

Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

What a speedy summer break that was! I hope you have all enjoyed a glorious summer holiday, spending time with your family and enjoying a break from the daily routines but we have reached the end of another long summer break and we are super excited to be back at Greenside!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone bright and early on **Monday morning (5th September!)**

- We offer a big 'welcome' to our new Nursery & Reception families - we hope you all become part of the Greenside community super quickly and look forward to seeing you at some of our autumn term 1 events. It's such a strange and exciting time for you & your daughters/ sons starting in full time education but we know they will love their time at Greenside!
- Our Reception students are all due to arrive at 8.55am on Monday 5th September. Those who were in our Greenside Nursery or are siblings will stay all day.
- Reception students new to Greenside will be with us from 8.55am - 11.30am on Monday and Tuesday and then full time from Wednesday 7th September.
- On Monday please arrive via the Playground black gates and go straight into the Hall. Christina Morra, unfortunately, has a delayed return from abroad. She will be with us on Tuesday.
- On Monday, Felicity Self, our EYFS joining us from Griffin will be there with Amina Thomas to welcome you all and to teach the Reception Class all day.
- We would like to ask all of our Reception parents/ carers to come and see us for half an hour on Wednesday to update you on the start of term and to answer any of your questions. Please try to join us!
- We also welcome Flora Chapman as our new Y1 Teacher, Bobbi Stringer as our Y3 Teacher and Karishma Mehta into Y5 - Felicity Self also joins Greenside as an EYFS Teacher. We wish them all much success at Greenside.
- We enjoyed an action packed staff CPD day yesterday and have another today making sure that everyone is ready for a sharply focused start to our year with super high expectations.
- Please see below some information to get everyone ready for the new academic year. Watch this space for information about the **100 Great Greenside Books** & our Autumn Term ***Greenside Magical Mystery Tour*** Production too!

1. The Greenside Year of Magic, Mystery & Miracles!

We have a very exciting theme for our year - as you can see from the title above. Please do check out our STAR Day plans for this half term on our website so that you can see the films, Learning Experiences and everything your daughter/ son will learn this half term: <https://greensideschool.org/>

We are going to explore some big, complex world questions but place them in the context of 'creating a magical world' to ensure we allow for hope and positivity and give our students agency to see that we can change the world and make it a better place. It's really important to give space for students to 'imagine' solutions to some of the difficult things happening in the world at the moment.

2. Meet My Teacher

On Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th September at 3.45pm, we would like to offer our Y1 - Y6 Families an opportunity to meet their daughter/ son's new Teachers. These meetings are especially important if your daughter/ son's new Teacher is new to Greenside or you don't know them! They will talk a little about the year ahead and answer any questions you may have.

Tuesday - Y1, Y2 and Y3 Wednesday - Y4, Y5 and Y6

3. Calendar 2022-2023

I have included some key dates and events for autumn term 1 below.

I would like to draw your attention to an early meeting I have set up inviting local Secondary Heads to come and speak to Y5 & Y6 families - please come along and hear what they have to tell you about their schools (Thursday 16th September at 6.00pm)

On Monday 19th September we will be celebrating International Peace Day and we will be inviting our families to join us in the afternoon.

4. Accreditations

As a way of celebrating and validating our learning at Greenside we have a number of accreditations/awards in process at the moment that we thought you would like to know about.

- a) We were invited to apply for **Apple Distinguished School Status** and should hear the result very soon!
- b) We will be evidencing our ArtsMark journey over from Sept '21- July '23 in our **ArtsMark Platinum** application in the summer term.
- c) During the summer holidays we got the great news that we have been awarded a **Green Flag** environmental award (with distinction!) We are so proud of everyone and thanks go to Daniel Mahara for leading our students through the process.
- d) We will also be taking up an invitation to become a **World Class School!**

All of these awards are providing amazing opportunities for our students to lead projects and initiatives that show they are truly World Ready. We will keep you updated!

5. Summer Scrapbooks

If your daughter/ son worked on creating a Summer '22 Scrapbook over the holiday please send it in this week - I can't wait to read and see them!

6. Teachers and Email contacts

Please see email contacts below - if you have any questions at any point please just let us know.

