



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 23rd September 2022
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Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome children and families back to school after the summer break. A special welcome must go to the Reception class, who have wasted no time at all getting settled into school life and adapting to our rules and routines. They have already made a very good impression and we very much look forward to watching their learning journey throughout their time at Greysbrooke.

We have seen children across the entire school adjust back into the routine of learning and for those moving up a key stage, or to a year group where more responsibilities are upon them, they have been mature, good natured and excited to tackle the challenges that these new responsibilities / key stages have already given them. Well done everyone, with this exemplary attitude to school life, it's going to be a very successful year!

Thank you to those parents from Year 1 - Year 6 who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' drop-in session last week. Staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and it was lovely to be able to welcome you into the building and show you your child's new learning environment. We very much look forward to working alongside you and your child throughout the year and look forward to you visiting school again soon!



Double Congratulations!

Miss Saxton had a very busy summer holiday indeed! At the beginning of the holiday, she got married and so is now called Mrs Coxon. Towards the end of the holiday, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. He is called George and I'm delighted to tell you that both mother and baby are doing fine. George has fitted into family life very well in the Coxon household and we can't wait for Mrs Coxon to visit Greysbrooke so we can meet baby George!



I'm sure you'll want to join the entire Greysbrooke community in sending love and congratulations to Mr & Mrs Coxon on their recent marriage and the safe arrival of their first child.

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Keeping in touch

Please remember that we greatly value working with parents/carers and so communication is essential. If you have any concern in relation to your child, we ask you to make contact with your child's class teacher in the first instance by:

- Writing a note in your child's reading diary for them to pass on
- Telephoning the school office and requesting a call back
- Emailing:
notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk
- Leaving a message at the beginning of the school day on the KS1 / KS2 door with the member of staff on duty to pass on

You can also make contact with a member of our Senior Leadership Team using the above methods. Senior Leaders to contact are as follows:

Reception/Key Stage 1: **Mrs Glandfield**
KS2: **Mr Storer**

Polite Notices

We operate a one-way system on site at the beginning / end of the school day as it eases congestion on the pathways and at the school gates. Therefore please enter via the pedestrian entrance top gates, proceed down the hill, drop children off at their designated doors and then exit via the KS2 playground/gates through the bottom carpark gate.



A reminder that children should not be playing on any of the outdoor equipment (Frogtopia, Tadpole Towers, Climbing Wall, Outside Gym) at the beginning or end of the school day.



Dogs are not permitted on site so please do not bring them onto the school grounds.

You support and co-operation is much appreciated with this and we ask you to ensure that all adults who drop/collect children on your behalf as also are aware of the above. Thank you.

PE Days

Children are required come to school dressed in PE kits on the following days each week ...

Rec: Monday & Thursday
Year 1: Thursday & Friday
Year 2: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4: Monday & Wednesday
Year 5: Tuesday & Friday
Year 6: Monday & Friday

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A NAMED WATER BOTTLE IN SCHOOL WITH THEM EVERY DAY

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Are you eligible?

All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals regardless of the parents' income. Parents with children in Reception to Year 2 classes who are in receipt of benefits, your child might be eligible to pupil premium, which is funding given to schools to raise achievement levels. Therefore, please sign up through the free school meals link below to see if you fulfil the criteria.

Children who moved to KS2 in September are no longer eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Therefore, from Y3-Y6, parents have to pay (£11.50 per week / £2.30 per day) for children to have a school dinner, unless they are eligible for free school meals. Could you please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit prior to lunches being taken.

If you are unsure whether your circumstances would qualify your child / children to have free school meals, you can find out more information by clicking on the following link: [Apply for free school meals](#)



On Monday 10th October we will be asking all children and staff to come to school wearing something yellow and make a donation of **£2.00**. It can be a whole yellow outfit, a pair of yellow socks or a yellow hair tie! This is in support of the Young Minds Charity who support children and teenagers with their mental health. We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes, but the little things you can do make a big difference. Together we can show young people they're not alone with their mental health. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

To make a donation please use the Just Giving link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greysbrooke-primary-school1>

Important dates



Tuesday 18th October / Wednesday 19th October: Parents evenings - more information to follow

Friday 21st October: INSET DAY

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Music Tuition (KS2)

Music tuition payment of £68 for Autumn term is now due via ParentPay.

We have places available for keyboard tuition and if you are interested in your child having a trial lesson please email

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See attached flyer

School Car park

For health and safety reasons, please do not enter the school premises via the car park gates.

Please ensure that all adults who drop /collect children on your behalf are also advised.

Thank you.

Immunisation Team

For anybody who missed the flu vaccinations last week and would like to arrange an appointment please call the Immunisation team on
03001 240 366

Allergy awareness

Could we remind parents that we have a no nut policy in school, this includes nut products (for example Nutella) This is due to us having children in school with nut allergies.

Year 7 Open Evening King Edward VI School Lichfield

Wednesday 28th September 2022 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Children in Year 5 or Year 6 welcome to visit with their parents or carers.
Please see attached flyer.

**KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL
YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 28th September 2022
5.30-7.30pm

For Admission to Year 7 in September 2023

Come along to meet staff and students to see why our students are so successful in all aspects of school life.
Timed tickets required for the presentation in the hall.
Book online at www.keslichfield.org.uk

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MEET THE CLASS

Reception



Reception class have settled so well into school! They are learning all of the routines and are learning to line up sensibly for lunch and playtimes. They are eating beautifully in the lunch hall, they are clearing their own plates and fetching their lunch from the hatch.

The children have enjoyed making self-portraits and talking about their families for the 'All About Me' topic. They are enjoying exploring the outside area, playing on the balance bikes, scooters and the new music maker. I am so proud of all of the children and have they have managed their first few weeks in school, we are going to have the best year.

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Year 1

We are all settling into our new year 1 classroom and are excited for a year of learning, fun and being happy.



Year 2



We are really happy with how year 2 have settled in. We are looking forward to lots more fun and learning and making our teachers proud.

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Year 3



We have had a fantastic start to Year 3 and have been so impressed with how quickly they have settled in to KS2. We have spent lots of time planning goals for the year ahead and celebrating previous achievements as well as starting our new topics. This term will be looking forward to exploring The Stone Age through History and Art as well as examining the human skeleton in Science. The children will also be learning how to make crumbles in DT lessons, which they will be able to bring home for tasting!

Year 4



Year 4 have made a brilliant start to the new school year. We have embraced our new Maths scheme, 'Power Maths' and started our new class novel in English, 'The Thieves of Ostia.' This novel is set in Ancient Rome and links nicely to our new History topic, 'The Romans'. We are really looking forward to getting stuck in to this topic and we have already started drawing some Roman soldiers for our classroom display. Alongside this we will also be learning about the country of Italy in our Geography lessons. We are going to be very busy this term

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Year 5

Year 5 have settled back into school life brilliantly, they have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum and Mrs Wharton and Mrs Speed are very proud of them



Year 6



Year 6 have settled brilliantly into their new classroom and have made an excellent start to the year.

In Mathematics, we have started on place value and comparing, ordering and solving problems with numbers up to ten million. In English, we are reading the graphic novel of The Hobbit, and exploring the range of sentence structures that J.R.R Tolkien used in his novel. In science, we have learnt about how the heart functions, the main parts of the heart and the

human circulatory system. Finally, we have started our World War One topic. Before learning about trench warfare and the key battles that occurred during the war, we are learning the reasons as to why war started beginning with the World Power Alliances, The Balkan Crisis and the assassination of The Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

Keep up the momentum Year 6!

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Year 7 Open Evening

King Edward VI School Lichfield

Wednesday 28th September 2022 5.30pm-7.30pm

We are pleased to confirm that our Open Evening for admission to Year 7 in 2023 will take place on Wednesday 28th September 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

We are also opening the school to visitors from 5.30pm -7.30pm. Visitors will be able to walk around key areas of the school site, meet departments and talk to current students and staff.

Entry to the presentation in the hall is by ticket only to ensure that we have seats for everyone. You can book a timed entry via the link on our website one week before the event via www.keslichfield.org.uk. There will be presentations at 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7pm. If you do not attend the presentation then you are still free to visit the school between 5.30 and 7.30pm. Senior staff will also be available to answer questions and there will be plenty of informal opportunities to speak to staff and students.

Children who are in Year 5 or Year 6 are most welcome to visit with their parents or carers. There is limited parking on site so we recommend that people who live locally walk wherever possible.

Students and parents will also be able to access key information about the school and departments via the link on our school website www.keslichfield.org.uk. This includes video presentations from the headteacher, senior staff, departments and students. This is information made available last year and we recognise that some families may prefer to access materials online.

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- ✓ Develop new skills
- ✓ Excel in their studies
- ✓ Increase in confidence
- ✓ Make new friends

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INSTRUMENT LOAN



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Life-Changing

Music lessons can be life-changing. They give a sense of belonging, teach discipline, encourage teamwork and help to develop self-esteem. Music is a powerful tool for personal development.

Develop and Progress

Available musical instruments for the children to play are many. Proper and humane teaching people - adding improvement in concentration and progress in other subjects at school.

Instruments

Children from 5 years of age can play a wide range of instruments. The most common are the piano, guitar, drums, and singing. The most popular instruments are the piano, guitar, drums, and singing.

Lesson Cost

Entrust Music Service offers a free trial lesson to all children who are interested in learning a musical instrument. The cost of the lesson is £5.00. The cost of the lesson is £5.00.

What do I do next?

- 1 Check with your school about the availability of musical instruments and the cost of lessons for your child. If you are interested, please contact us.
- 2 Your school will offer the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.
- 3 The lessons will be arranged with the school.
- 4 Your child will be able to play any instrument.
- 5 Your school will provide the necessary equipment.

Contact us

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