



24 July 2013

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another year, I wanted to take this opportunity to say many thanks for your continued support and feedback. The staff and Governing Body have worked extremely hard this year and we are very proud of our achievements, particularly our work in supporting the Berkhamsted Re-Organisation, our curriculum evenings, our residential visits and the improvements we have made to our school environment internally and externally.

### **What is happening over the holidays?**

During this period many improvements are taking place:

- All the Early Years classrooms and Year 1 classrooms are being re-organised and resources audited for each classroom.
- Electric blackout blinds are being fitted in the hall
- A deep clean of all carpets and hard floors
- A deep clean of the classrooms and toilets

### **Staff leaving**

I know that many of you contributed to the staff's leaving presents and this has been really appreciated. So thank you on behalf of the staff leaving and we wish them well.

Mr Keller has left his position at Greenway and we wish him well. We will be recruiting a new site manger in the Autumn term.

### **Parental Helpers**

I would like to thank all the parent helpers on behalf of the staff and children. Without your support and time many things would not get done. Next term there will be a meeting for parent volunteers, so please do come along. Your generosity is really appreciated.

### **Reports**

Thank you for all your feedback and positive comments regarding this year's school reports. Our next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 October at 8pm and we will be asking our representatives to consult with the parent body regarding reports.

## Dates for next year

These were set out in our April newsletter and we have since sent this information out on a full calendar.

## Welcome to your new class meeting – Thursday 12 September at 7pm

This is a really important meeting that I would ask all parents to try and attend. This year we are going to try something different. Parents will still have the opportunity to attend their child's class teacher's meeting but I will also be giving a presentation, which will set out the school's expectations for our parent partnership. Amongst other things, this will inform you of systems that are in place to support your child's progress and clarify effective communication between yourselves and school.

## Summer Reading Challenge.

On Monday the local librarians came to school for our assembly and shared the Summer Reading Challenge with the children. We are delighted that many children have already signed up and look forward to celebrating their achievements in the September.

## Would you like to work in Waccy's?

Due to our high numbers we would like to recruit some more staff to work in Waccy's, Monday to Friday from 3-6pm. If you enjoy spending time with children, playing games and supporting them then this could be a role for you. If you are interested and would like more information then please do contact the school via [suzanne.stace@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:suzanne.stace@greenway.herts.sch.uk).

## Last but not least...

During assembly today I was delighted to share with the children that I am getting married in August and I will be changing my name to Mrs Ellwood. I am very excited and really looking forward to spending some time with my fiancée soon to be husband!

Just to remind you that school starts back on **Wednesday 4 September** and we look forward to seeing you all at the start of the new term. I hope you all have a relaxing and restful holiday with your children and I will see you all in September, with a new name!

Happy Holidays!

Katharine Weston soon to be Katharine Ellwood



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