



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

Book Week (Book Fair –Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd March 3.15-4pm)

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair this week. The books you have bought will benefit the school as we can purchase more for free! The children enjoyed coming to school dressed in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story on World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and there were lots of book-related activities happening in classrooms. On Monday 7th March, book artist and author Paul Johnson will be in school, working with children in Years 1-4. We look forward to displaying the books he produces with them.

Parent/Pupil Questionnaire is coming very soon – Friday 11 March

Further information will be sent out next Friday.

Sickness absence

There were unprecedented levels of absence at school in the week before half term and we are grateful to all of you for your co-operation in terms of contacting school about your children's absence. Thankfully, the nasty virus that laid low so many pupils - and some staff - seems to have run its course now.

Home Start Dress down day

We raised £323 for Home Start from the dress down day we had on 12 Feb. Thanks for everyone's support.

Sport Relief – Friday 18th March

We will be raising money for this bi-annual sporting day of fun by running the sport relief mile (or a version of it!) on the school field. Children can come to school in sports-wear if they bring in £1 for the charity.

Schools Autism Awareness Week

During the week of 14th-18th March we will be marking this national event in a variety of ways in order to increase our understanding of ASD.

Fundraising for WWF

Three girls in Year 4, Beth, Lilly and Verity, are raising money for their favourite charity – the World Wildlife Fund – by running a competition. Your children have been told about this in assembly and are invited to enter by creating a picture of an endangered species. The cost to enter is 50p and the deadline is Friday 18th March. Entries should go to Willow class with an envelope containing 50p and marked with the child's name. Winners will be announced the following week and there will be prizes for children in each key stage.

Update on Mrs Houseman

As you will be aware Mrs Houseman has not been able to be at work since last March due to ill health. I am pleased to say that she is recovering well. She has had to make the difficult decision to resign from her position at Greenway and put her health first. Mrs Houseman has been an integral part of Greenway team for 15 years. I know many children, parents, staff and governors past and present will have appreciated her support and dedication to her role. We all wish her well. If you would like to make a donation towards a leaving present, please put in a named envelope for Mrs Houseman and hand in at the office.

Our new telephone system

We have updated our school telephone system which now incorporates options and an answering phone. When phoning the school now, your options are: **1. Absence and Changes to collection arrangements, 2 Office, 3 Kitchen and 4 Site Manager.** The answering machine will be regularly monitored for messages. If phoning to report an absence please advise us why your child is absent, for example, sore throat, temperature etc not just unwell or ill as we have to record this on our system.

Sporting fixtures and results

Children from Year 6 took part in an athletics morning at Ashlyns on Wednesday 24th February and showed off their skills in a variety of events. They were narrowly beaten by Bridgewater, but all tried their best and were very sporting.

Following the athletics event mentioned in the last newsletter, we have learned that one of our Year 2 teams has been crowned Dacorum District Athletics champions. Well done to them!

Our girls' netball team has had a number of home and away fixtures this term and remains unbeaten. The boys' football team played their quarter final match yesterday. It was a hard fought match but they won 6-3. This means that now both the boys' and the girls' progress to the semi-finals.

Year 5 and 6 teams took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Camelot Rugby Club just before half term. The Year 5 group were equal on points at the end of all matches so it went down to tries scored and unfortunately we did not progress to the later stages. The Year 6 team got through the group stages but were sadly beaten in the semi-finals. All the teams played really well and showed great team spirit and sportsmanship – Well done!

4th March – Year 5 Tag Rugby inter-school competition

7th March – Girls Football against Two Waters (home)

10th March – Girls Netball against Lime Walk (away)

11th March – Year 6 Tag Rugby inter-school competition

14th March – Netball against Southill (away)

17th March – District swimming trials

17th March – Dance competition dress rehearsal after school

18th March – Netball against Southill (home)

18th March – Dacorum Dance Competition

29th March – Year 5/6 Football tournament at Ashlyns

30th March – Year 3/4 Football tournament at Ashlyns

Dates: Spring Term

Mon 7th March -----Paul Johnson – Book Art
Tues 15th March-----Year 6 trip to Renewable Energy Systems
Weds 16th March-----Year 5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum
Fri 18th March-----Sport Relief Dress Down Day
Tues 22nd March 6.00-8.30pm -----Parent consultations–Whole school
Weds 23rd March 3.30-6.30pm-----Parent consultations-Whole school
Fri 25th March -----Good Friday – school closed
Mon 28th March-----Easter Monday – school closed
Weds 30th March -----Key Stage 1 show 9.30
Thurs 31st March -----Key Stage 1 show 2.00
Fri 1st April -----End of Spring Term School closes at **1.30pm**
Mon 18th April-----Inset day – school closed
Tues 19th April -----Start of Summer term