

Greyfriars Academy

Newsletter March 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are, at the end of a busy and productive half term - with home learning, live lessons and a full return to school! Thank you to all the children and staff who have continued to work hard and face challenges so positively, and to you for your ongoing support.

New Dinner Menus

Please find attached new hot dinner menu, jacket potato menu and school packed lunch menu, these Menus start when we come back to school on Tuesday, 13th April.



School Dinners and Free Dinners

Reminder, please pay for your dinners on the day that your child orders them. Some parents are running up large dinner debts. If you are unable to pay for a school dinner, please provide a packed lunch. If you would like to pay for your child's school dinners by bank transfer, please contact the school office who can send you the school's bank details.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply online here <https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/> or you can collect a form from the school office.

Please contact Shelly (PSA-Parent Support Advisor) 07936 359106 if you have any worries around providing a lunch for your child.

Collecting children at the end of the day

We understand that delays can happen at the end of the day but please make sure that you collect your child promptly. If you are late your child may have to wait on the playground as After School Club is only available to keyworker children at the moment as we need to protect the integrity of the class bubbles.

PE & Swimming Timetable for the Summer Term

Class	PE Day	Swim Day
Snettisham	Friday	Friday
Heacham	Thursday	Monday
Thornham	Thursday	Monday
Hunstanton	Friday	Thursday
Sheringham	Wednesday	Tuesday
Holkham	Wednesday	Thursday
Brancaster	Monday	Tuesday
Blakeney	Monday	Wednesday
Cromer	Tuesday	Wednesday
Winterton	Tuesday	Friday

Children can come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

Comic Relief

We had a great day dressing as Superheroes or in non-uniform on Friday, 19th March to raise money for Comic Relief. We were pleased to raise a total of £130 - Thank you 😊



World Book Day

We delayed celebrating World Book Day this year until all the children returned to school. On Thursday, 19th March, the theme was 'Nighy Night from Greyfriars' and we came to school dressed in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. We read and listened to stories and did some fun activities all around the topic of bed-time stories and books.



365 Teams Accounts

We have emailed all parents their child's team user account name and password. Can you please log into your child's Teams account and make sure you can access it. In the event that your child has to isolate, or your child's class has to isolate, lessons will be available through Teams. Homework will also be available in the future through Teams and class messages will be sent through here, so it is important that you are able to access it.

Attendance

It is lovely to have all our children back in school again and we are pleased to see so many attending regularly during these difficult times, thank you! Our attendance percentage has been in line with (or above) national figures. During the summer term we must follow Government guidance which states schools follow legal procedures to help families improve their child's attendance if it drops below national standards.

If your child is absent from school, please could you make sure you let the school office know the reasons why, as the school can only authorise absence when we have been given a valid reason.



Keeping Safe

In our continuing efforts to keep our local and wider community safe from coronavirus, it is vital that we do everything that we can to abide by the guidance and restrictions. Please ensure that you maintain social distancing whilst bringing your child to and collecting them from school. We also ask that you please wear face coverings in the vicinity of the school.

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19, a continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of taste or smell, please keep them off school and arrange a **PCR test** at the local Test Centre. Please remember, that the rest of the household should also self-isolate until a negative test result is received for your child. If the test result is positive, your child, and the rest of the household must self-isolate for 10 days. **Please inform the school of any positive test results received by children during the Easter Holidays by emailing office.greyfriars@gf.kwestacademy.com**

School staff take LFT tests for coronavirus at least twice a week. If a member of staff tests positive and has been in contact with a bubble over the previous 48 hrs, you will be informed immediately and the bubble will be closed for 10 days.

Please see the government website for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Staff

We look forward to welcoming back Ms. Shaw, Mr. Hartley and Ms. Lanham after Easter. Thank you to Mr. Ljunggren and Mr. Horton for teaching Holkham and Hunstanton.

Website

Don't forget to check your child's class on the school website

<https://www.greyfriars.academy/classes/>

Reading Records & Books

Please remember reading records and books come back to school on a Friday and go home on a Monday.



We wish you a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 13th April**.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13 th April	Back to School, new term starts
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 6 Internet Safety/Crucial Crew Online Event
Monday, 7 th June	Reception Year - National Child Measurement Programme & Vision Screening - Letters to follow from NHS directly to Parents

Term Dates

School Calendar 2020/2021 attached!