



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November 2016

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who came on Tuesday and Wednesday evening to discuss their children's progress and well done to the teachers for two marathon sessions!

Harvest Festivals

Our three harvest festival services this year were very uplifting and it was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at them. Thank you for your donations of food and money – we raised £446 which will be split between All Saints Church and our school charity the NSPCC.

Year 6 Cake Sale

Well done to the brilliant bakers in Year 6 who raised almost £130 for Children in Need on Friday 14th October. Thanks also to everyone who came along and bought cakes.

Cold weather PE kit

Children need to have warm clothes for PE as the winter approaches, so please provide jogging bottoms and a sweat-shirt or fleece. These do not need to be green.

Maths Curriculum Evening – Wednesday 9th November

Please put this date in your diary and return the slip that was sent out with an explanatory letter last week. We hope to see as many parents as possible at this event.

Snacks

A couple of reminders about snacks: firstly, snacks in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are provided free of charge, so there is no need for children in these classes to bring a snack into school. Secondly, children in Key Stage 2 should bring in snacks that match those enjoyed by the younger children i.e. fresh fruit/vegetables or – for those who need a bit more energy – a simple carbohydrate such as bread sticks or rice cakes. We have recently noticed some children with cereal bars, which are high in sugar and often contain nuts. **Please do not send these into school as we have several children with severe nut allergies who are at risk if exposed to the slightest trace of nuts.**

PE lessons/injuries

If your child has an injury or condition that prevents them from being able to take part in PE lessons, please let us know in writing, giving an indication of whether they should also refrain from physical activity at break and lunchtimes and for how long.

Pupil Premium Grant/Free School Meals

Since 2011, the Pupil Premium Grant has been given to schools by the government to support the learning of children from low income families. The grant is awarded on the basis of eligibility for free school meals. Even though children in Key Stage 1 and Reception have

had 'universal free school meals' since September 2014, the eligibility criteria are still used to establish whether or not the grant is applicable. If you think your family may meet the criteria (which are income-related), please speak to Mrs Popescu in the office, as this may result in us being able to claim the Pupil Premium Grant for your child/ren.

Healthy Heroes

We have recently bought a new resource to support our teaching in PSHE lessons, called 'Healthy Heroes'. This was recommended by the PSHE Association and we believe it will really enhance the children's learning in this important area – especially at a time when children's emotional well-being is so high on the agenda. The resources will be mainly used in class but there will be some activities for you to do at home with your child. The first of these is a questionnaire that was handed out at Parent Consultations. Please fill it in together and return to school by Wednesday 2nd November.

Staffing update

Mrs McKay, who has been working at Greenway as a teaching assistant since 2014, is leaving us at half term to devote more time to her family business. We are very sad to see her go and wish her lots of luck.

Sporting updates

It has been a tremendous start to the year for Greenway. Many football friendlies have taken place in preparation for the season and the boys and girls are undefeated so far. The boys' A team also had its first league match and won 5-0.

Next we move on to the table tennis. With 4 brand new outdoor tables the children have all been able to improve their table tennis skills at break and lunch. 4 boys and 4 girls from Year 6 recently participated in the Dacorum finals. The girls stormed to victory as they won 58 of a possible 60 matches and will now compete at the Herts school games, representing Greenway and Dacorum. The boys managed to battle their way to victory also, winning 60 of a possible 60 matches. They will join the girls at the Herts school games finals in December. Both now stand proudly as Dacorum champions.

We also sent 4 Year 6 pupils to leadership training to become either a bronze sports ambassador or an activity/health leader. These children now lead the sports leaders and will be heavily involved in some new sporting ventures at Greenway later on in the school year.

Ashlyns sports leaders came in to run some activities for year 6 and year 1 in October. Some children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to compete at Ashlyns in a cross country competition. The younger children had to run 1km and the older ones had to run 2km. All of them did their best and showed great determination. We are still waiting for the team results of this event.

Next half term we are looking to roll out a sports newsletter. All sporting updates and fixture dates will be moved to this newsletter, as sport at Greenway continues to grow.

Dates for November

Mon 31st Oct-----Start of second half of Autumn term
Thurs 3rd Nov-----Year 5 trip to the Imperial War Museum
Mon 7th-Thurs 10th Nov-----Foundation Stage open morning week
Weds 9th Nov 7.30pm-----Maths Evening for parents
Fri 11th Nov 9-10 am-----Coffee morning for Nursery and Reception parents
Thurs 17th Nov 7pm-----New Parents meeting for Nursery (Jan 2017 intake)
Mon 14th-Fri 18th Nov -----Anti-bullying week
Fri 18th Nov-----GSA Quiz night
Tues 22nd Nov -----Inter-faith day
Thurs 24th Nov-----Year 1 (Elm and Rowan) sharing assembly 9.15am
Thurs 24th Nov-----Child shows parent 3.15-3.45pm
Fri 25th Nov-----Year 4 trip to the Science Museum