

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from the Headteacher

Sadly, I missed the start of the week at Green Ridge this week, as like many of our children and staff, I managed to catch whatever unpleasant cold/flu/virus that seems to be impacting so many of us in different ways. One thing that seems to be common for many of those who have been unable to come into school is the high temperature and fever, and the general fatigue that seems to persist throughout. If your child does have a high temperature of 37.4 or above, then please do keep them off school until their temperature has come down without any medication for a 24-hour period and they are well enough to return. Whilst we want our children to enjoy every bit of school and attend for every day possible, if a child really is that unwell, then the safest and most comfortable thing for them is to be at home, resting and being carefully monitored. My sincere hope is that over the next few weeks as we move into February and towards spring, the worst of this virus that is circulating comes to an end, and we can hope for a healthier rest of the academic year!

I apologise if there has been some disruption to your child's class teaching arrangements this week, but there simply hasn't been the availability of other internal staff or supply staff to meet the demands of absence – not just at Green Ridge but in all other schools with similar absence levels. We have tried wherever possible to ensure that we've kept disruption to a minimal, whilst also trying to balance all other events and meetings etc. taking place.

Next week is our Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday afternoon. If you do have any feedback or points to raise, please do ensure you let your forum reps know. Have a great weekend,

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Ana	Freya	-
Hazel (YR)	Sol	Hazel	-
Willow (YR)	Dylan	Jack	-
Beech (Y1)	Andreas	Teddy	Pippa
Elm (Y1)	Nicholas	Nariah	Shehram
Lime (Y1)	Julia	Kairo	Arthur
Oak (Y2)	Kiyansh	Poppy	Abigail C
Plane (Y2)	Arabella	Elin	Abigail S
Alder (Y3)	Yashvi	Alfie	Lola
Cedar (Y3)	Daisy B	Amber	Jayden
Ash (Y4)	Aaliyah	Lena	Gwennie
Rowan (Y4)	Archie	Elias	Esmay
Maple (Y5)	Adeena	Sreejan	Cairo
Sycamore (Y5)	Oliver	Alice	Inaya
Aspen (Y6)	Samuel	Niamh	Norah
Hawthorn (Y6)	Elijah	Luciana	Riley

Attendance Award
Well done to Plane class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	204	3586
Disraeli	172	3241
Pratchett	170	3281
Redgrave	265	4177



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News, Updates & Reminders

KS2 Snacks

We would like to remind parents/carers that chocolate, crisps and sweets are **not** permitted if you are providing your child in KS2 with a morning snack. Should your child bring in a snack which we believe is not adequate, we will have no choice but to take the item/s off them and return them to you at the end of the day. We would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that we are a **nut-free school** and children should not be sharing snacks due to allergies. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please also refer to the below which you can find within our Parent/Carer Handbook.

Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring a small snack of fruit (either a piece of fruit or packet of dried fruit, such as raisins), vegetable or cheese to eat at break time. Cereal bars are not permitted.

WE ARE A 'NUT-FREE' SCHOOL DUE TO ALLERGIES. Therefore, children must **not** bring in food containing nuts including Nutella spread or chocolate, regardless of their nutritional value. Please check cereal bars and other similar products as they often have traces of nuts, which are also **not** permitted.

Staffing news

We are pleased to announce that Miss. Helen Campanis joined us this week as Teaching Assistant in Birch class alongside Mr. Collard. Miss. Campanis is from South Africa and brings a wealth of experience of teaching and we are delighted to have her here at Green Ridge!

Year Six Isle of Wight Residential 2024

Just a gentle reminder that the deadline to pay for the Year Six Isle of Wight Residential is fast approaching. The balance can be paid in full or via installments on Arbor via the payment portal by **Tuesday, 30th April 2024**.

Little Ridges Nursery – 2024/25 intake

We are delighted to let you know that we are now taking applications for our 2024/25 intake for Little Ridges Nursery. Our admissions policy for the nursery, which has now been approved by the Local Governing Body, can be found on our website [here](#).

To apply for a nursery place, you are required to register by completing this [form](#). The link can also be found within the policy and on our website.

