



Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to Nursery to all our children and families! We are already back in full swing and are looking forward to another busy term of learning with your children. A very warm welcome to our new families. We have several new children joining the Nursery class this term.

Our learning theme for the first half term will be 'Under the sea'. There are many beautiful picture books we will explore together including 'Sharing a Shell' and 'The Snail and the Whale'. We will also be learning a range of songs and exploring themed art-work and messy play to name a few of our plans. As always, we like to take inspiration from the children's interests as well. This term, we will be introducing an element of Spanish into our learning.

For the older children who will be going to Reception in September 2024, we have been busy taking part in some Phase 1 phonics sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to familiarise children with the sounds around them, to encourage them to listen carefully, differentiate between sound makers and describe the sounds they hear. Phase 1 phonics lays part of the foundation for later learning in reading and writing. As mentioned to some parents at parents evening, there will also be a parent workshop on phonics this half term.

The window for dropping Nursery children off in a morning has changed slightly. Please bring your child to Nursery between 8:30am and 8:50am when the gates close for the rest of school.

The majority of our parents have filled in and returned the Parent Declaration Form for their child's funding this spring term. This form does need completing each term unless you pay for your child's place and do not access any government grant funding. Without this form back, we will be unable to claim funding for your child's place and subsequently you may be charged. Please note the very last section of the form needs to be signed and dated. For our new parents, this form was included in your admission pack.

If your child accesses 30 hours funding with us, it is your responsibility to re-access this through the Government gateway every three months. You will be sent notifications to remind you when the time comes around to re-confirm eligibility.

If you pay fees for your child's Nursery place using the Tax-Free Childcare voucher system (Childcare Choices), we need your help to keep track of your payments. Each time you make a payment, please email the name on the account, the exact date the payment is made, and the exact amount, and then email this information to: info@greenfield.oldham.sch.uk.

We have noticed many children have received new belongings over the Christmas holidays. Please ensure all water bottles, hats, coats etc are clearly labelled.

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From time to time, children have accidents or get messy and need a change of clothes. For this reason, we ask that every child have a full change of clothes in a bag on their peg. This needs replenishing if it is taken home. We have a stock of spares in school in case more spares are needed. Please wash and return them promptly so that we do not run out. We are asking for donations of socks if your child(ren) have any they have grown out of that are still good for spares we would be grateful of them in Nursery.

Please can craft school bags be returned to school so that we can keep organised with sending your child's beautiful creations home.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions you might have about any of the information in this letter.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Mubiru
Nursery Manager