



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

I hope you have all enjoyed the great British sunshine and the rain this summer and are ready for a new school year! The children have made a great start this week and it has been lovely to have them back.

Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children and families starting at Greenway this term. I know that you will support them and make them feel part of the Greenway community. Welcome also to Mrs Russell a Year 6 teacher who will be part of my senior leadership team. Mr and Mrs Harris had safe delivery of their son – Oliver born on 23rd July. I am sure Mrs Harris and Oliver will be visiting very shortly! Miss Orr has become Mrs Crockett over the holidays and thoroughly enjoyed her wedding.

What happened during the holidays?

During the summer various improvements have taken place:

- A deep clean of all carpets and hard floors
- A deep clean of the classrooms and toilets
- Hall and dining room floors were polished and buffed
- Toilets removed from Mrs Adams and Mr Loczy's classrooms to create more space

School Calendar

The calendar for the year is attached. Please look through this carefully as it contains a number of important dates for your diaries. We set the calendar at the end of the summer term, so any additional diary dates that arise during the course of the year will be included at the end of future monthly newsletters, where there will always be a reminder of upcoming events. Can we also remind you that there is a regularly updated calendar on the school website Please note the following events coming up later this month:

- **'Welcome to your new class' meeting – Wednesday 13th September**

At this important meeting you can meet your child's teacher, find out about their timetable and other practical matters and understand the systems in place to support their progress. Please see below the timings of these meetings. **This meeting is important for all parents to attend including Nursery.** If you only have one child at Greenway then you can choose whether to attend the 7pm class meeting & then the Head's presentation or the Head's presentation followed by the 8pm class meeting.

Class meetings	7.00-7.30pm
Head teacher's presentation	7.30 -8.00pm
Class meetings	8.00-8.30pm

- **GSA – AGM Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm**

The Greenway School Association raises lots of money to enhance the children's experiences at school by putting on a wide range of activities for adults and children throughout the year. The

committee is always happy to welcome new members and if you're new to Greenway, getting involved with the GSA is a great way to make friends. Please come to the AGM on 27th September to find out more.

- **European Day of Languages – Tuesday 26th September**

Greenway will be celebrating this annual event by asking the children to dress in the colours of a national flag and by offering a range of linguistic and cultural activities throughout the day. The children will be finding out their focus country soon and a letter will be sent out shortly giving more detail.

- **Parent helpers meetings – Monday 18th September 9am and 2.30pm. WE NEED YOU!**

If you can spare any time to help in school please come along to find out more.

School uniform

It has been lovely to see all your children looking so smart this week. Please can I remind you that all children, except those in Nursery, need to wear a Greenway school jumper or cardigan, grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore, a white or green polo shirt and black school shoes. All children must have indoor shoes which can be black plimsolls/trainers BUT NOT slippers. Long hair should be tied back with appropriate dark coloured clips and simple bands. Please label all items of school uniform with your child's name. This will help us to avoid the mountain of lost property that accumulated during the course of last year!

Packed lunches and snacks

Greenway promotes healthy eating and is keen to see this reflected in the packed lunches and snacks brought in from home. Please do not give your children sandwiches filled with peanut butter, or any other foods containing nuts, as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies in school. Also, please remember that break-time snacks for children in KS2 should mirror the healthy snacks offered in KS1 e.g. fresh fruit/vegetables, plain rice cakes or bread sticks.

Year 6 Special Responsibilities

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have been chosen to carry out special roles this year:

Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies:

Head Girl – Leo Shovelton

Deputy – Rebecca Watts

Head Boy – Harry Dowling

Deputy - Thomas Gouldsmith

House Captains:

Poseidon

Fraser Buttle

Zeus

Lilly Atkins

Aphrodite

Amber Pattinson

Apollo

Beth Ryan

Late Arrivals

Can I please remind you that children who arrive late at school in the morning must be brought to the front entrance and marked in by the office staff. Nursery children start at 9.00am, Reception and KS1 start at 8.55am and KS2 at 8.50am.

Absence and Sickness

If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school office by 9.30am on the absence line this will also have to be **confirmed with an email or letter** and if they attend Waccy inform the staff on the Waccy number: 07708 572459. A 'Request for Leave of Absence' form must be completed if you intend to take 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.

Advert – Playworker in Waccy

**Are you passionate about working with children?
Do you have the skills to motivate and engage children?
Come and work at Greenway Primary School!**

Greenway Primary and Nursery School run a very successful and popular after school club called 'Waccy'. We have two vacancies, due to high demand for places. We are looking for staff who can work initially 3-6pm Monday to Thursday in our friendly and well-resourced club. Rate of pay will be dependent on the level of qualifications.

We are looking for a person who:

- has a sense of humour
- actively engages with children, participating in all activities
- is enthusiastic
- is flexible
- is calm and patience
- can work as part of a team
- takes the initiative
- is friendly
- is interested in children's well-being
- assist in preparation and the serving of food

If interested please do call us on 01442 866249 or email Beverley Murphy -Extended Provision link on beverley.murphy@greenway.herts.sch.uk to arrange a visit and discuss the position further. **Closing date is Friday 15 September.**

Greenway Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

We are all looking forward to working with your children for another successful year at Greenway.

Dates

Welcome to your new class Nursery –Yr 6 at 7pm	Wednesday 13 September
Carrie in for School calendar photos.....	Friday 15 September
Parent helper meeting 9am & 2.30pm.....	Monday 18 September
European Day of Languages.....	Tuesday 26 September
GSA AGM at 7.30pm.....	Tuesday 26 September
Carrie family photos.....	Saturday 30 September
Individual school photos.....	Monday 2 October
GSA Oktoberfest.....	Friday 6 October
Reception Harvest Festival at school at 10am.....	Tuesday 10 October
Years 1,2 & 3 Harvest festival at All Saints Church at 10am.....	Thursday 12 October
Parent Consultations 6.00-8.30pm – Whole school.....	Tuesday 17 October
Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm - Whole school.....	Wednesday 18 October
INSET – School closed.....	Friday 20 October