

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term 2020

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## A note from the Headteacher

I can't quite believe that this is the last round-up for this academic year – it seemed you blinked, and you missed it! We've had the most unusual, unprecedented year that I've ever seen in education since becoming a teacher, and it hit home when I read an article this week that said our children our facing the biggest educational challenge since the second world war, in terms of the impact of school closures on children's learning and development. I am delighted to welcome everybody back in September, and as a school we have two central roles from September; firstly and most importantly, we must support our children emotionally in readiness for returning to school – some of the children have not been in school since March, and so much has happened in their families and lives that they will need emotional well-being support. Secondly, our children need the catch-up opportunities to bridge the gap in any of their lost learning over the recent months. As teachers, we're currently planning this out and adjusting our curriculum in light of the situation we face ourselves in to ensure that we respond to where our children are at in September.

Personally, I wanted to say a thank you again for all your support, time and patience in our third year of operation, and through the pandemic we've faced; you have continued to put a great deal of trust in us at this really difficult time. I have valued the feedback you have given us over the last few months, and we will continually adapt over the next year with whatever else comes our way. We continue to strive to be the choice of school locally and known for our reputation of being an exceptional place for learning for our children. Just as a reminder, school finishes next Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> July) and children in Y1-Y5 start back on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September – individual times for drop-off and pick-up were clarified on yesterday's letter. On behalf of the staff and myself, thank you for the many tokens of appreciation which we have received this week. More than ever, I wish you all a very happy, well-deserved restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in September.

*A. A. Wanford.*  
Mr. Aaron Wanford  
Headteacher



(ABOVE) Well done to everyone that has been awarded with certificates this year. We are extremely proud of all our children and look forward to celebrating your achievements again next year!

*"One of the strengths of the school is that a lot of the parents/carers know each other as it's still a relatively small school. Everyone is very friendly and approachable. Almost like a big family!"*

*Some wonderful feedback from a parent/carer*

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# Celebrations and Achievements

## Achievement & Progress Certificates

Each week, the school would usually come together to celebrate a variety of achievements from across the week. Our certificate of achievement is awarded to children who have demonstrated that they have applied their learning and put in great effort. We also have a certificate of progress, which is awarded to children who have shown a marked difference in their learning over the last week or so and have made great progress in their learning and development. We would still like to celebrate this although we cannot come together as we usually would. Well done to following people for being awarded with achievement and progress certificates this week!

	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Dylan	showing off his phonics knowledge and being a blending superstar!
Willow (YR)	Darcey	her quick mental halving during maths.
Beech (Y1)	Alicja	doing so well in her phonics, showing that all her hard work has really paid off.
Elm (Y1)	Joshua	completing an 80km cycle challenge outside of school!
Oak (Y2)	Theodore	his wonderful painting that he created whilst having a guided painting lesson via Zoom.
Plane (Y2)	Samuel	writing a wonderful letter to his friends to tell them what he has been getting up to at home.
Cedar (Y3)	Hrishi	a fantastic time line on British History.
Rowan (Y4)	Ingrid	producing a wonderful poem and recording herself reading it with confidence and fluency.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Isabelle	persevering and showing determination in phonics to get her work completed.

Willow (YR)	Oscar	gaining so much confidence in the classroom and being more independent throughout the school day.
Beech (Y1)	Cairo	settling in well and impressing Miss. Thomas with his division.
Elm (Y1)	Ayaan	making excellent progress with his reading fluency and for working hard in phonics.

## PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for Presentation, Accuracy and Productivity. Although we have not had the children in the school to produce their work and learning, we still wanted to recognise the PAP efforts that have been sent in! Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Beech (Y1)	Charlotte	Elm (Y1)	Wynn timer
Oak (Y2)	Tegan	Plane (Y2)	Mia-Jade
Cedar (Y3)	Maia	Rowan (Y4)	Joseph

# What have you been learning at home?

## Little Ridges Nursery

What a fantastic last full week for Little Berries... We recapped on all the fun activities we've been doing over the last few weeks and talked about what we have learnt about 'Sing a Rainbow!'. We have learnt the makaton signs for the colours in the rainbow and the children made stick houses, painted spray pictures and there has been lots of role-play in the home corner. We will be sending wellies home with the children who had them here in the next few days and bags on their last day before the holidays. Have a lovely weekend!



This week it has been lovely to see Little Acorns grow in confidence when it comes to their pencil control. They have been practicing writing their names, numbers and drawing wonderful pictures of their families. With our space theme in mind, this week we have seen some fantastic alien creations. The children have been using different resources to create, legs, eyes etc and some came up with very unique names. Within our water play the children have been using different sized containers to see which would hold more or less and they have been thinking about what sinks and what floats. A very busy week with lots of ideas shared and imagination shown.



