

Friday News - 06.09.2024

Welcome back!

It is wonderful to be able to welcome back all of our pupils to school. I know that all members of staff have been so impressed with how well the children are settling back into their school routine; we are very proud of them all. School has been quiet and very purposeful this week. I have, however, noticed how tired they are after a busy 3 days so a restful weekend is definitely required.

A very warm welcome to the parents who are new to the school. I will send my Friday News every Friday with updates, reminders and notices for all parents.

Open Morning for prospective parents

We will be having an open morning to welcome potential new students and parents on Saturday 9th November 9:30 - 11:30am. This will be an opportunity for them to see the school and talk to key members of staff. Please spread the word to anyone who has a child starting school in September 2025. It was a really successful morning last year.

Reading Challenge

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Hutchings about the reading challenge. This is a fantastic reward system to help you motivate your child to read at home.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that children should have **water only** in their bottles please, no squash. Squash is incredibly sticky and we would have to limit where and when they had a drink. Water would be freely available to them as any spills can be sorted quickly.

Attendance

It has been so lovely to see so many children in school on time this week, lets keep this up! The attendance policy has been attached to this email to refresh your memories. Remember there is a new policy with extra guidelines following the recent announcement from the Departments for Education over the Summer. We will be organising a parents information session about this before half term. The attached policy has been written by Suffolk County Council.

Dropped kerbs and parking

Please be mindful of dropped kerbs when you are parking around the school for pick-up and drop off. We have a parent who will be relying on the dropped kerbs around the school to be able to drop their child off. As a wheelchair user, they will not be able to access the school if the dropped kerbs are blocked. The dropped kerb to pay particular attention to is the one by the pond as this is often blocked.

Please also be mindful of our neighbours when you are parking. Don't block driveways / paths and think about whether an ambulance or fire engine would be able to pass between the parked cars. Thank you.

PE days

Please see the link below to our website where you will find the PE days. All PE will be as the timetable next week.

<https://www.greatwoldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/pe-days/>

Please can children come to school in their PE kits wearing trainers on those days.

Wrap Around

If you need to use Early Birds and T-Birds our before and after school club, please book in through Arbor as soon as possible. Sessions are getting booked up quickly. If you are not booked into a session, we cannot accept your child and you will be called and asked to collect or drop off at the normal school time. We plan our staffing ratios / food according to who has been booked in. If there is an emergency situation, please call the office to explain and will do our best to accommodate where we can.

Have a very happy weekend everyone!



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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14