

# **Greasby Junior School**

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# Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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<u>Merit of the Week</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
Merit	Year 3: Sophia O'C & Freya P Year 4: Abigail F & Luke T Year 5: Jamie R & Eleanor F Year 6: Bon L & Max S	Year 3: 96.6 Year 4: 95.1 Year 5: 97.6 Year 6: 90.3 Whole Schoo	% %
Kindness Awards		<u>Golden Table Awards</u>	
Year 3: Oliver R Year 4: Jesse S Year 5: Alfie Mc Year 6: Charlie S			
<u>What's on at school next week?</u> (Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> December)			
Monday:	Assessment Fortnight – Week 2 Homework Club (12:00pm) Yr3-6 Gardening Club (12:30pm) Year 6 Costume Check	Thursday:	Panto Dress Rehearsal Homework Club (12:00pm) School Council (12:30pm) Yr4-6 Time Out Thursday (12:30pm) Chess Club (3:35pm)
Tuesday:	Fencing Assembly Homework Club (12:00pm) Drama with Desna (12:30pm) After School Panto Rehearsal - Full cast, dancers & backstage crew	Friday:	Fair Donations – Cakes & Mice Pies (Optional Non-Uniform Day) Golden Table (12:00pm) Yr4-6 Film Friday (12:30pm)
Wednesday:	Y6 Team Football Match vs New Brighton		











## **Snow White**



This year, GJS will be performing 'Snow White' as their Christmas production. This is a wonderful time for our Year 6 children and Year 5 choir as they take on the mantel of performers and backstage crew to produce a wonderful pantomime. The whole school are very excited to watch next Thursday.

As a way of celebrating and remembering the production, each year we film one of the evenings performances. Of recent years, primarily due to COVID reducing the number who could attend the event, we

have used a professional company, however, this is no longer financially an option for us as a school or for our parents. So, with this in mind, I ask, do any of our families have an interest in or the technical know how to film our production? If you do, and you or someone you know would be willing to give up an evening to film this very special performance, please contact the school office.

#### **Cold Health Amber Warning**

This week we have received a cold health amber alert from the UK Health Security Agency. They predict that up until 5<sup>th</sup> December the temperatures will remain low, which could be problematic to people's health, especially if they already have an underlying health issue. With this in mind, please can all children attend school with appropriate clothes such as a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf. For those children who also have asthma or a weakened respiratory system, please can you ensure they have the relevant medications and inhalers available in school. As a school we have put a number of measures in place to keep our school and children warm and safe.





#### **Pens at School**

At the end of Year 6, the governments expectation is that every child can write in a clear and cursive style and are able to 'maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.' As a result, we teach our children specific handwriting lessons and letter joins. That being said, it is important to note that every child develops at different times. Some children have excellent fine motor skills and can write in an accurate cursive style when they join us in Year3: for others it can take a little longer. Therefore, as a staff, we have reviewed the appropriateness of the pen licence. We have made the decision that starting in the new year,

we will move away from a child being awarded a pen licence in assembly and instead children in Year 3 from the February half term will have the opportunity to write in pen. Year 3 children who are ready, can be moved onto using a pen earlier than this time. All other year group children will have the opportunity to write in pen.

#### **Kooth Talks**

This December, Kooth are offering a free webinar to parents and carers on the topic of 'support for young people experiencing anxiety or stress this winter'. The online webinar is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December between 6 and 7pm. This session will provide knowledge and support on the following:

- Stress and Anxiety in young people
- Talking about mental health
- Activities and Resources!
- How Kooth can help



If you are interested, please click on this <u>link</u> to register your interest and be sent the zoom link.











#### **Parking Does Matter**

I appreciate the recent road works caused by the broken water pipe and telephone poles being replaced has caused many issues and delays on our roads, however, some people continue to park with a lack of thought, consideration and safety for others.

Once again, I ask for everyone who drives to or from school to be considerate when they are parking and ask themselves this question – is this safe? Again, today we have had cars parking on the school zigzags both at drop off and pick up, as well as parking over the pavement so pedestrians cannot walk past safely. This needs to stop before there is an accident. I have contacted the road safety team again and future spot checks will be in place, especially at the crucial times of day. Please, let us work together to keep our children and families safe.





## **Online Safety**

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA were playing it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which

can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential hazards such as online daters, in-app purchasing and contact with strangers.













#### Menu

Please see the <u>school website</u> for allergy menus.



## **Community Events**















Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Ball, Headteacher

INSET Days 2023-2024 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May









