

# Welcome to Cedar class

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 3 PARENTS: September 2020



# Staff

- Class teacher(s):  
Debbie Hagen - Monday  
Elaine Tatch - Tuesday to Friday
- Support staff: Nicole Karan
- Year group leader: Lynsey Jennings/ Tracy Murray



# Health and Safety

- Staggered start at 8:45 and 3:00 end times
- Staggered lunch and playtimes
- One way system for parents and children
- Enhanced cleaning schedule
- Classroom arrangement
- Minimised mixing at all times (staff and children)
- Risk assessments in place
- Lunch will be held in the dining room
- Children are limited to a school bag, their own named water bottle, home-school books and a packed lunch if they are not eating school dinners
- Children come in to school wearing their PE kit on PE days
- Home school agreement



# The recovery curriculum

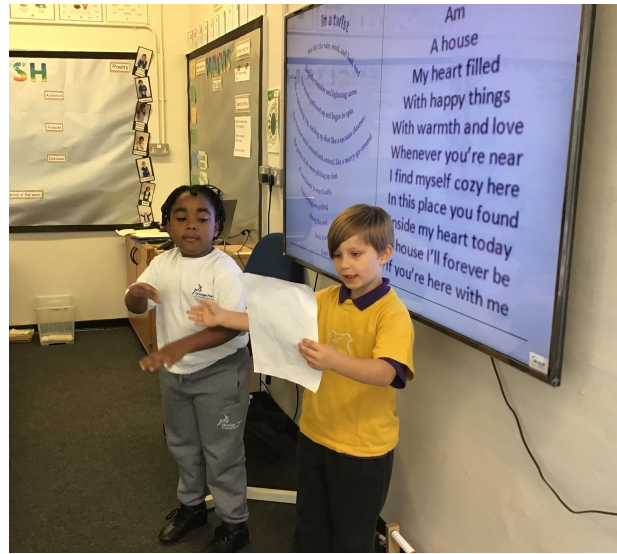
- We will be working from a recovery curriculum to address any lost learning during the period children were not in school
- We will be including regular brain breaks during lessons to help children retain focus after being off school for a long period of time
- In Year 3 we will be actively promoting mental wellbeing daily through PSHE sessions, guided breathing, discussing the impacts of COVID and circle times
- We will help children to keep themselves safe through encouraging children to wash hands regularly throughout the day especially before and after eating and after physical exercise and having circle times to remind children about social distancing etc.



# Our exciting new learning began like this...



The children went on a leaf hunt around the school.



They performed shape poems and wrote their own poem about our class tree...



...and learnt facts about the cedar tree.

# Our Learning Quest

We have already looked at:

- Enquiry based learning approach – What is a natural disaster?
- Our class displays show INSERT
- Our Autumn 1 Learning Quest topic is Deadly Disasters
- There are no trips or visitors confirmed for Autumn 1 but we will re-evaluate according to government guidance thereafter
- Further on in the year we also have Ancient Civilisations, Local Area, Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age and to look forward to



# Attendance and punctuality

- Children achieve most when they are in school on time every day. We have a whole school target of 97% attendance. A positive and prompt start to the day is important for the whole class in order to feel confident, settled and to achieve their best
- Doors open from **8:45** and children should be in class very soon thereafter
- Children arriving late at **8:55** will be marked late on the register
- If your child is ill or absent due to a dental or medical appointment, please notify the school via ParentMail
- Parents must warn the office in advance of early collections
- Percentages for attendance and punctuality across the school are featured in our new virtual Family assemblies and the school newsroundup



# End of the day

- School day ends at **3:00**
- Please collect your child from the Year 3/5 playground, staying in a socially distanced class group (only one parent)
- There will be no after school enrichment opportunities for our children in Autumn, but this will be re-evaluated according to government guidance as soon as possible. More information will be given.
- Wrap around care offered, ParentMail information.





