

Greenhill News

'Working Together'



ATTENDANCE AND OFSTED

We continue to receive a number of requests from families to take holidays during term time.

We would like to remind our school community that school attendance rates are an important consideration Ofsted make when grading school effectiveness.

Holiday requests will not be authorized unless there are exceptional circumstances and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Our School Attendance policy is available on the school website.

School uniform

Just a quick reminder about school uniform.

Please could uniform be labelled as it makes it much easier matching up 'lost and found' items.

Thank you ☺

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 6th February is **Safer Internet Day**.

Teaching children about the safe use of the internet is at the heart of ICT lessons at Greenhill.

We will be having an extra focus on this during online safety week.

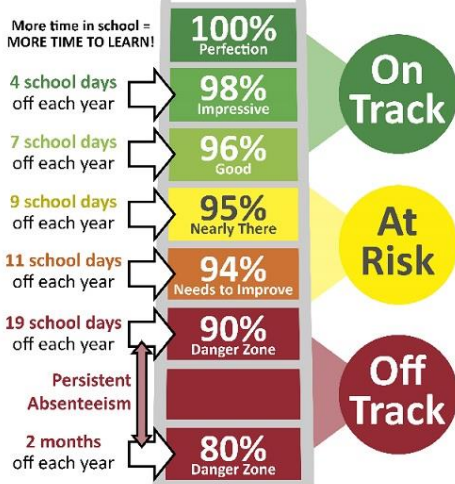


SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2018 | Tuesday
 6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



Parking around school

We continue to promote safe and considerate parking around school.

Please, please, please support us as we try to keep all of your amazing children safe at school.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everybody who responded to the Parental Questionnaire set up by Mr Artley.

Your feedback is always very useful and has resulted in some practical developments to school life.

We have also added a 'You Said, We Did' section to the school website, showing how we have responded to your responses.

TERM DATES

School closes for half-term at 3.30pm on Friday 16th February.

We re-open at 8.50am on Monday 26th February.

OSCARS will be closed during the half-term break.

Park safely
Park legally
Park considerately

Consider walking part of the way to school or share the school run with other parents

... meaning fewer cars at the school entrance

... making it safer for you and your children.

PUPIL PARLIAMENT EXCHANGE

On Wednesday 7th February our Key Stage 2 Pupil Parliament representatives will be visiting Holy Trinity School in Bury as we develop links with the School Council at their school.

Our first visits will involve team building activities as we get to know each other.

PENALTY SHOOT OUT DRAMA

Our footballers moved into the quarter-finals of the Bury School Cup with a thrilling penalty shoot-out victory against Walshaw.

Well done to all of our representatives and good luck in the next round.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance rates for September – end of January 2018 are :

Reception : 95.2%
Year 1: 97.1%
Year 2: 96.1%
Year 3: 97.0%
Year 4: 96.6%
Year 5: 97.1%
Year 6: 94.6%

Our attendance target is 97%

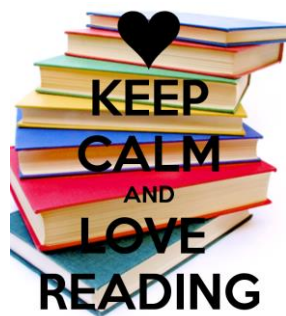


PARENTS EVENING

Our Spring term Parents Evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 20th March and Wednesday 21st March both between 3.45pm and 7.00pm.

Year 6 will be having their Parents Evenings earlier as we prepare for SAT's. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 27th February and Wednesday 28th February.

We will also be sharing your child current attainment in a summary format at these meetings.



The importance of Reading

After half-term we will be introducing a new incentive scheme to **encourage our pupils to read more regularly at home.**

The importance of reading and developing a greater fluency and deeper understanding of text is directly related to a child's achievement at school.

Most important of all is a love of reading !

Year 4 Fire Safety Trip

On Wednesday 14th February, Year 4 will be visiting the new education centre at Bury fire station.

Activities will include fire safety awareness and personal safety.



CAKE SALE

A group of our Year 5 pupils are holding a cake sale on Friday 9th February to raise money for Macmillan cancer support.

Cakes will be on sale at break time on Friday if you would like to support this.

Donations of cakes are welcome on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning.



Staffing update – Saying Goodbye

Mrs Bell will be leaving Greenhill at the end of this half-term.

We would like to thank her for all her contributions during her time at school and wish her well for the future.

James Frith MP visit

Bury North MP James Frith visited school on Friday 26th January.

He was very impressed by our Pupil Parliament members and answered a number of questions that they had prepared for him !

FROGS NEWS

Fantastic news from the FROGS as we won the Tesco Schools promotion and have been awarded an amazing £4000 towards new play equipment in our Key Stage 1 playground.

Last week our pupils raised funs while they enjoyed the Sponsored bounce! Keep your diaries free for Friday 23rd March which is Easter bingo evening.

Thanks for all of your support !