



Greatham
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Primary School

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Bug Club Online Reading Scheme

The reading reward scheme introduced this year has been a great success! The vast majority of children are reading at least three times a week, and lots of them are reading even more than this, which is recognised with a certificate during celebration worship every week.

As well as the fun of attending the celebration event at the end of each half term, the benefits to the children are tremendous. Teaching staff have seen a boost in reading fluency, comprehension, and most importantly, enjoyment!

Thank you for continuing to encourage your child to read - it really is making a difference.

Mrs Richardson, English Lead

School Uniform

This term we have noticed that some children are not following the school uniform policy and are coming to school in trainers.

Greatham School encourages that school uniform should be worn and discourages casual clothes and shoes. It is felt that this helps children to foster a feeling of pride in their school. After consultation between home and school, parents and governors agreed upon the school dress.

Girls can wear a dark blue or grey skirt/pinafore. Trousers are another option, so long as they are black, grey, or dark blue. Polo shirts need to be white/blue. Lastly is the school cardigan/sweatshirt, which is dark blue. Blue gingham dresses may be worn in warm weather.

Boys can wear blue, grey or black trousers or shorts, with a white/blue polo shirt, and a dark blue school jumper/sweatshirt.

Children should wear black shoes for school. **NO TRAINERS PLEASE!** If children come to school in boots or wellingtons, they need school shoes to change into.

After School Club – Run by Mrs Minton & Mrs Jackson

As part of our summer activities in Greatham After School Club, the children have painted stones which they have hidden around the village. This is part of a bigger project named “Hartlepool Rocks”. The children are hoping to be as successful and are calling it “Greatham Rocks”.

The aim of the activity is to find the hidden rocks and to re-hide them. If the children find a rock, a parent/carer could take a photograph and bring it into school.

Good luck with the hunt!

After School Club Weekly Activities are as follows:-

Monday Step into Summer

Tuesday Cookery

Wednesday Arts & Crafts

Thursday Outdoor Games

Friday Free Play Fun

£3.50 for 1 hour or £5.50 for 2 hours.

School Uniform

If you wish to purchase new school uniform for September, your orders must be placed as soon as possible. You can

order directly from Elizabeth’s Embroidery or from school. Go to www.elizabethsembroidery.com, click shop online and use password GREATPS.

Alternatively you could use the local company SRB Workwear, Unit 1B, Redworth Street, Hartlepool TS24 7LG 01429865733

Attendance

Thank you to everyone.

Together we are working hard to ‘Make each day count’, with children in school and on time every day.

Our School Attendance is currently 96.8% year to date. There have been 234 unauthorised absences and 174 lates.

Payments for School Meals, Wrap Around, Breakfast & ASC.

School meals, Wrap Around, Breakfast and After School Club money must be paid for in advance.

If debts are incurred, the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children’s education is used to pay for debt incurred. Also a lot of time is taken up pursuing these debts.

Please ensure all monies are paid up to date. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for the Diary

- ❖ Monday 10th June: School re-opens at 8.45am.
- ❖ Wednesday 12th June: Year 6 children at Durham Leavers' Service at 10.30am
- ❖ Friday 14th June Class 1 Worship at 9am in school, everyone welcome, refreshments will be served. (Graduation for Reception children).
- ❖ Tuesday 18th June: Sports Afternoon at 1pm for Nursery and Reception children and 1.30pm for KS1 & KS2 children. Everyone is welcome to come along.
- ❖ Thursday 20th June: Class 2 Worship at 9am in school, everyone welcome, refreshments will be served.
- ❖ Friday 21st June: Feast Service in Church at 10am
- ❖ Wednesday 26th June Year 5 Taster Day at St. Hild's
- ❖ Wednesday 26th June Primary School Council Conference at The Staincliffe Hotel.
- ❖ Friday 28th June: Class 3 Worship at 9am, everyone welcome, refreshments will be served.
- ❖ Friday 28th June: Reports go out to parents.
- ❖ Monday 1st July Last week of After School Clubs run by staff
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd July KS2 performance of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory at 6pm.
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd July Leavers Service in Church at 9.30am
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- ❖ Friday 5th July: Leavers' service in school at 9am.
Everyone welcome, refreshments will be served.
Leavers' Day at Laser Quest in Sunderland.
- ❖ Monday 8th to 19th July: Year 6 Induction at High Tunstall, Manor, Dyke House and St Hild's.
- ❖ Monday 8th to 12th July English Martyrs Transition week. The children return back to Greatham School on Monday 15th July.
- ❖ Thursday 11th July Year 4 & 5 visit to Hartlepool Power Station
- ❖ Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July Year 6 pupils from High Tunstall, Manor, Dyke House and St Hild's return back to Greatham School.
- ❖ Monday 22nd July Meeting in school for September 2019 Reception parents at 3.15pm.
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd July: School closes for summer.
- ❖ Monday 2nd September: Children return to school at 8.55am.

As you can see, there are lots of activities planned for the next half-term. Further information will follow regarding these events nearer to the time. Please note, alterations to dates and times may be necessary and if this is the case, you will be notified as soon as we are aware of any changes.

Dream it! Believe it! Achieve it!