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7. Our Greenside Improvement Journey

As you know at Greenside we are always reflecting, reviewing and looking at new and innovative ways to break boundaries and make our learning even better. Please see a link to our School Improvement Plan (1 page summary): [Here](#). If you would like a copy of the whole document please just let me know and I will send you a copy.

We are also back in the Ofsted Inspection cycle this year and so will await the call at any point!

We would like to invite as many of you as possible to come along to hear about the year ahead, to tell you about the Inspection process and give you a general Greenside update.

We will be building up on our splendid test results in 2022!

This will take place on Monday 12th September at 2.30pm - we look forward to seeing you!

8. Attendance

Please ensure your daughter/ son attends Greenside everyday unless they are really too unwell to do so. We are always pleased to see students a little later in the day if they feel better (we know how precarious little ones can be in the morning and then they are fine!)

Please see our term dates on the website - we ask that you don't book any holidays/ travel or other appointments during term time - we want our students with us every day!

9. Getting back on Track! Key Spellings and Times Tables

Those of you who have been with us for a few years will know in September we make a plea for your help to get our students in the 'Learning zone' after a long summer. We know many of our students will be 'rusty' on some academic skills. We ask that especially over autumn term 1 you support them at home as follows:

- a) Reading - students should read to you each evening and as soon as they are independent spend a little time before bed reading independently. It is also great if you can read to them each week when you have a little more time - this can be a 'harder' book than they can manage alone (time to share some of those books you loved as a child!)
- b) Handwriting - this too is likely to need some early practice. We are supporting all students from Y1 to be forming their letters according to the Jarmen patterns and helping them join their letters asap. Please check in with your daughter/ son's Teacher for guidance. Half an hour a week at home (in 10 minutes chunks) can make a huge difference - thank you!
- c) Please see our Spelling lists for Y1&Y2, Y3&Y4 and Y5&Y6 (on our website) - these are words that the DfE expects students to know during the named years. If you are able to work on these at odd moments at home too that will definitely help with their memory of these words.
- d) Let us not forget those times tables! There is an expectation that students have a fast recall of all tables up to 12 by the end of Y4. They are fun to rehearse and there are some fab songs to help too. Our students can be times table rockstars very quickly - they just need time to learn them - any help at home would be great!

10. Lunch Arrangements

We are delighted to be growing, harvesting and cooking even more of our own vegetables at Greenside now. The new menu for the Autumn Term is available to view on our website. The focus for our menu is on delicious, seasonal food with carefully sourced produce that has been grown in a way that contributes positively to the environment. There is no charge for students eligible for Free School Meals and students in Reception, Y1 and Y2 who all receive lunch under the UIFSM scheme. Lunch for all other students is priced at £2.20 per day and payment can be made via School Money or in cash via the office. We will send a weekly reminder text with a link that takes you directly to your School Money account. If you have any issues with your account or if you feel you might be eligible for Free School Meals, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the office. Just a reminder that we are 100% school lunch school - all our students are expected to eat a Greenside lunch every day.

11. Breakfast and After School Clubs/ Provision

Breakfast Club will begin at 8.00am on Monday 5th September. All students are able to join us on a daily or adhoc basis for a free breakfast, If you have any questions please contact Ms. Webber.

After School Provision for Reception to Y6 starts up again from Monday 5th September. Please book through the office and School Money.

12. PE Days - Autumn Term 2022

Our PE days will remain the same as last year. Please ensure that students come in the mornings in the correct PE kit on these days. This should be the Greenside shorts / plain black / green shorts or plain black / grey jogging bottoms; a plain green / white / grey t-shirt; appropriate trainers / footwear. PE kits should not have any logos or patterns.

EYFS - Tuesdays

Y1 & 2 - Wednesdays

Y3 & 4 - Mondays

Y5 & 6 - Fridays

13. Good Chance - Magical Loose Change Boxes!

Over the last couple of years our lovely Greenside students and families have been wonderfully generous of spirit in making a money box and collecting loose change over the autumn term 1.

This year the challenge to our students is to make a box/ container that represents the concept of Magic in an innovative way. We are asking them to make this at home and to be as creative as possible.

If you have more than one Greenside daughter/ son it would, of course, be great to make it together.

