CHURCH GRESLEY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers



A big thank you to all of you who were able to come to our Mother's Day breakfast on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, enjoying time with your fantastic children! We hope they continued to spoil you over the weekend.

This week we had the science breakfast and open morning. If you were able to attend we hope you enjoyed the exciting activities that were organised by Mrs Morton. We hope it will allow you greater understanding of how we teach science in school.



Easter Hat Parade



Our annual Easter hat parade will take place (weather dependent) on Tuesday 24th March. It will be at 2.30pm on the bottom playground. We will open the gates at 2.15pm and will ask parents to stand all round the playground to make a parade ring. Children will parade round the whole area so that wherever you stand you will hopefully get a close view of your child. Once the parade is finished and we have got the children back to their classrooms, we will allow you to take them home a little earlier so you do not have to wait around until 3.15pm. In terms of design, anything goes and we are always amazed at the children's creations. We would be really grateful if you could support your child with this and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible!



Mrs Cripps

ATTENDANCE

Current attendance up to 20th March

	Attendance %	Total number of absences
Nursery	95.31%	473
Reception	96.4%	700
Year One	95.17%	893
Year 2	95.52%	919

Well done to Reception who have consistently had the highest attendance through the current year. Our target is 96% and currently the Reception cohort are the only cohort meeting that expectation.

Attendance Matters			
Attendance during one school year	Equals approximate days absence	Which is approximately weeks absence	Which is approximately lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	270 lessons

Punctuality Matters		
Minutes per day during the school year		Approximate number of days teaching lost in a year
5 mins	=	3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

If you need help or guidance regarding attendance please refer to our school website under Key Information/Attendance. You will find lots of helpful information about your legal responsibilities, what to do if your child is ill and what other support we may be able to give you to help if you find it difficult to get your child to school. Please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Grimes or Mrs Cripps for further information.

Parent Evening Appointments



Our parent evenings are being held next week from 3.30pm-6.00pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Our booking system works via the SchoolApp and appointments are now available. Can I urge you to please book an appointment. It is a valuable time for you to find out how your child is doing and what you can do to help them at home. We are very aware that the children who make the most progress are those whose parents understand how best to support them at home and compliment the work that we are doing in school. If your child is part of two households, we ask that both parents work together to arrange an appointment at the same time. This ensures there is a consistency in the messages that are delivered. Unfortunately the staff do not have time to complete two appointments for the same child, unless there are very real reasons why both parents cannot be in the same room. Please refer to our approach to Separated Parents on the website for further information and guidance.

Mrs Hackett has also arranged for the Neurodiverse Community Hub and Compass Changing Lives to be in school on those nights. You can drop in with no appointment needed to find out what they can offer for you and your child. They are a great source of information and support and many parents have found them incredibly helpful.

If your child is on our SEN register, you will be given a separate opportunity to speak to your child's teacher so that they can go through any targets with you, so please do not sign up for an appointment next week. If you have not heard from your child's class teacher by next week, could you please inform the office staff.

Parent Survey

We try to carry out a yearly parent survey, to find out how we are performing against a range of measures and whether there is something else we could be doing, or if you have any concerns regarding any aspect of school life. It consists of a few short questions and will take only a few minutes to complete. Anyone who completes it will be entered into a free prize draw to win a small hamper of goodies. There will be a written summary available to all parents once the questions have been analysed. The closing date is 27th March. The link to access it is below but we will also send this to you via email to enable as many parents are possible to complete it.

Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School Annual Survey – Fill out form

