

Newsletter



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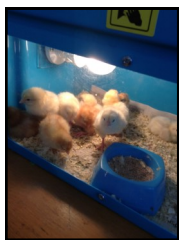
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Where everybody wants to be: everybody is welcome and enjoys success!

A message from the Head:

Another very short half term where we have crammed in lots of hard work and exciting activities.

We have enjoyed World Book Day, class assemblies, music concerts and even a visit from some alpacas. Nursery hatched some eggs and enjoy watching this process and the little chicks that emerged. There's nothing like new life to create a bit of awe and wonder—those magical moments in life that will be remembered for a very long time!



Make sure you check out the Reading Challenge...read on to find out more!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter Holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 18th April.

Best wishes, Mrs Humphries



Dates for the Diary

22.03.24 - Easter Holiday begins at 3:15pm.

08.04.24 - School Reopens

12.04.24 - Eid-al-Fitr Assembly led by Y4

02.05.24 - Y3 to Bantock House

03.05.24 - Y1 to Black Country Living Museum

07.05.24 - YN to Kingswood

13.05.24 - SATS WEEK

21.05.24 - Choir "Singing in the Halls"

22.05.24 - Science Day

03.06.24 - Y4 Multiplication Check Week

10.06.24 - Y1 (+Y2) Phonics Check Week

17.06.24 - Y5 to the Farm

19.06.24 - Y6 Knife Crime Workshop

21.06.24 - Refugee Day

24.06.24 - Y2 SATS Week

03.07.24 - Y6 Puberty Lesson

08.07.24 - Y2 Kingswood Residential

10.07.24 - Summer Fair

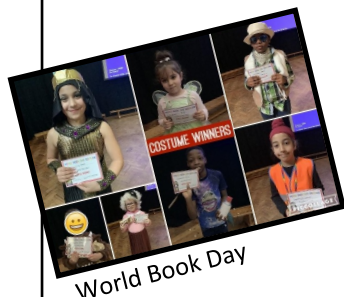
12.07.24 - Y6 Leavers' Production

12.07.24 - Reports Out

17.07.24 - Parent Drop In

19.07.24 - School Closes for Summer Break a 3:15pm

Events from Spring 2



Y4 Brass Concert



YR Alpaca Visit



Open the Book Assembly

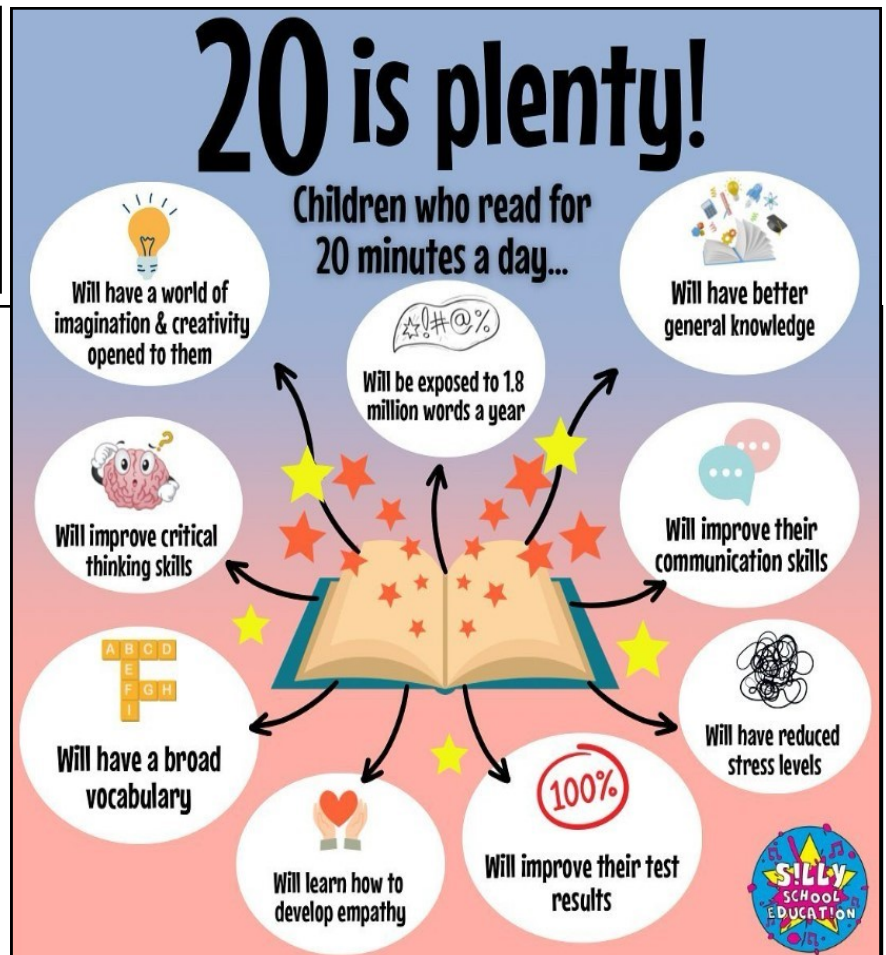




Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.



Sharing a book with your child allows you to share adventures and experiences in the safe world of the book. It allows you to ask questions, talk about what has happened and decide what you think together. Sharing a book can be a bonding experience and for young children, cuddling up with a parent to read a book can be a special time. Reading is important, but don't feel that you have to take the role of your child's teacher or put pressure on your child to start to read before they go to school. It's great to instil a love of books and language from an early age, but most of all, be led by your child and their interests and pace of development.

Reading Challenge for children: Over the Easter Holiday take a photograph of yourself reading somewhere unusual...be imaginative, get creative...there will be a prize for the best! Please bring your photographs into school when we return on April 8th.



