



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2012

Christmas Fair

It was lovely to see so many families at our Christmas Fair last weekend. The school looked great, with many decorations and gifts ready to sell, following our successful Christmas Decorations Day. A big thank you to all parents who supported the Christmas Decorations Day. Without our fantastic staff, Co- Chairs and committee members of the GSA the Fair would not have taken place. All their hard work enabled us to raise just over £4000 – a fantastic achievement! A big thank you to the Xmas Fair Committee Members:

David Watts	Alison Friend	Christine Joyce	Rachel Scott
Victoria Lindop	Sarah Gouldsmith	Claire Gillespie	Beth Bayley
Emma Przygodzka	Carolyn Barkin	Tracy Lerpiniere	Sue Crowther
Rebecca MacKenzie	Michelle Harris	Natasha & Rob Goss	Suzanne Ansell

Thank you to Clare MacCulloch for making the Christmas Cake. Finally, a thank you to all the class reps for helping fill the rotas and all the parents, staff and Year 4's that helped with donations, setting up, running stalls and clearing up on the day.

Congratulations to Lydia Sayle and George Irons for their Christmas designs which were on the Christmas Fair programme. I do hope you managed to see the highly commended designs as well, which were on display in the school.

Nativity and Carol Concerts

The Reception and Nursery nativities were a huge success and we feel very proud of our youngest children performing to a packed hall of parents! Our Carol Concert for KS1 and KS2 will be held at **All Saints Church** on **Thursday 13 December at 2pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Parties

Children will be having their Key Stage Christmas parties in the last week of term. The Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) can bring in their party clothes to get changed into in preparation for the big event! KS1 and KS2 will remain in their school uniform.

KS1
Nursery and Reception
KS2

Monday 17 December am
Tuesday 18 December am
Wednesday 19 December am

Children in Need

We raised £357. Many thanks for all your support.

Maths Parent Workshops – Monday 14 January 2013

We are planning to re-run some parent workshops focussing upon our Calculation Policy. These were a huge success last year and many parents felt these were invaluable in helping them to understand and enable them to support their children.

Dates for these are 9-11am and 7-9pm on Monday 14 January 2013. More information will follow in the New Year.

School Council

Our new School Council has been officially elected by their peers and here are the results.

Elm	Daniel Thiruchelvam
Oak	Claudia Levy
Beech	Margot Ray
Cedar	Alice Ray
Maple	Michael Joyce
Silver Birch	Lilly Pattinson
Willow	Lily Jelf
Chestnut	Ellie Chadwick

Dacorum Home Start

Home-Start has been chosen by Waitrose Berkhamsted to be one of their green token charities over the Christmas period. Home-start trains local volunteers to support other parents (with at least one child under 5) to get the best out of family life. A volunteer will visit a family for 2-3 hours in their own home and support them as long as necessary. Established 29 years ago volunteers have supported many families facing challenges such as family breakdown, financial problems, post natal depression and illness of child or parent. Greenway has worked closely with Home-Start in supporting families in difficult times. Please do show your support and place as many green tokens as you can in the Home-Start box this December.

Breakfast club

Please can we remind all parents that children who require breakfast need to be at school by **8.20am**. All other children need to be at Breakfast club by **8.30am**. Many thanks for cooperation.

Christmas Cards

If children would like to send their friends Christmas cards the post box is opposite Mrs Weston's office. Please ensure all envelopes have the child's name and class on please!

End of term

We finish for the Christmas break on **Thursday 20 December at 1.30pm**. **Nursery finishes at 12 noon**, breakfast club will run but there will be no Waccy after school. **School will re-open as normal on Tuesday 8 January 2013.**

Star Awards

Star of the Week – November

Green Ash- Max Verbeek, Isola Maxwell, Eliza Bohn, Ellie Franklin

Purple Ash – Joseph D’Cunha, Edith Austin, Cameron Pollard, Charlotte Whittle

Yellow Ash- Hally Patel, Vito Newman, Ronnie Phillips, Isaac Trueman

Red Ash- Jack Titheridge, Ava Brennan, Ellie Goss, Louis Tarpey

Oak- Eddie Davies, Jackson Jarvis, Scarlett Calladine, Samuel Griffiths

Elm- Fin MacDonald, Gabriella Tonev, Freya Mills, Beth Ryan

Beech- Finlay Lumb, Lia Whittle, Henry Giles, Jack Woodstock

Cedar- Georgina Jelf, Hazel Coveney, Michael Cummins, Archie Phillips

Silver Birch- Thomas Page, Samuel Jobling, Bonnie Brooks, Sam Friend

Maple- Ryan Gibbs, Connor Cheshire, Ibraheem Khalid, Ben Matthews

Willow- Isabelle Jenkins, Naomi Costello, Lydia Sayle, Gergo Berendi

Chestnut- Thomas Stoker, Ellie Chadwick, Dylan Constantinou, Ethan Brimmer

Special Awards - November

Maths awards- Jake Friend, Nayana Mills, Lily Jelf,

Literacy awards- Torrunn Maxwell, Archie Phillips, Ibraheem Khalid, Ryan Gibbs, Charlie Nicolle, Kane Roberts, Jamie Sutcliffe, Jacob D’Cunha, Michael Joyce, Ben Matthews, Holly Foster, Lola Winter-Jones, Alice Burlingham, Jack Lambourne, Amelie MacCulloch, Fraser Buttle, Harry Townsend, Eva-May Wood, Samuel Jobling, Sid Lawson, Tomma Caps, Tommy Scott, Luke Rothnie, Daisy Smales

Mrs Weston and Mrs Stace’s awards- Oscar Thompson, Madeline Merchant, Gabi Palfi, Evan Carter, Brandon Galley, Amy Davies, Anna Fleming, Sophie Wallman

Dates: December and January

KS1 and KS2 Carol Concert – **All Saints Church**.....Thursday 13 December - 2pm
KS1 Christmas Party.....Monday 17 December am
Nursery and Reception Christmas Party.....Tuesday 18 December am
KS2 Christmas Party.....Wednesday 19 December am
Christmas Lunch.....Wednesday 19 December
Terms ends at **1.30pm**.....Thursday 20 December
Occasional Day **school closed**.....Friday 21 December
INSET **school closed**.....Monday 7 January 2013
School open for Spring Term.....Tuesday 8 January 2013