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Welcome to 2022 at Greenhithe School

What an amazing day! It was so good to see our whole school back on site today. It seems a long time since we had all our classes and teachers back onsite together. I have loved seeing the excitement of the children as they make new friends, reconnect with their classmates and talk to me about the amazing summers they have had!

Our PRIDE values of Perseverance, Respect, Initiative, Diligence and Excellence are very important to us at school. The children are reminded about what these values look like in many contexts around our school both on the sports field and when learning in the classroom. At the start of the year the children will discuss with their teachers how these can be shown in our school.

A special mention and welcome to all of our new children and families. To see these new children come into a new school without a parent, was wonderful to see. We are very glad to have you as part of our school community and I look forward to working with you to support the learning journey for your children.

While we have tried to mitigate as many risks as we can, we are focussed on getting into the learning in all parts of the curriculum. The children will be swimming in their class groups, taking part in sport and P.E, having focused and engaging maths and literacy programmes. We will also engage their creative side through the arts.

After the disruption of the last two years we are determined to give the children the best learning experiences we can and focus on ensuring every child at our school develops into a capable, confident, life long learner.

Red Level Reminders

I would like to thank the parents and caregivers of the year 4-6 children for the compliance with the requirement to wear masks. This is an important risk mitigation, especially in the indoor spaces in school.

We recognise wearing a mask all day is difficult, however it is a requirement in indoor settings. The children will have a chance to remove the mask when outdoors at fruit break, P.E, swimming time, lunchtime and at morning tea, if they wish. The children will also be taking part in opportunities for outside learning, where again masks can be removed.

We view the mask as a protection not only for the child wearing the mask, but also as a support in keeping your child's classmates and teacher safe as well.

Please remember:

- Masks are a requirement for years 4-6 and for all adults on site
- The office is closed. Please call (09 413-9838) or email if you need to contact us
- Parents are not able to come onsite between 8am-3.15pm

- The water fountains are closed, please send a water bottle with your child every day

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop hours have changed while we are at the Red Traffic Light Setting. They will be open onsite between **3.15pm-3.45pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please don't enter the site before 3.15pm and only use the Isobel Rd gate.

Donations and Activity Fees

Donations

2021 was a year when our income was hugely affected by lockdowns and travel restrictions. We lost many of our major fundraisers such as Christmas on the Green and Golf Day.

If you are in a position to make a donation, we really do appreciate them, as it does allow us to provide opportunities across the school. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider a donation of \$55.00 per term or \$220.00 per year.

The donation you make allows us to fund our school with the extra resources, staff and experiences for children, such as the water safety programme in our pool (supporting the upkeep of the pool and the facilitators of the programme). Simply put, without your donation these things would be reduced or unable to continue.

The office is unfortunately closed during the school day to receive donations. However, they can be made online. The school bank account number is below.

Activity Payments

The activity fee covers things like school trips and visiting shows and experiences. The activity fee of \$35 per child per term only just covers the cost of these activities and stops us having to constantly ask for trip fees on an individual level, which hopefully makes your life easier. If we don't receive sufficient activity payments from the year groups, then trips and experiences are unable to go ahead as the cost cannot be covered any other way.

School Bank Account Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

Please put your child's name as a reference.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

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