Timings of the School Day - Changes for September 2024

In order to be in line with Government requirements from **September 2024** the school day will start at 8:45am - this is 5 minutes earlier than our current start time. We will continue to remind you throughout the next term ready for September.



School of Sanctuary

Graiseley Primary School is working towards the School of Sanctuary Award.

What is a School of Sanctuary?

It is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all. We help, pupils, staff and our wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community.



Attendance - Get into Good Habits Now!

OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE MEANS

Being in school 97% of the time

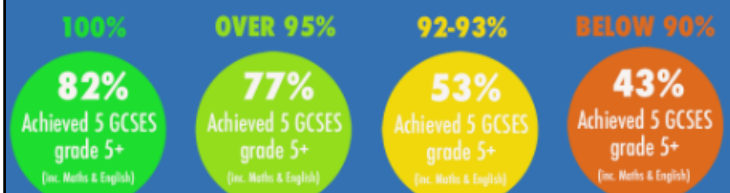
REMEMBER...

Your attendance matters - days off cost good grades



HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSEs.



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!



ACHIEVING 5 OR MORE GCSEs AT GRADE 5+ HAS SHOWN TO INCREASE YOUR LIFETIME EARNINGS BY **41%**

There are **365** DAYS in a year

175 are not spent in school!

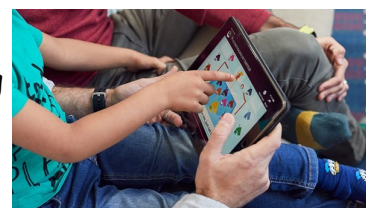
*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games!

Internet Safety Tips

We all spend too much time online, especially children, it is important to be vigilant about what your child is doing online - talk to them frequently and be present when they are using technology. Too many children are accessing games, videos and apps that are inappropriate. Here a few tips to think about to help keep your child safe online:

- Children should expect to have devices checked regularly to ensure they are safe and free from harm. Encourage your children to share what they do with you - what they use, who they talk to and what they post.
- What we see online often isn't always the reality. Talk to your children about asking questions, not always believing what they see, hear and read and that they should check with an adult if they are not sure.

In school we have filtering and monitoring systems that help to keep children safe (as well as visually monitoring them when using technology in the classroom). Please make sure they are safe on devices they use at home too.



Graiseley Hub Car Park - Reminder!

When dropping off and collecting children from school please take care when walking through the car parks. Children should be supervised at all times. Cars drive on and off the car park throughout the day and the entrance is narrow, staff at the Graiseley Hub have reported that some children are not moving safely through the car park and are not being supervised closely enough. Please help keep your children safe.