# Behaviour for learning

- We have high expectations of children's behaviour in the classroom, when moving around the school and at play and lunchtimes, our policy also includes COVID 19 amendments
- We expect children to show consideration and take responsibility for themselves, others and the environment
- These character traits are summed up in our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Co-operation
- Your support is invaluable in ensuring that children know and understand what is expected of them when in school
- We recognise and celebrate positive behaviours wherever they are seen, using them as a model to inspire and share with others



# ParentMail

- ParentMail connects the school to parents using mobile technology and enables us to contact you quickly and reliably
- Parents report absences using the App
- Payments for school dinners, school trips and enrichment clubs (when they resume) are easily completed using ParentMail
- Please contact the school office if you are not already connected





# School uniform

## Grange Park Primary School Uniform

### Nursery

- Purple sweatshirt (with logo)
- White polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey joggers (with logo)

### Girls

- Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo)
- White polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers (no leggings please)
- Purple and white gingham summer dress
- Grey summer shorts
- Black shoes (strong and flat heeled) or plain black trainers (no logos or colour on trainers)
- White socks
- Grey/black tights

### Boys

- Purple sweatshirt (with logo)
- White polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey trousers
- Grey summer shorts
- Black shoes (strong and flat heeled) or Plain black trainers (no logos or colour on trainers)
- Grey/black socks



Please ensure that all items of uniform, PE kit and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

For health and safety reasons no jewellery should be worn with the exception of religious items, stud earrings and watches. Children must remove all earrings and watches before PE and games lessons. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.



# School uniform



## PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White PE T-shirt (with logo)
- Plimsoles or trainers (not studded please and separate to the shoes worn during the day)
- Grey winter sweatshirt (with logo)
- Grey winter joggers (with logo)
- Light mac in sac (with logo)

## Other

- Purple fleece and/or reversible coat (with logo)
- Purple woolly hat and baseball cap (with logo)
- Purple/white/black/grey hair ribbons/bobbles/hairbands and hijabs
- Wellingtons/boots in wet or snowy weather (to be removed when children enter the school building)
- Purple PE bag (with logo)
- Purple book bag (with logo)
- Purple rucksack - small and large available (with logo)

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# Home learning

- Google classroom
- By the end of Year 3, children need to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables and corresponding division facts
- Mymaths will be set every other week
- Daily reading: Children choose two books a week which are age/stage appropriate
- Weekly spelling tests: Friday day. Complete spelling lists can be found on the school website under the 'Curriculum' tab
- Half termly Learning Quest project set second week back, handed in the penultimate week of the half term.



# Home school books

- Year 3 do whole class reading 3 times a week and children will have opportunity to read for pleasure at an appropriately levelled book.
- Your child must have their book in school daily!
- Notes will be written the Home/School Diary.
- Children can send in a birthday book to help us to celebrate their special days. We have labels to put inside the book naming the child who donated it. Please speak to us if you want some ideas about which books to buy.



# Marvellous Me

- Marvellous Me is a great way for staff to share your child's achievements and successes with you and helps you to keep up with what has been happening at school
- You will continue to receive photos of work and events your child has been excited about, plus badges to show particular achievements in class
- If your child is new to the school, you will receive log-in details and information on how to access the App from the school office



# Communication



If you need to communicate something that is **not urgent**:

- Write a note in the Home School Reading Book and ask your child to give it straight to the teacher
- Leave a message with the school office to be passed on, telephone or send an email to [office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org](mailto:office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org)

At this time we are not inviting parents into the building, and to keep socially distanced we ask you do not stay behind after pick up.







# Healthy eating

- We encourage children to make positive choices about the food they eat
- Caterers: The Pantry
- Your child will be registered with The Pantry: They will be in touch via email. Online pre order for the week ahead by Midday Sunday
- [office@thepantrycatering.co.uk](mailto:office@thepantrycatering.co.uk)
- Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring in raw vegetables, a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar for their morning snack
- Younger children are provided with fruit or vegetables by the school



# GPPSA

- Our Parents Association, the GPPSA brings the school community together to raise funds for various school projects
- New faces and fresh ideas are always well received and everyone is given a warm welcome
- Meetings are held approximately every half term on a weekday evening
- Fundraising events
- Who are the parent reps for this class?

# Class performances

- None at the moment, we will keep you updated!



# Exciting opportunities ahead

- You will shortly receive information about how your child can stand for **school parliament** this year – a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to share their opinions and lead on new initiatives
- Pupils will also be encouraged to volunteer to enhance the skills and learning opportunities of other children, support school wide developments, link with community groups and act as an inspiration to others to do good. Look out for information in the school newsroundup