## Reception

This week Birch and Willow have continued progressing so well with their writing; they have written letters, as a class, to their new teachers next year and

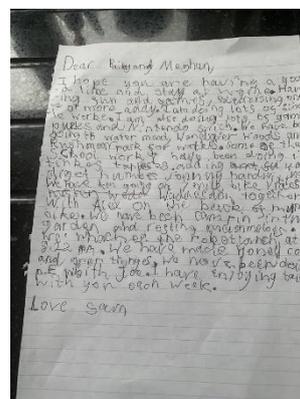
they have also used their phonic knowledge to support themselves to write their favourite things about Reception. In Maths, the children have learnt about halving, using cookies to help them again! The children have busy working as a team within the classroom to create models, make up dances and complete lots of other activities. It's been amazing to observe how much they have all progressed throughout the year. Well done, Birch and Willow class!

## Year One

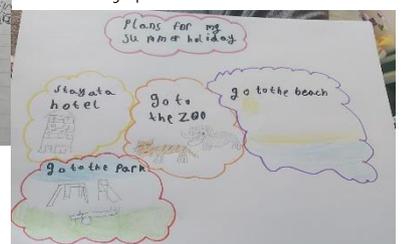
In Year 1 this week we have been looking at traditional tales in English and have focused on the story Hansel and Gretel. The children completed character descriptions, setting descriptions, sequenced the story and even began to think of their own traditional tale to write. In Maths we have been consolidating our year 1 knowledge, looking at dividing/sharing into equal groups and solving tricky addition and subtraction problems. Across our reading skills lessons and our PSHE lesson we have been thinking about the environment and how we need to take responsibility to help reduce, reuse and recycle in order to save the planet and all that live in it.

## Year Two

Dexter created some fantastic artwork this week and Tegan cooked a roast dinner for her family.



Samuel from Place class wrote a wonderful letter to his friends this week to tell them what he has been getting up to at home and Mia-Jade created a fantastic poster to share her summer holiday plans.



### Year Three

Year 3 have been looking at a history timeline and have been rewriting their favourite story this week. Jasper and Harry had a socially distance game of Rummikub and Hrishi made a timeline of lots of different events throughout history.



### Year Four

Joseph was awarded with this week's PAP award as he has made excellent improvements in the neatness of his learning across all of his challenges

# News items from this week

## Parent Forum Minutes

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Wanford met with the Parent Forum representatives online for a virtual meeting. Thank you to those parents/carers who managed to join us for this, and a copy of the minutes can be found [here](#) on our website.

## Teacher Farewells and Meet the Teacher events

On Monday morning, we will be sending out letters from each of the class teachers to their existing classes, as part of a farewell at the end of term. We know that some children are in school already, but not all of them will be with their teachers, and there will be many still at home. When you receive this letter, please do share and read it with your child. Also on Monday morning, each class in Reception, Year One, Year Two, Three and Four will have two videos published on our YouTube channel. One video will be a farewell/end of term message from their class teacher, in place of any home learning challenges next week, and another will be a video message from their new class teachers to say hello ahead of September. Please take a look out for these on Monday [here](#).

## Reading Books

For the children who have not returned to school, can we please ask that you drop their reading books and library books off and place in the box located just outside of our main entrance. Thank you!

## Amazon Wishlist

During the Parent Forum meeting held on Wednesday, we were asked to share the link for our Amazon Wishlist again should any parents/carers want to make a donation. Please follow the link [here](#).

## Children's work/books

Please note that we are not sending home your child's exercise books from this academic year and will be retaining these in school until at least the end of next year. This is to support us, until our first Ofsted inspection, so that we can show where our children were when they joined us and so we can see their progress over several years. Your child's books will be returned to you before they leave, please do not worry and will be kept safe within the school.

## Annual Parent Survey

Thank you to the 153 responses we received to our annual parental survey; we had hoped for an even greater uptake on this so that everybody has an opportunity to give their views and ideas of how we can improve. We will be pushing the outcomes of the survey at the start of the new academic year.

## Staffing

Today, we say our sad farewell to Miss. Thomas who moves on to pastures new. I would like to thank Miss.

Thomas for her time, commitment and support to Green Ridge and our children over her time with us; we wish her all the very best in her new venture.

## Term Dates 2020-2021

The term dates for 2020-2021 can be found on our website using this [link](#).