Social Media

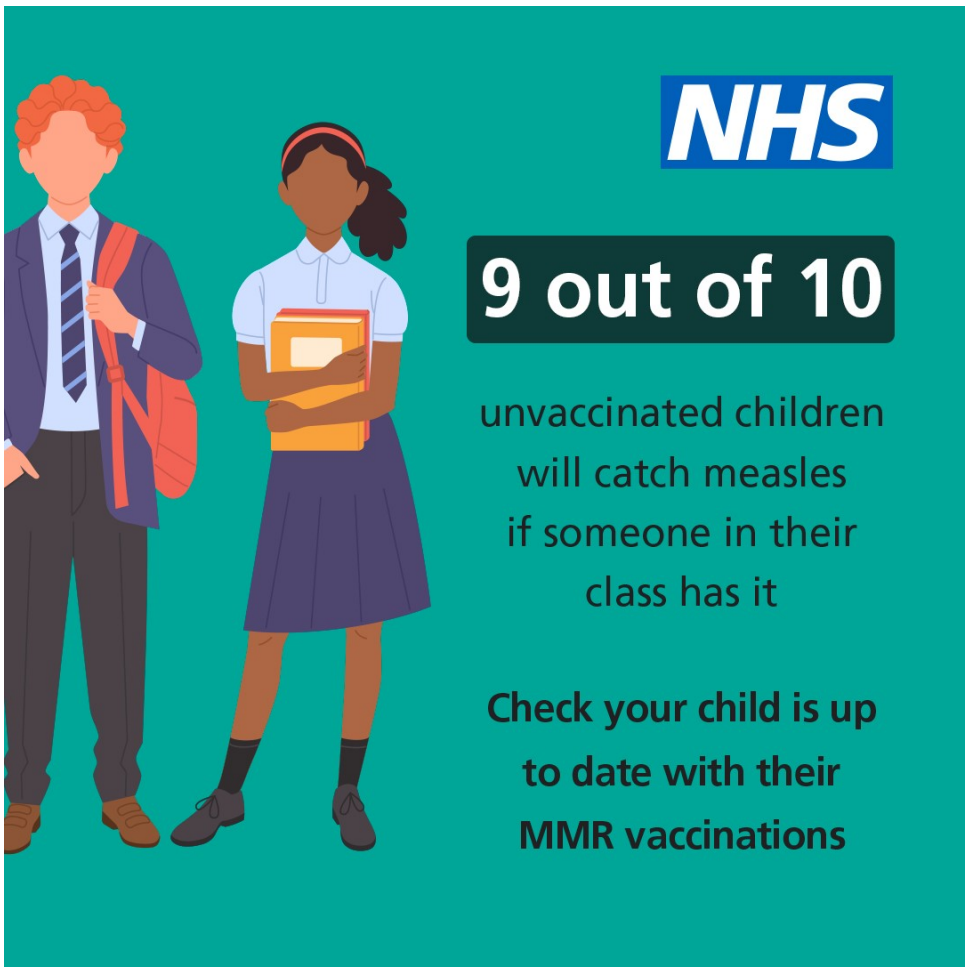
Can I urge you to contact the school directly if there is an aspect of school that you are not happy with. We have an official complaints procedure for any parent or carer who feels we have fallen short of the high standards you expect. This procedure can be found on our website under Key Information/Policies/Compliments, Comments and Complaints. We are having increasing incidents of parents and carers complaining about the school and the staff using social media channels. The public who read these comments often will not know the sometimes complicated context these comments are made in and it means the school is unable to defend themselves. Defamatory comments made will be dealt with in the appropriate way and we refer you to the Online Safety Procedure for further information.



PTFA Easter Raffle

The PTFA are currently running an Easter raffle. There are some simply amazing prizes for those of you who LOVE chocolate. Books of tickets are available to purchase from the office at £5 a book. Please support the PTFA by buying them and encouraging friends and family to do the same. It raises an incredible amount of money which all goes towards purchasing resources for school. The ladies have worked so hard at putting the prizes together from your generous donations so please get behind them and purchase some more books if you can.

Thank you!!



'World of Work Week'

This year our 'World of Work' week will take place **week commencing 20th April.** We are focusing this year on any career that has an element of creativity in it. We have been running this initiative for several years now and it has proved really popular with the children and the staff. Last year we learnt all about how technology helps people in their jobs and the children were fascinated, were able to ask lots of questions and really had their eyes opened to the wealth of opportunity out there. Whilst we understand our children are young we believe it is really important to enable them to understand that working hard in school will help them have so many more opportunities when they grow up and it is never too early to start! Please keep an eye out for the letter about it and if you work in a creative industry and are able to help support us, I would be very grateful. We will do our very best to accommodate any time at all that you can offer.

OpenView Education

Recently as part of our safer internet work, we had a visit from an organisation called OpenView Education. They ran some interactive workshops for us which included a fantastic puppet show for all the children based on how to use the Internet safely. We have also been given access to some training and materials for parents as part of the fee. This includes:

- Influencers-What parents need to know-video guide
- Roblox-What parents need to know-video guide
- What is AI and can we trust it?- Video Guide
- Discord – What Parents Need to Know
- 'Keeping Children Safe Online' eBook
- Screen Time & Wellbeing – Parent Guide
- Social Media Apps & Age Ratings Guide
- TikTok – What Parents Need to Know
- Loot Boxes – What Parents Need to Know
- Zoom Security – What You Need to Know
- Family Agreement Template

As parents of the CGINS community, you have access to all these materials free. Can I urge you to have a look as there is lots and lots of great information designed to help you as parents support your children to be safe using the internet.

Access details: **Username: ChurchGresley.Parents**

Password: MoltLaneTicket88

Login - OpenView Education

Derbyshire Term Dates

4th September-24th October 2025

3rd November-19th December 2025

5th January-13th February 2026

23rd February-27th March 2026

13th April-22nd May 2026

1st June-23rd July 2026

INSET Days (when school will be closed to pupils)

15th June

3rd July

23rd July– school breaks up on 22nd July 2026

Please do not book holidays during term time.

Dates for your dairies

24th March: Easter Hat Parade 2.30pm

25th and 26th March: Parents Evening

27th March: Break up for Easter

13th April: School returns after Easter Break - World of Work Week

16th April: Nursery Open Evening 3.30—5.00 pm

27th April: Cultural Week