

# GCA NEWS

13th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a wonderful week at school. This week we have completed our 'Diversity Diner'. Photos have been uploaded to facebook and dojo – take a look and talk to your child about it.

Next week the Year 5 and 6 children are away on their residential trip – we are so excited and will be uploading photos on dojo for you to see.

## Important attendance update

There is a new updated government guidance for unauthorised absence/holiday. All schools must use a single consistent national threshold for when a Fixed Penalty notice must be considered. This is

- 10 sessions (Usually 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a ten week period. ( This ten week school period can span different terms or school years.)
- Holidays of 5 days or more will be unauthorised and will likely lead to a fine.
- Lateness after registers close also contributes to the unauthorised absence.

# Dates for your diary.

13th September – Meet the teacher Year 4 – 3:30

16th–18th September – Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park

20th September – Second Hand Coat Sale

23rd September – Year 5 swimming starts

WB 30th September – Collection for our Harvest celebration

2nd October – Year 5&6 Cycling Project

9th October – Author visiting school – More information to follow

22nd October – PTA Halloween Disco

23rd October – Year 3&4 Creative Chefs – more information to follow

28th October – 1st November – Half term

11th November – Flu Vaccination – first session

15th November – Children in Need – More information to follow

25th November – Flu Vaccination – second session

28th November – Non uniform for chocolate tombola donations

29th November – School closed for occasional day

6th December – Christmas Fair

8th December (Sunday) – St Pauls community celebration

12th December – Christingle service

17th December – Imajica Christmas Panto

20th December – Last day of term 2pm finish.

# Uniform

We have a school-colour based uniform. The school colours are Jade and black.

It helps the younger children to settle into school more quickly and to acquire independence if they wear clothes that they can easily manage for themselves. Suitable clothing could be chosen from:

Sweatshirt or Cardigan, preferably with the school logo  
Black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts  
White shirt/polo shirt  
Checked or striped dresses in green and white  
White socks

Please note: Joggers and leggings are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

## P.E.

(PE days will be communicated to you by the end of next week)

School PE T-shirt and black shorts and trainers. Plain black, non-branded tracksuits can be worn in the colder weather. Alternatively your child can wear plain black jogging bottoms and their normal jade school cardigan/ jumper over their PE kit. We ask that children come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

## Footwear

Black school shoes only please. Trainers are only to be worn for PE.

\*NEW – Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day\*

# GCA way.

I have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked this week. They have also remembered and shown me that they can follow the GCA way – what a brilliant start to the term.

Please can I remind you to name all clothing – We have already found some unnamed jumpers on the playground.

## Birthdays this week



Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ruck