

Greenfields

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PERSONAL BEST CERTIFICATES



This week's 'Personal Best' certificates go to:

Caiden Y2, Harry Y2, Kaiser Y2, Elizabeth Y2, Jack Y3,
Naomi Y3, Jamie Y3, Yasemin Y3, Emily Y4 and Amelia Y6

All of these children should all be very proud of their achievements.

NUT ALLERGIES REMINDER

For children with severe nut allergies, exposure to nuts may result in anaphylaxis. This is when the airways from the lungs become swollen and make breathing difficult. There can also be a drop in blood pressure and an increase in heart rate, leading to collapse or unconsciousness.

Allergic reactions can be caused by:

- eating nuts or skin contact with nuts
- touching or being near someone who is eating nuts or has done recently
- being in the same room where nuts have been

As you know, we want school to be a safe place for all of our pupils and for this reason, children should **NOT** bring nuts to school for either their snack or packed lunch. Please also be aware that due to its high nut content, peanut butter can also cause allergic reactions in children with severe nut allergies; chocolate spread often has nut traces in it too.



PARENT/CARER FORUM



The first parent/carer forum of this school year will be on Wednesday 27th September at 2:15p.m. to set the programme for the year ahead. We really want to know your views about Greenfields and to hear your thoughts and suggestions, so please do come along ~ all parents and carers are welcome.

AUTUMN I 'GOING FOR GOLD' ATTENDANCE MEDAL TABLE

Class	99% to 100% 5 points	97.5% to 98.9% 3 points	96% to 97.4% 1 point	Points Total
6CE	8/9 15/9			10
3C	15/9	8/9		8
5T	15/9		8/9	6
1H	8/9			5
2W		15/9	8/9	4
Rec		15/9		3
2I		15/9		3
5W		8/9		3
4L			8/9 15/9	2
6H			8/9	1



279 children had 100% attendance this week. Well done to them all!

MESSY CHURCH

All children and their families are invited to Messy Church at St Columba's after school on Tuesday 19th September from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Paula and her team look forward to seeing you there for refreshments, craft activities, stories and songs



JEANS FOR GENES REMINDER

Friday 22nd September is 'Jeans for Genes' Day.



Individually, genetic disorders are rare, but together they affect 1 in 25 children born in the UK - that's more than 30,000 babies each year.

The money raised on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life for children affected by genetic disorders.

On Friday 22nd September, children are invited to come to school in their jeans and bring a £1 donation for 'Jeans for Genes'. They should wear their normal school top and jumper or cardigan, along with their jeans and any appropriate footwear.

If you require any further information, please see your child's teacher.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Greenfields, along with all other schools in the region, is involved in a project called 'Operation Encompass', which runs in partnership with Northumbria Police.



The project aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is incredibly distressing for children, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see their parent's injuries or their distress afterwards, or the child could even be physically hurt trying to stop the domestic abuse.

Following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the Police, the Police make contact with the Children's Social Care Front Door service, who then communicate any relevant and necessary information to school. This ensures that school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and therefore can provide appropriate support to children, so that they can feel safe and know that there is someone at school who will listen to them if they want to talk.

Each school has staff who act as key adults for Operation Encompass. At Greenfields the key adults are the Headteacher Mrs Taylor, the Deputy Headteacher Mrs Dobson and the Assistant Headteacher Mrs Cockman, who have been fully trained in liaising with Police and Children's Social Care, and ensure that the necessary support is made available to children following any disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

Our involvement in Operation Encompass is one of the ways that we are confirming our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, so that we can provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

If you would like to speak to someone about Operation Encompass, or require further information please contact Mrs Taylor, Mrs Dobson or Mrs Cockman. You can also find out more information at:

<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

CONSIDERATE PARKING REMINDER

Unfortunately, since the start of term there have been a number of cases of inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking on and around the school site. For example:

- Illegal parking over the ambulance station and residents' driveways.
- Illegal parking on kerbs, blocking the pavement from being used by disabled users or parents with buggies.
- Vehicles parked on corners half on and half off the pavement, meaning that children trying to cross the road cannot see what is coming clearly and are having to walk out into the road not knowing whether there are other vehicles approaching.
- Parking on both sides of the roads and 'double parking', resulting in other vehicles not being able to pass.



We do appreciate that the vast majority of parents/carers park responsibly and are not responsible for these parking issues, but unfortunately some inconsiderate drivers are putting children and families at risk.

We understand that parking is limited around school; all schools have similar problems, however, as we move into the winter months and visibility becomes poorer, we request that everyone makes sure that their parking is not putting anyone at risk.

FINALLY . . . EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

It is absolutely vital that the school is able to contact parents/carers in case of emergencies, e.g. if a child becomes ill or has an accident whilst at school.

PLEASE make sure that you send your child's data sheet back to school as soon as possible and also remember to let us know if you change your contact details during the school year.

