

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those families and carers who were able to attend our MacMillan Coffee Morning last Friday. I think this was the first time we were able to host such a large scale indoor event as a school community. It gave families of our newly arrived pupils an opportunity to talk with staff about how well their children are settling in. Thank you for the many positive comments and experiences. The aim of the morning was to raise funds to support MacMillan Cancer Support. The total this year was £589, a really significant sum that will go a long way to support people and their families as they access treatment and support- A heart felt thank you from everyone at school. You have made a difference.

One of the conversations I had was with a parent who has set up a 'WhatsApp' Group for Greenbank families. Mrs Moss has asked me to share with you details of the group:

Dear parents,

Our job is hard enough and as the saying goes, to raise a child you need a village. Over the past few months I have gathered parents with a view to supporting each other and sometimes just another voice to remind each other it's an inset day or coffee morning.

As we parents are split between Cheshire East and West there are many differences in the accessibility we can obtain for our children, and some activities / benefits that we don't even know about, however one of us will know and in sharing information in the group it will all help to make our job that tiny bit easier.

Presently there are 28 mummies in our WhatsApp group (daddies are very welcome we just don't have any yet) from all years at the school, alongside sharing information, we have been out socially, just been for coffee and most importantly chatted.

*We would love you to join us and be part of this supportive group of like minded parents.
Please contact school for more details.*

TERM DATE CHANGE 2022-23

This week preliminary dates for GCSE exams were released. We have a small number of pupils who may have the opportunity to access GCSE English Language and or Mathematics based on the progress they made in Key Stage 3. One of the exams falls on a day when school is closed so a change to term dates will need to be made. The new term dates are available on the school website within the 'About Us' Tab.

<http://www.greenbankschool.org/page/school-holidays/16110>



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School Dinners:

Earlier in the term our payment system went down meaning families were unable to credit their child's lunch accounts. The issue was quickly resolved. Can I please ask all families to check their child's account balances on Arbor and where needed add funds to the account. Thank you.

It has been a difficult week for many staff and pupils as people have gone down with colds and flu like symptoms. Can I thank families for being prompt in making contact with school on a daily basis to let school know that their child is unwell and when they are likely to return fit and well. Whilst we cannot avoid illness during the year it is really important that pupil attendance is as high as possible in order for them to access learning and make sustained progress. School does have an attendance monitoring system in place. When attendance falls below **95%** we will make contact with you to discuss any issues that may be impacting on attendance and offer support. Can I also thank staff for their flexibility this week in covering for absent colleagues. We hope to have everyone back next week.

Flu vaccinations:

Information, consent and details in relation to flu vaccinations were sent out on with the last Home News letter on 23rd September. Vaccinations are due to take place on Tuesday 11th October. There is still an opportunity to send in consent forms to school.

Just a reminder that school will close for the **Autumn Half Term break on Friday 21st October and re-opens on Monday 31st October.**

Thank you, have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Headteacher



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