



**Greenvale
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Half a term in...

Dear Parent / Carer,

Well, the half term is almost amongst us and the last half term has been a busy yet positive one. I thought I would write to you to provide you with an update on a few important points to note for your children's return to school after the half-term break.

Firstly, a big thank you to you all for your support with the drop off and collection arrangements. We will be continuing to ask parents to wear a facemask when entering the school grounds. Below are the times for drop off. Any children who are late will need to report directly to the school office. In KS2, please remind your child to use the troughs to wash their hands prior to entering the building in the morning.

Morning drop-off and Collection

Year groups	Morning drop-off	Afternoon collection
Rec	9am (Outside Poppy Garden)	3.10pm (Outside Poppy Garden)
Year 1	9am (Outside Sunflower Garden)	3.10pm (Outside Sunflower Garden)
Year 2	9am (KS2 Playground)	3.10pm (KS2 Playground)
Year 3	8.50am (Main gate)	3.20pm (KS1 Playground)
Year 4	8.50am (Main gate)	3.20pm (KS2 Playground)
Year 5	8.50am (Main gate)	3.20pm (Main gate)
Year 6	8.50am (Main gate)	3.20pm (Main gate)

As you will have seen, **we have decided to move the collection time for Reception and KS1 pupils 10 minutes later to 3.10pm.** It is even more important that, as soon as children have been collected, parents leave the playground **promptly.**



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After-School Clubs

I am pleased to announce that after the half-term, we will be able to offer a small number of after-school clubs. Please note that those taking place indoors will only be available to the class linked to the teacher leading the club, for example Mrs Chapman will be running a phonics club with Year 1.

Other outdoor clubs will be available for different year groups. Clubs will be charged at £1.50 per session and will be available to sign up to over the coming week.

Bedtime routines

Whilst we appreciate that during lockdown families' timetables will have changed somewhat, we are noticing that there are a small number of children who appear incredibly tired and are unable to achieve their full potential during the school day. We have much work to do in order to support your children in helping them catch-up on lost time and require your support to do this. A good night's sleep is an essential first step towards this goal.

For any advice on how to achieve this, please make contact with your child's class teacher.

Parent Consultations

As you will be aware, after the half-term break, we will be holding our parent consultations online. There will be 4 appointments available per evening from Monday-Thursday during the first two weeks after half-term. These meetings will be held via Google Hangouts and will last 10 minutes.

The necessary links will be shared with you prior to the meetings via email and you will be asked to enter the meeting at your pre-booked time. Please note that you will not be admitted until this time.

Teachers have now been able to make some assessments of your children. I have asked them to be clear and honest with you in relation to where your child is working in core subject areas and what they need to do to move forwards academically. Whilst we accept that children may not be quite where we would expect them to be at the current time, our expectations will not be lowered and we look forward to the challenge of supporting your child/ren to help them reach their potential.



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As always, regular reading is the most important thing that you as a parent can do to help them make progress, not just in their reading, but across the curriculum. This means sitting with them and sharing the book together, not just 'hearing' them from a distance. Only by sharing a book can you, as an adult, support their understanding, fluency and acquisition of new vocabulary.

Thank you, FOG

Finally, just a big thank you to the Friends Of Greenvale for supporting us with the purchase of new playground markings. I am sure you will agree that they have made a big improvement to the playground and it was lovely to see the children's response to these on their arrival at school.

There is still work to be completed, including the laying of a new astro-surface under the KS1 equipment as well as the installation of a large piece of climbing equipment on the lower field.

All of this would not have been possible without your contributions at events throughout the year. Thank you!



Have a great half-term and we look forward to welcoming you back after the break.

Kind regards,

Mr Bowden
(Headteacher)