



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2013

#### **Welcome back**

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to our new families in Nursery. I do hope you all had a restful and healthy Christmas break.

#### **Snow**

It is that time of year again, where we have falling temperatures and snow is predicted. Can I please remind you that all children need a named warm winter coat. In the case of heavy snow we will endeavour to keep the school open with a reduced staff. Can I remind you that in the event of heavy snow, we will inform you if school is remaining open or closed via the text system, early in the morning, so you have time to make alternative arrangements. Also information will be posted on the school website. Once the County Council's Closure Notification System is informed of a school remaining open or being closed, parents can be informed via the radio stations, particularly Three Counties Radio.

#### **School Lunchtimes arrangements**

As some of you will be aware if you have a reception child at Greenway from January they are allowed to have school dinners every day. 68 reception children have chosen to have school dinners. To ensure that we do not have congestion in the dining room and that our youngest children have time to eat their dinner, we have reviewed our arrangements. Last week we trialled all children having their packed lunch in the hall, where children were sitting on the hall floor. The children thoroughly enjoyed this picnic experience, which we have carried out before due to kitchen closure and snow days. This allowed space to be freed up for all those children having a school dinner.

Following last week, our timings have become very slick and we are trialling KS2 children who have packed lunch sitting in the dining room as well. KS1 children will continue to sit in the hall around our picnic plastic tablecloths, which will be placed on the hall floor. We are continuing to monitor this situation.

#### **Illness**

Due to the high numbers of staff and pupils sickness at the end of last term, can I remind you to ensure that your child is fit and well when coming to school. We would all like a healthy term please!

If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school office by 9.30am. A Request for Leave of Absence Form needs to be completed if you intend taking your child out of school for any reason other than sickness. These are available from the school office. Please also let your child's teacher **and** the office know if your child has an appointment to attend.

## Term dates for 2013-2014

I am aware that some of you would like to know these dates. All the Head teachers in Berkhamsted are meeting this week and hopefully these will be confirmed shortly.

## Waitrose Green Token Scheme - From Ashlyns School Association

Ashlyns School is pleased to announce that it is featured as one of the charities, customers can vote at the Berkhamsted branch of Waitrose in January 2013. Please can we ask you to support this fantastic opportunity in supporting Ashlyns in January by placing their green tokens in the Ashlyns bin in Waitrose. We are currently raising money for a new minibus and a share of the donation would give our fundraisers a welcome boost!  
Many thanks in advance.

## Star Awards

### Star of the Week – December

**Green Ash-** All of Green Ash, Jack Thompson

**Purple Ash –** All of Purple Ash, Phoebe Pye

**Yellow Ash-** All of Yellow Ash, Claudia Chaplin

**Red Ash-** All of Red Ash, Noah Przygodzki

**Oak-** Emily Hamilton, Thomas Gouldsmith

**Elm-** Kenzie Olney, James Joyce

**Beech-** Libby Buttle, Toby Grech

**Cedar-** Daisy Smales, Aaron Hildyard

**Silver Birch-** Freddie Levy, Imogen Crowther

**Maple-** Charlie Nicolle, Deven Bray-Evans

**Willow-** Annabel Hopwood, Thomas O'Reilly

**Chestnut –** Ellie Katzen, Charlie Higgins

### Special Awards –

**Maths-** Elinor Thiruchelvam, Alice Burlingham, Lily Pattinson, Erin Shacklock, Jake Friend, Jack Lambourne

**Literacy-** Rachael Ginn, Beatrice Love, Nayana Mills, Lily Jelf, Jake Friend, James Franklin, Amelia Montague, Louis Tse, Rose York, Milo Marsh, Khema Edwards, Charlie Wade, Grace Kennedy, Alex Hoffman, Lucas Coveney, Claudia Chaplin, Layla Camadoo, Isabella Henry-Chatt, Isaac Gaskill

**Mrs Weston & Mrs Stace's Special Awards-** Evan Carter, Cedar Class, All of Reception & Nursery, Toby Grech, Archie Phillips, Henry Eyles, Maddy Woollett, Matty St John, Lois Edwards, James Davies, Summerae Hitchinson, Martha Irons, Deven Bray-Evans, Fergus Regan-Quail, Matej Osborne, Alice Burlingham

## Dates: Spring Term

Thurs 24 Jan at 7pm.....Year 4 Residential meeting  
Fri 25 Jan at 3.15pm.....Beech Class Cake Sale  
Wed 30 Jan all day.....Yr 4 Science Museum trip  
Fri 8 Feb all day .....Whole School Maths day  
Thurs 14 Feb at 9.15am.....Beech Sharing Assembly  
Thurs 14 Feb at 3.15pm – 3.45pm.....Child shows parent  
Fri 15 Feb.....Last Day of Half Term  
Fri 15 Feb 3.15-5pm.....Film Night  
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb.....Half Term School Closed  
Mon 25 Feb.....INSET SCHOOL CLOSED  
Tues 26 Feb.....Return to School  
Wed 27 & Thurs 28 Feb – 4-8pm.....Parent Consultations  
Fri 1 March at 3.15pm.....Cedar Cake Sale