



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

Welcome back

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

Staff news

We are delighted to announce that Miss Cooper, Year 1 class teacher, is currently sporting a rather sparkly diamond on her left hand as she got engaged during the Christmas holidays. Congratulations to her and her fiancé.

Healthy Snacks

A quick reminder of our policy on snacks: these are provided by school to children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Key Stage 2 pupils may bring in fresh fruit/vegetables, a small quantity of dried fruit or a plain carbohydrate (such as rice cakes or bread sticks). Cereal bars, crisps and other sugary or salty snacks, particularly those containing traces of nuts, are not permitted.

O2 Young Voices - Thursday 19 January

This amazing singing extravaganza has become an annual event for Greenway and we will be returning to the O2 later this month with our Year 5 classes. More information will be sent out next week to explain the procedures, organisation of the day, and collection of tickets and T-shirts.

World Book Day Thursday 2 March

On World Book Day this year we were going to repeat our 'pyjama day' from last year. However, following her attendance on a training course and as part of a whole school initiative to promote a love of reading, Mrs Chassebi (our English Subject Leader) would like the children to make and wear a 'sandwich board' illustrating the cover of one of their favourite books. This can be easily done, using a large cereal packet or similar cardboard box. Class teachers will be happy to help the children with ideas if they are stuck, and the picture below may provide inspiration.



Cold weather

This is the term when we experience the lowest temperatures so please make sure your child wears a named winter coat to school every day and has named gloves and hat.

Residentials for Year 4 and Year 6

If your child is in Year 4 or Year 6, please put the following dates in your diary. These meetings are for parents only.

- ***Lincolnsfield meeting for Year 4 parents – Wednesday 11th January at 7pm***
- ***Letton meeting for Year 6 parents – Tuesday 31st January at 7pm***

Safety in car parking areas

At the end of last term we were contacted by colleagues at St Thomas More school, following a 'near miss' involving a Greenway child in their car park. The accompanying adult was on the phone at the time and not aware of their child's movements. Please ensure your children stay on the footpaths inside school grounds and be extra vigilant around the car parking areas as staff or deliveries may be arriving at or leaving school at the same time as you and your children.

Philosophy 4 Children (P4C) – Curriculum Evening – Tuesday 28th February

Following the success of P4C, which we introduced in September 2016, we will be running a curriculum evening for parents so you can find out more about P4C and its impact on your children's learning. More details on this will follow shortly, but please save this date as we hope to see as many of you here then as possible.

Educational Visits

Please ensure that you let the school office know as early as possible if your child will not be attending a school visit as the cost is worked out per pupil. We often have to book seats or places in advance and have to pay if we do not notify the venue of a change in numbers with sufficient notice. We then make a loss on the cost of the visit, for example the Science Museum and pantomime visits which took place in the Autumn term.

Dates: Spring Term

Thurs 5th Jan-----Start of Spring term
Weds 11th Jan-----Lincolnsfield information evening for Year 4 parents 7pm
Weds 18th Jan-----Year 6 sharing assembly 9.00am
Weds 18th Jan-----Child shows parent 3.15-3.45pm
Thurs 19th Jan-----Year 5 - Young Voices at O2
Mon 30th Jan-----Whole school Maths day
Tues 31st Jan-----Letton information evening for Year 6 parents 7pm
Thurs 2nd Feb-----Year 2 sharing assembly 9.15am
Mon 13-Fri 17 Feb-----Half term
Mon 20 Feb-----INSET – school closed