

Friday 26th October:

Monday 5th November:

Monday 5th November:

Tuesday 6th November:

Wednesday 7th to 9th November:

Friday 16th November:

Friday 23rd November:

Thursday 29th November:

Friday 30th November:

Tuesday 4th December:

Wednesday 5th December:

Friday 7th December:

Tuesday 11th December:

Wednesday 12th December:

Friday 14th December:

Tuesday 18th December:

Wednesday 19th December:

Friday 21st December:

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School re-opens at 8.45am

Class 1 (Nursery & Reception) meeting for parents

Class 2 (Year 1 & 2) meeting for parents

Class 3 (Year 3 & 4) meeting for parents.

Class 4 (Year 5 & 6) meeting for parents,.

The Admissions Team will be coming into school to talk to Year 6 pupils at 2.45pm. All Year 6 parents are invited to come along, as you will be encouraged to complete your child's preference for Secondary School.

Class 3 swimming at Mill House every Tuesday at 1.30pm.

Robinwood meeting in school at 3.15pm for year 5 & 6 parents and pupils.

Individual and family group photographs to be taken in school from 8.30am Year 5 & 6 at Crucial Crew.

Flu Immunisations for R, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Harvest Festival in Church at 10am

School closes for half-term holidays.

School re-opens at 8.45am

Parents Evening - 3.30 pm to 5.30pm.

Parents Evening – 5pm to 6.50pm.

Year 5 & 6 at Robinwood

Class 4 Worship at 9am

Class 3 Worship at 9am.

Class 2 Worship at 9am.

Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair donations.

Christmas Fair at 6pm. (This will replace the Autumn Fair. Further details to follow next term)

Whole school visit to Billingham Forum to see Peter Pan.

Class 1 Worship at 9am.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 3.15pm. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Lunch

Nursery Christmas Party Afternoon.

KS 1 Nativity Performance at 2pm in school.

KS1 Nativity Performance at 6pm in school.

Christingle Service in Church at 10am

School Finishes for Christmas holidays.

Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will continue in September. This is a Government initiative.

Unfortunately, Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 pupils still have to pay. The cost of a school meal has increased by 5p to £2.05 per day. Dinner money will be £10.25 per week.

If you think your child may qualify for Free School Meals, there are forms available from the school office or contact the Civic Centre on 01429 284188.

Dinner money must be paid on a Monday or at the beginning of the school week. If you wish, it can be paid monthly or termly in advance.

Please send in the correct money for the week/month or term. No change will be given or sent home with the children. Any extra payments will be carried forward to the next week. A dinner money envelope will be sent out every Friday.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

Attendance figures show that over 7% of children have dropped below 90% from September to July 2017. 4% have dropped below 85% and 1330 sessions were lost. 483 of these were unauthorised absences, due to holidays taken during term time.

Thank you for your co-operation and please continue to consider the impact on your child's education before booking a holiday during term time.

All the After School Clubs have been running well and the children have really enjoyed them. The new clubs will recommence week beginning Monday 10th September. A letter detailing the clubs for the new school year will be sent out in September in order for you to register your child/ren for the club/s.

This term saw a very successful Sports Day.

All pupils, from nursery to Year 6, participated and competed against each other in house teams.

It was lovely to see the children encouraging and supporting each other. Thanks to parents for their continued support.

St. Oswald were the overall winners and have been presented with a trophy. However, a great effort was displayed by all.

A big thank you to our parent helpers who made the day run smoothly and efficiently.

Look After Your School

Please be vigilant during the school holidays. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to the Police on 01429 221151 or 101. Many thanks.

