



GREENWAY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

Children in Need & Poppies

Once again many thanks for supporting this good cause. Well done to Millie, Maisie, Ines and Claudia from Chestnut class for a very informative assembly on Children in Need. So far, we have raised £468.20 for Children in Need from the Dress Down Day & the cake sale which was organised by the pupils. We raised £247.45 for the Poppy appeal in November.

Ashlyns School - Legacy 110 Project

Some Y10 students from Ashlyns visited our Year 5 and 6 pupils on Thursday 24th November to deliver a session on World War 1. This was part of the Legacy 110 project, where the students had to talk to at least 110 people about this topic. Our pupils were very glad to have helped them achieve their aim.

School Plan 2016-2017

Please see the attached summary of our School Plan for this academic year. This sets out our school's key priorities.

School term dates for 2017-2018

The calendar will be sent out next week.

Matters arising from Parent Forum

Parent Forum continues to be a very useful two-way communications channel for parents and school. At the most recent meeting several issues arose that we would like to clarify for all parents:

- Top Trumps cards in the playground – this is a privilege reserved for children in Year 6. They take out cards that belong to school, not their own. All other year groups are allowed to take a reading book outside at lunchtime but no other games/toys. Please ensure your children do not bring their own games or toys into school (unless asked to do so by their teacher e.g. for a whole class reward)
- Table tennis tables – the new table tennis tables are very popular with all classes and there is a rota so that each year group gets a regular turn. At the moment they are out of bounds due to the wetness of the field.
- Maths Curriculum Evening Powerpoint – this is available on our website under Parents/Supporting your child.
- We have a new tab under Parents on the school website called 'Information for New Parents' please do take a look.

Philosophy 4 Children (P4C)

We had a wonderful 'Inter-faith day' in school on 22nd November, with a visit from Tom Biggleston from P4C. Tom was delighted to see that the training he delivered to all staff in September has had a big impact on the children's learning and that the values he promotes are already well embedded at Greenway. The children are so engaged by the questions posed in their P4C lessons that we would like to extend the learning into their home lives. From now on, there will be a regular P4C question for them to think about and discuss with you at home. The question for December is:

'Would you rather be a hero for a day or rich for life?'

We look forward to hearing about the Greenway community's reflections on this question during the coming weeks.

Mud!

A plea to all parents – please ask your children not to go on the field, or the grassy area in the middle of the adventure trail before school. The recent wet weather has meant that these areas are very muddy and the mud is getting transferred onto the playground, making it slippery. Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 who walk to school unsupervised, please remind your child to stick to the paths when inside the school grounds. And finally, please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes so that they can change their shoes as soon as they come into school.

Lost Property

There continues to be a huge amount of lost property in school, most of which is not named. Please check the lost property regularly as we would like the box 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.**

Absences & Lateness

Please ensure absences are either telephoned through to the absence line & followed up with an email or written note or emailed to letters@greenway.herts.sch.uk, we also need to know the reason e.g, sore throat temperature etc not just “ill” or “unwell”.

Please endeavour to get your child to school on time, it is disruptive for the child, office, class teacher & the rest of the class when children arrive late. If your child walks to school on their own please ask them to ensure that they are signed in to the late book by the office staff in case we have a fire drill or emergency

Sporting achievements

This term, there have been a lot of fixtures taking place. The football teams have endured good starts to their season with all teams starting positively. Some children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in cross country events. They were very successful, winning a lot of races and a few team events. Some Year 4 children took part in a swimming gala at Knox Johnston. It was an emphatic evening and a real joy to watch as the Greenway children took 2nd place. A Year 6 basketball team competed at the Dacorum basketball competition and narrowly missed out on getting through the group stages. Year 2 went to a tri golf tournament and came 8th and then went to a sports fayre. The sports fayre was an opportunity to try new sports without competition. Our sports newsletter will come out before Christmas with more in depth detail into just how successful sports have been at Greenway so far this year.

Sporting fixtures

- Boys A football team away to Hobbs Hill Wood – Monday 5th December
- Basketball friendly away to Bovingdon – Wednesday 7th December
- Boys A football team away to Leverstock Green – Friday 9th December
- Herts School Games Table Tennis final for our boys and girls team - Friday 9th December
- Year 4 tag rugby competition at Greenway – Friday 16th December

Upcoming events

- **Christmas Fair – 11am-2pm Saturday 10th December**
We are really looking forward to seeing you all at the annual Greenway Christmas Fair. There will be all the usual stalls, plus some new additions, which we are sure you will enjoy. There will be a performance by the school choir, who will be opening the Christmas Fair.
- **Nativity and Carol Concert**
Just a reminder that the Reception and Nursery nativity will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 10.30am and we hope to see lots of Foundation Stage parents there.
Our Carol Concert for Years 4, 5 and 6 will be held at All Saints' Church, also on Tuesday 13th December at 2pm. We look forward to seeing lots of KS2 parents there.
- **Christmas Parties**
Children will be having their Christmas parties towards the end 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 can wear a Christmas jumper with their school skirt/trousers if they wish.

- Nursery and Reception
- Year 1, 2 and 3
- Year 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 14th December (am)
Wednesday 14th December (pm)
Monday 19th December (pm)

- **Christmas Pantomime Trip**

KS1 children will be at the pantomime in Chesham on the morning of Monday 12th December.

- **Christmas Cards**

If children would like to send their friends Christmas cards the post-box will be opposite Mrs Ellwood's office from Monday 5th December. **Please ensure all envelopes are clearly marked with the receiving child's full name and class.**

End of term

We finish for the Christmas break on **Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm and children can come in on that day wearing their Christmas jumpers if they wish. Nursery finishes at 12 noon**, breakfast club will run but there will be no Wacky after school.

School will re-open as normal on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Best wishes to all our families for the festive season. See you in 2017!

Dates: December

Thurs 8 th Dec-----	Creative Christmas Day--whole school
Sat 10 th Dec 11am--2pm-----	-----Christmas Fair
Mon 12 th Dec (morning)-----	-----Elgiva Theatre trip Key Stage 1
Tues 13 th Dec 10:30am-----	-----Nursery and Reception Nativity (Nursery and Reception Parents only)
Tues 13 th Dec 2pm-----	-----Carol Concert (Years 4, 5 and 6) All Saints Church
Weds 14 th morning-----	-----Foundation Stage Christmas party
Weds 14 th afternoon-----	-----Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Thurs 15 th Dec 9.00am-----	-----Year 5 sharing assembly
Fri 16 th Dec-----	-----Recorder club playing in celebration assembly
Fri 16 th Dec-----	-----Christmas Disco KS1 and KS2
Fri 16 th Dec-----	-----Choir performing carols at the Southbank in London
Mon 19 th Dec -----	-----Key Stage 2 Christmas parties
Tues 20 th Dec-----	-----Christmas Dinner
Weds 21 st Dec-----	-----End of autumn term school closes 1.30pm
Thurs 5 th January-----	-----Return to school for start of Spring Term