Upper Key Stage Two Gates

From next week the Upper Key Stage Two gates will not be open at 4.15pm for enrichment club collection. Please use the main gate. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that the upper key stage two gates will be closing imminently when our building work commences. We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience caused.

Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday, 30th January

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, 30th January at 2.15pm**.

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available [here](#). Please remember that if you complete the questionnaire that it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher.

PTA

Key Dates Coming Up for the Spring Term

PTA Event	Date
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 9 th February
Quiz Night	Friday, 23 rd February
YR & KS1 Cinema Event	Friday, 8 th March
KS2 Cinema Event	Friday, 15 th March
Easter Egg-tavaganza & Bonnet Competition	Thursday, 28 th March

Now That's What I Call a Quiz!

Green Ridge PTA are pleased to announce our annual Quiz night returns on **Friday, 23rd February 2024**.

Is your prowess for a general knowledge round lacking but unbelievable skill in the music round going to make you this year's winner? Might you play your joker on the music round, but wish you'd saved it for the sports round?!

Our fun community evening will be filled with games, team activities and a quiz throughout, with teams of 6.

It's an adult only event so get the babysitter booked now... save the date, Friday 23rd February at Green Ridge Primary Academy from 7.30pm, doors close at 7.45pm.

Bring your own bottle of your favourite drink, alcohol, or a bottle of coke, whatever your choice would be!

Don't forget to bring some change on the night for some extra games!

Tickets are £10 each and include Pizzas for each table!

PTA Meeting

We had our first meeting of the year, last Friday morning and last night. Thank you to those that came. The combined minutes for these meetings will shortly be available to read on the school's website [here](#).

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All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your "Good Cause". It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join! And with the new donation reminder on your devices web browser, it has become even easier. Once set up it will tell you every time you are on a qualifying website and with a click or tap will enable you to shop through Easyfundraising.

If you're booking a holiday, please use #easyfundraising! You can raise a BIG donation for Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA at no extra cost to yourself! Plus, for a limited time, book with selected travel brands and you'll be entered into their giveaway for your chance to WIN £1,000 spending money! Click [here](#) to find out more.

If you are a business owner, you can support Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA with your everyday business purchases?

Whether you're buying pens or paper, ink and toner, computers or booking travel for you or your

colleagues, you could raise vital funds for us, and at no extra cost for you.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS1 – Online Reputation

Speak to your child(ren) about their digital footprint - everything that is posted online can be found so we need to be very careful what we do online.

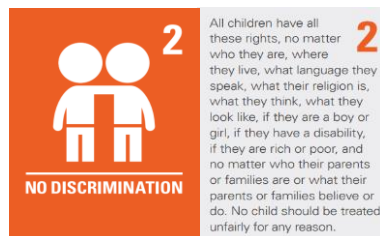
KS2 – Online Reputation

Children do not always know if what they are going to post online is suitable. Ask them to name at least three people they can speak to, for guidance, before they post something.

Right of the Week Article 2

Article 2 - No Discrimination

This article ties in perfectly with our school values, namely kindness, respect and friendship. Ask your child if they can name any 'protected characteristics' and explain the importance of showing respect to everyone and celebrating each other's differences.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Buy Local

Support local farmers and businesses by buying locally produced products. This can reduce the environmental impact of long-distance transportation.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Talking about Grief

Children can usually understand that death is irreversible and universal. They will ask frequent questions about death and it is very important that they are supported through their understanding of this using age appropriate language.

Things to include:

- Let them talk about how they feel and just listen. Validate that it is okay to have these feelings.
- Use simple, age appropriate language to explain what has happened to support closure.
- Inform school if your child is struggling with grief and we can support and signpost resources.



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Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 1

Monday 29 th January	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 3 Recognising and Managing Emotions
Tuesday 30 th January	9.15am – Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event 2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Wednesday 31 st January	2.15pm - Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event
Friday 2 nd February	9.15am – Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event
Monday 5 th February	2.15pm - Prospective YN 2024/25 open event 3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Miss. Jones
Tuesday 6 th February	9.15am - Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event 3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Mrs. Lingeswaran 4.00-7.30pm - Pupil Learning Reviews
Wednesday 7 th February	9.15am - Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event 3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Mrs. l'Anson
Thursday 8 th February	4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Friday 9 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day Children Break for Half-Term



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