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31/03/22

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

As we break for the Easter Holidays, I would like to say a huge thank you once again for your continued support. Two terms into the new school year and the pupils are thriving. Thanks once again for your continued understanding, patience, and commitment in helping us to keep all our school community safe and for generally being supportive of the current initiatives. I’d also like to add my sincere thanks to all the school staff who work tirelessly to uphold standards and ensure that your children are safe, learn well and enjoy their time at school every day.

Although we have been advised by the Government now that we can reduce measures and that we all need to learn to live with the virus, we have still maintained our vigilance, risk assessments and commitment to twice weekly testing to help to keep the Covid 19 virus at bay, and keep everyone as safe as we can. We will continue to update you as information comes through from Public Health.

It has been an exciting term for pupils across school who have enjoyed participating in several external educational trips and visits. These are a really valued and important part of our school curriculum to really bring learning to life and into our community. I’d like to highlight the achievements of one of our Key Stage 4 classes (Q2) who attended the 'Secondary Ability Day' where they took part in a variety of activities, including indoor rowing, football, cricket, and tennis. They had a fantastic time and have been invited to attend a similar event in June. I’d also like to draw attention to one of our Key Stage 3 classes (P5) who took part in a 3-week table cricket course, with the 3rd week being a competition. P5 won the competition and are now through to the regional finals in May. A huge well done to all the pupils involved in these activities and a big thank you to all the staff who were involved too. I do hope that you have all been able to access your child’s Record of Achievement via Evidence for Learning. I have enjoyed reading and looking through some of the achievements across the school. I’m glad that we have been able to share some of the great progress and achievements of your child, across the curriculum. Should you need any further assistance with accessing these, please contact the school office in the first instance, who will be able to put you in touch with the class teacher.

You should also have received a copy of your child’s evaluated IEP which states if Targets set have been achieved this term. You will shortly be receiving the new Targets for the Summer Term. Class teachers will send these out to you early on, after Easter so that you are aware of your child’s targets and can help and support at home too. Please do get in touch with school should you need any further explanation or information regarding this. Remember that there is a wealth of information on our school website. Class pages have been updated in the last few weeks with a number of pictures celebrating various events that your child has been involved with. This area is where you will also find your Childs topics for the term ahead.

It has been lovely to see all our Upper School children and most of our Key Stage 2 Lower School classes return to the dining hall for lunch. It has been fantastic to see pupils socialising and eating in a dining room situation again. Pupils say that they have enjoyed being able to do this again. Next Term we plan to begin opening up further and integrating our Key Stage 1 pupils into the hall.

The Star of the Week assemblies continue each week and remain a highlight of my week. Pupils enjoy seeing the Class News section, where classes place pictures of what they have been up to in the week. A new addition to the assembly in Key Stage 3 and 4 is the introduction of mindfulness sessions to support wellbeing. We have also introduced a weekly Safeguarding update slide to help to keep our older children abreast of how to keep themselves safe. This supports our PSHE and SRE curriculum offer and general Safeguarding policies in school.

Staff have been busy assessing pupils in the last few weeks to allow for our end of term data collection. The results are compared with their baseline scores from Sept 21 and their scores from December 21 to allow us to check on progress against pupils’ individual targets. This data is analysed and shared with class teachers to allow targeted work and interventions to take place. We do hope that we will be able to host our Summer Term Parents Evening Face to Face for the 1st time in 2 years. We will let you know more about this early into the Summer Term.

Early next term we will be hosting another monitoring visit from the NAS. We received news this term that school have gained an Enhanced Practice Commendation Award. This is extra to the Advanced status we already have as a school. The award is recognition for how much the school includes families in the implementation of the SCERTS model. Enhanced practice commendations are only awarded to the few services which exceed the Autism Accreditation criteria in a particular area in supporting autistic people. A big thank you to all the staff but especially to Miss Naylor who leads our ASD Department and who has worked extremely hard to strive for the very best for our pupils.

I would like to take this time to thank our temporary Maintenance Officer Steve, for the tremendous work he has done for Green Lane School. He stepped in on a temporary basis from January to March 22 to help us, whilst recruiting a new Site Manager. We wish Steve all the best for his future career. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Site Manager, who will hopefully be starting with us after Easter. We look forward to welcoming him into our school family.

It is also with great pleasure that I would like to announce the promotion of one of our long-standing members of staff, to the post of temporary Assistant Head Teacher. Miss Delaney will be taking up the post starting after the Easter break. We look forward to seeing her grow into the role and helping us to continue to improve the quality of education for all our pupils. Miss Delaney will be part of the School Leadership Team.

I would also like to take the time to thank a small number of staff who will be moving on after the Easter break. Mrs King will be taking early retirement from 30th April. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment and contributions to Green Lane over a number of years. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the pupils and families of Green Lane School. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

I would also like to thank Mrs Steele for the strength and support she has offered our ASD department over the last few years. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Johnson, Mr Zocek and Mr Green who have been at the school for several months working with pupils in Key Stages 1, 3 and 4. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our pupils and families. We wish you well in your future careers.

I’d also like to say congratulations to 2 of our staff, Mrs Van Rooy and Miss Barnes who are both expecting a baby in the near future. We do wish them both well and will look forward to them returning to school with their new little bundles of joy to visit us. They both intend to begin their Maternity leave in June. We are currently liaising with them to put plans in place to cover their Maternity leaves.

We would like to welcome Mrs Owen who will be covering Mrs King’s teaching role for the Summer Term, starting after Easter.

I’d like to take this opportunity to update you on the recent recruitment of a Parent Governor for the school. We have elected Mr Acornley and we look forward to him starting in the role soon. We look forward to him supporting the school’s development. Thank you for your support.

As the Summer Term approaches, we begin to think about September and the start of the new school year. As Year 11 move closer to their leaving date, which is traditionally the last Friday in June, we also begin to reflect on their time with us and help to continue plans for transition onto the next steps of their journey.

There will be more communication from Mr King (Head of KS4) about the plans for the Year 11 leavers in the next few weeks.

From September 2022 Green Lane School will be expanding its numbers again, taking us from 180 pupils to 196. We have received some extra accommodation within the school site to support us in doing this, and to accommodate a new KS3 class. Work is already underway to recruit highly skilled staff to join the Green Lane Team.

Finally, I’d like to let you know that we have set up a Green Lane Community School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children. Our official start date is Sat 11th June. Everyone is welcome to play, including your family and friends. The more people we have playing the lottery, the more money it will generate for school. I have included a flyer at the end of this letter which includes more information.

As always, if you have any queries, worries, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school and we will try to help as best as we can.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter and I send my warmest wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely,



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