## Schoolreaders Storytime! Summer Holiday Videos

Schoolreaders Storytime! want children to be able to access the stories over the summer holiday period, so they have developed a Storytime section on their website. It is now live and features 30+ videos that their amazing volunteers have recorded during lockdown and they are available for children to watch whenever they want over the summer. Separated into reading age; many of the last 11 weeks of videos are included, plus new ones that they weren't able to previously share and they will be adding new videos over the summer. Access details can be found below.

Link: <https://www.schoolreaders.org/storytime>

Password: love2read

## Sun Safe Schools

You can find the UV forecast for the next few days below. If the UV forecast is 3 or above, children should have sun cream applied before arriving at school and bring a hat and sunglasses to further protect themselves. It is not just about how sunny it is as there can be a high UV on a cloudy day. Please follow this [link](#) to check the forecast each day.



## End of term gifts/presents

We have been a few questions about whether we can accept end of terms gifts for staff with the COVID19 situation. Firstly, please know that we do not expect gifts or cards from parents/carers as a thank you; your gratitude in your kind words and e-mails and parent feedback is more than enough to show us your appreciation. However, if you do wish to pass something on to a member of staff at the end of term, we will have a box upon drop-off/pick-up on the last day of term where anything can be placed which will then be isolated before staff are allowed to access. We know this might appear extreme, but our advice is still to limit the contact of items taken to and from school, and so by isolating anything brought in initially, this reduces the risk of spreading any infection, should it be present. Thank you for your understanding with this.

For classes which are not currently in school, there will be a drop-off/collection point at the entrance foyer from today where parents/carers can drop anything off for staff to pass on.

## PTA News

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support again throughout the year, though what a very different ending to the year it is!

We were obviously disappointed we couldn't have our summer fete this year but it just means we are determined to have an even bigger and better one next year!

We hope everyone enjoys the summer break and please remember if shopping online to use [easyfundraising](#) to earn the school some much needed funds with little effort from you!

We will be selling our Green Ridge colour hair band sets and soon our new stationery packs through the PTA Events & Tickets website. We will also be providing contactless delivery so please following this [link](#) to place your orders.

Stay safe and please do follow our Facebook page for updates.

See you next year!

## What's happening in the first week back at Green Ridge?

31 <sup>st</sup>	School Closed – Bank Holiday
1 <sup>st</sup>	School Closed – INSET Day #1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children in Y1-Y5 return to school YR new to GR children to start in groups YN Little Berries settling in sessions YN new to Little Acorns children to start in groups
3 <sup>rd</sup>	All YR children to start in groups YN Little Berries settling in sessions All Little Acorns return to school
4 <sup>th</sup>	YN Little Berries settling in sessions

## Letters sent home this week

Support Staff Update for September 14 07 20

Registration Sign Up for wc 20th July 14 07 20

Admission arrangements for YN, YR, Y1 & childcare wc 20th July 15 07 20

Sports Activity Events 15 07 20

New Little Berries Parents/Carers 16 07 20

New Little Acorns Parents/Carers 16 07 20

Re-opening plans for September 16 07 20

Appendix A - Site Plan Layout (internal) - September 2020

Appendix B - Site Plan Layout (external drop and collection points) -September 2020

Appendix C - External Site Plan Layout for pedestrian walkways - September 2020

Appendix D - Site Plan for Pupil Play Areas -September 2020

Stationery for Year Three 16 07 20

Stationery for Year Four and Five 16 07 20

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Update 16 07 20

PTA Terms of Reference - July 2020

New Reception September Starting Hours 16 07 20

Little Acorns Starting Arrangements for September 17 07 20



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**Tel: 01296 422120**

**Free parking**

**Opening hours**  
Monday – Saturday  
from 9.00am - 5.00pm

Due to Coronavirus, government guidelines require us to strictly limit the number of people in our store at any one time. Therefore in order to avoid people having to queue for hours outside, we are handling things differently this year. Please see as follows.

**This year it's vitally important that you do NOT leave buying the uniform you need until the last minute.**

If your child is starting school in September, we recommend booking a personal shopping appointment for fitting advice. We can assist you by visually judging which sizes your child will need. This is important because due to the guidelines our changing rooms are closed and your child will not be able to try items on in the store.

Also, we must ask that only one adult accompanies each child who needs uniform and that where possible customers wear a face covering.

Wherever possible parents/carers of existing students should order online, preferably selecting 'Click & Collect'. This will save you the cost of postage and avoid the risk of items getting lost in the post.

If you need to exchange any uniform bought online that's the wrong size, you must please return it within 14 days. All exchanged items will be quarantined for 72 hours.

To place an order, book an appointment or watch a guide on how to measure your child please visit our [website](#).