We would then ask that each family Nursery to Y6 collect any loose change they could donate to charity across September & October in this 'Magic' box and then bring it in at the end of the half term. We will be able to share pictures of the boxes with our friends at **Good Chance** too!.

If it is tricky to make a box at home please let me know and we will create time to help your daughter/ son make it during the Greenside Day. Thank you in advance - every year it is great fun to see the wonderful creations limited only by our students' imagination!

14. Y6 Student Leadership

On Monday I shall speak to our new Y6 class and invite them to apply for our **Student Leadership roles** - I know there will be lots of competition this year.

I will email a copy of my invitation letter to our Y6 families for information - thank you in advance for helping and supporting them in this adventure!

15. Greenside Calendar - Autumn term '22

Please take a look at the events coming up, in our **Calendar** published below, during autumn term 1 - we hope you will be able to join us at as many as possible!

With best wishes


Karen

GREENSIDE Family Calendar 2022-2023		
Autumn Term 1		
Week 1		
Thurs 1 st Sept & Fri 2 nd Sept	All Day	Staff CPD Days – Greenside closed to students
Week 2		
Monday 5 th September	8.00am	Letter Home from KBS & LG
Monday 5 th September	8.55am	Y1 – Y6 students return to Greenside (info for N&R sent from EYFS Team)
Tuesday 6 th September	3.45pm	Meet my Teacher: Y1, Y2 and Y3
Wednesday 7 th September	9.00am	Reception parents/ carers invited to meet Robin & KBS
Wednesday 7 th September	3.45pm	Meet my Teacher: Y4, Y5 and Y6
Week 3		
All Week	Various	Y3 Greenside Maths Conference
All Week	Various	Y6 Student Leadership Interviews
Monday 12 th September	9.00am	Y6 Student Leadership application deadline
Monday 12 th September	10.00am	Open Morning for prospective families Nursery & Reception 2023
Monday 12 th September	2.30pm	The Greenside Year Ahead: Curriculum & Ofsted - N-Y6 Parents/ carers
Wednesday 14 th September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 15 th September	9.00am	
Thursday 15 th September	6.00pm	Secondary Transfer Meeting
Friday 16 th September	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published – Edition 1 & Podcast
Sunday 18 th September	All Day	London Open House - Greenside open to visitors
Week 4		

Wednesday 21st September	All Day	Non-uniform Day – Donation for charity and Good Chance Money Boxes
Wednesday 21st September	PM	International Peace Day – Family Workshop
Wednesday 21st September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 22nd September	3.45pm	Y6 – Secondary Transfer Briefing
Week 5		
All Week	Various	Lose change collections at gate for Good Chance
Tuesday 27 th September	AM	Y6 Greenside & Griffin Shared Writing session
Tuesday 27 th September	10.00am	Open Morning for prospective families Nursery & Reception 2023
Wednesday 28 th September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 29 th September	9.15am & 10.00am	Nursery & Reception Link & Learn Maths sessions for Families
Week 6		
Wednesday 5 th October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 6 th October	PM	National Poetry Day - Poetry Slam - Families invited to join us!
Friday 7 th October	7.00pm	PSA Quiz Night (TBC)
Week 7		
All Week	Various	Data Capture 1 – Tests & Assessments
Tuesday 11 th October	10.00am	Open Morning for prospective families Nursery & Reception 2023
Wednesday 12 th October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 14 th October	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published – Edition 2 & Podcast
Friday 14 th October	3.30pm	Second Hand Uniform Sale at Greenside
Week 8		
Monday 17 th October	9.00am	Reception Family Sharing
Tuesday 18 th October	9.00am	Nursery Family Sharing
Tuesday 18 th October	Various	Food Experience Family Event
Wednesday 19 th October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 20 th October	All Day	Non-Uniform Day Students bring in Good Chance Magical Loose Change Boxes Food Experience Day - Bread & Cakes for Good Chance!
Friday 21 st October	3.30pm	Half Term holiday begins!
Autumn Term 2		

Week 1		
Monday 31st October	8.55am	Students return to Greenside
Foreward Notice Week 2 - Thursday 10th November	6.00pm	<i>The Greenside Magical Mystery Tour - performance!</i>