



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### DECEMBER 2014

#### **Christmas Fair - 11-2pm Saturday 6 December**

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at the annual Greenway Christmas Fair. There will be a variety of stalls and the children are really looking forward to selling their Christmas products which they made this week on our Creative Christmas Day. There will also be an auction of Christmas wreaths and a performance by the school choir who will be opening the Fair at 11am. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend this year as I already had a prior family engagement to attend but I am looking forward to hearing all about it next week.

#### **Nativity and Carol Concert**

Just a reminder that the Reception and Nursery nativity will take place on Tuesday 9 December at 10.30am and we hope to see lots of Foundation Stage parents there.

#### **KS2 Carol Concert**

Our Carol Concert (KS2 only) will be held at **All Saints Church** on **Tuesday 16 December at 2pm**. **Doors will open at 1.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **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.

**Nursery and Reception**  
**KS1**  
**KS2**

**Tuesday 16 December**  
**Monday 15 December**  
**Wednesday 17 December**

#### **Theatre Group visit**

There will be a theatre group visiting school on Monday 15 December for KS2 children only. They will be performing 'The Sword and the Stone'.

#### **Christmas Pantomime Trip**

KS1 children will be at the pantomime in Chesham on the morning of Tuesday 16 December to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

#### **Christmas Cards**

If children would like to send their friends Christmas cards the post box is opposite Mrs Ellwood's office. **Please ensure all envelopes are clearly marked with the receiving child's name and class.**

#### **Reflectors**

The school council reflector sales have been very popular and the reflectors have almost sold out. If anyone still wants to buy one, please send your child in with £1.50 and tell them to see Mrs Crozier.

### **Book bags and Rucksacks**

A quick reminder about these: Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 should bring a school book bag in each day containing their reading books. Children in Key Stage 2 should also bring in a school book bag. However, we recognise that with the increased load of homework books, music books, bigger reading books, snack, etc. some children are finding the book bag too small and are bringing their belongings to school in a rucksack. We have had some issues with the safe storage of larger rucksacks in the KS2 classrooms and members of the Parent Forum are currently investigating the possibility of offering a branded 'Greenway' rucksack. We would urge any parents who are thinking of buying a rucksack for their child for Christmas to hold on until this group reports back. Watch this space!

### **Lost Property**

There continues to be quite a lot of lost property, with many items of clothing not named. Please can you check the lost property regularly as we would like this to be empty by the end of term.

**Please ensure ALL clothing is named including coats, scarves, hats, gloves and all items of PE kit.**

### **Healthy Snacks**

You may be aware that the government provides a free, healthy snack, to be eaten at morning break-time, for all school-children up to Year 2. This consists of a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables, or occasionally a small box of raisins. In recognition of the fact that older children may also be hungry by mid-morning, those in Key Stage 2 (KS2) are allowed to bring in their own 'healthy' snack.

We have noticed recently that increasing numbers of children in KS2 are eating snacks at break-time that are not very healthy, for example, crisps, pepperami, cereal bars. We teach the children in PSHE and Science lessons about the importance of healthy eating, but feel that the growing discrepancy between the snacks being eaten in FS/KS1 and those in KS2 does not sit well with our message. We recently discussed this at Parent Forum and your class representatives unanimously agreed that a return to healthy snacks was needed.

Consequently, from January 2015, children in KS2 who bring in their own snack may bring in a snack that mirrors that offered in FS/KS1 i.e. fresh fruit or vegetables, or a small quantity of dried fruit. If you have any queries in relation to this, please speak to your Parent Forum representative.

### **Save the Children - Christmas Jumpers – Friday 12 December**

Staff will be supporting this worthy cause and wearing their Christmas jumpers! Children are welcome to join them on this day; however we are mindful of the financial support you have already given to the Christmas Fair. Therefore children can wear a Christmas jumper **with or without a 50p donation** to raise awareness of this charity.

### **End of term**

We finish for the Christmas break on **Thursday 18 December at 1.30pm. Nursery finishes at 12 noon**, breakfast club will run but there will be no Wacky after school on this day.

**School will re-open as normal on Tuesday 6 January 2015.**

### **Dates: December and January**

Christmas Fair 11-2pm.....	Saturday 6 December
Christmas Jumper Day.....	Friday 12 December
Theatre Group visit for KS2.....	Monday 15 December
Key Stage 1 Christmas Party .....	Monday 15 December
KS1 Theatre trip am.....	Tuesday 16 December
Christmas Carol Concert KS2 <b>2pm at All Saints Church</b> .....	Tuesday 16 December
Foundation Stage Christmas Party .....	Tuesday 16 December
Key Stage 2 Christmas Party .....	Wednesday 17 December
Christmas Dinner at school.....	Wednesday 17 December
School closes at <b>1.30pm</b> .....	Thursday 18 December
Occasional Day – <b>School closed</b> .....	Friday 19 December
INSET Day – <b>School closed</b> .....	Monday 5 January
Return to School.....	Tuesday 6 January