



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2015

#### **Welcome back**

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to our new families and new Nursery pupils. I do hope you all had a restful and healthy Christmas break. The children have had a really positive start to the term.

#### **Healthy Snacks**

You may remember we highlighted in our last newsletter the issue of healthy snacks. We recently discussed this at Parent Forum and your class representatives unanimously agreed that a return to healthy snacks was needed. This has been shared with the children in assembly and we are expecting all children in KS2 who bring in their own snack to 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. Many thanks for cooperation in this matter.

#### **Illness**

Due to the high numbers of staff and pupil's 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! Please remember that there should be a MINIMUM of 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea and your child should be eating normally before they return to school. These are the guidelines set by the Health Protection Agency. 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.

#### **Lateness**

An increasing number of children are arriving late, this is disruptive for the children themselves, the class teachers and office staff. It is important to get into good habits for Secondary School and the work environment even at this young age! Please could I ask that you endeavour to arrive in time for school which may involve leaving a bit earlier, especially in the winter months. If you do arrive late children **MUST** come in via the school office and be signed in by a parent/carer, they should **NOT** go in through the classroom door. Start times are as follows: 8.50am-Key Stage 2; 8.55am – Reception and Key Stage 1 and 9.00am for Nursery.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Child Shows Parent**

This gives the children an opportunity to show their work to their parents and usually is planned on the same day as a class assembly from 3.15-3.45pm. For those of you who work full-time we do have parents evening after half term – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. A letter will be sent out after half term asking you for your preferences with regards to time slots.

### **Sporting Fixtures**

Our children are involved in many sporting fixtures and to support communication on how our teams compete we regularly update our website and our sporting fixture noticeboard. Please do take a look.

### **O2 Young Voices - Wednesday 28 January**

Year 5 are taking part in the National Young Voices which is taking place at the O2. This unique experience brings together a huge amount of children from all over the United Kingdom to take part in a singing extravaganza! More information about the day for your child and for parents will be sent out shortly to explain the procedures, organisation of the day, and collection of tickets and T-shirts. We are all very excited but a bit nervous!

### **Postcards being sent home**

We are pleased to announce the publication of our Postcards. These have been designed by the School Council and the staff. As part of our new Behaviour Policy this is a very special award to recognise exceptional behaviour displaying one of the Olympic/ Paralympic or Golden Values. These will be written by the staff and then sent personally to the child's home. These are now on display in the entrance of the school and will be shared with children in assembly next week.

### **Dates: Spring Term**

Wed 21 Jan.....	Pine Class assembly at 9.15am
Wed 21 Jan.....	Child shows Parent 3.15-3.45pm
Fri 23 Jan.....	Beech Cake Sale after school
Wed 28 Jan.....	Yr 5 to Young Voices at the O2
Fri 6 Feb.....	KS1(Yr 1 and Yr 2) Film night
Wed 11 Feb.....	Elm Class assembly at 9.15 am
Wed 11 Feb.....	Child shows Parent 3.15-3.45pm
Mon 16-Fri 20 Feb.....	Half-term
Mon 23 Feb.....	<b>INSET school closed</b>
Fri 27 Feb.....	Quiz night
Mon 2 – Fri 6 March.....	Book week
Thurs 5 March.....	World Book day
Wed 11 March.....	Maple Class Assembly at 9am
Wed 11 March.....	Child shows Parent 3.15-3.45pm
Fri 20 March.....	KS2 (Yrs,3,4,and 5) Film night
Mon 23 March-Fri 27 March.....	Art week
Fri 27 March.....	Cedar Cake Sale
Tues 31 Mar.....	Parents Evening
Wed 1 Apr.....	Parents Evening
Thurs 2 Apr.....	<b>School finishes at 1.30pm</b>