



GREENWAY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

Children in Need & Poppies

Once again many thanks for supporting these good causes. We have raised £326.50 for Children in Need. We are still waiting to hear from the British Legion how much we raised.

School Plan 2017-2018

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

Please see the attached school dates for 2017-2018. They are also on the school website.

Upcoming events

- **Christmas Fair – 11am-2pm Saturday 9 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 12 December at 10.30am and we hope to see lots of Foundation Stage parents and family there.

Our Carol Concert for Years 4, 5 and 6 will be held at All Saints' Church, on Wednesday 13 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 come to school in their party clothes for their big event!** KS1 and KS2 can wear a Christmas jumper with their school skirt/trousers if they wish.

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

Wednesday 13 December (am)
Tuesday 12 December (pm)
Thursday 14 December (am)
Thursday 14 December (pm)

- **Christmas Pantomime Trip**

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

- **Christmas Cards**

If children would like to send their friends Christmas cards the post-box will be opposite Mrs Ellwood's office from Wednesday 6 December. **Please ensure all envelopes are clearly marked with the receiving child's full name and class.**

- **Christmas Dinner – Monday 18 December**

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish.

Dacorum Dance competition 2018

We are pleased to announce that we are entering this competition for Yr5/6 next year. You will remember that we have had previous experience of this competition, with very positive results! Mrs Bennett will be holding auditions next Thursday 14 December at lunchtime. There is no need for children to practice or learn a routine beforehand! The children will be told the outcome at the beginning of next term. The commitment will be every Thursday after school 3.15-4.15pm, starting on Thursday 11 January. Please do not put yourselves forward for the auditions if you cannot commit to the Thursday after school session.

Mud and coats

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. We would also like to remind you that **all** children should have a NAMED coat to wear now the colder weather has arrived.

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

End of term

We finish for the Christmas break on **Tuesday 19 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 4 January 2018.

Best wishes to all our families for the festive season. See you in 2018!

Dates: December

Thurs 7 Dec	Creative Christmas Day–whole school
Sat 9 Dec 11am–2pm	Christmas Fair
Tues 12 Dec 10:30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity (Nursery and Reception Parents only)
Tues 12 Dec (morning)	Waterside Theatre trip Key Stage 1
Tues 12 Dec (pm)	KS1 Christmas party
Wed 13 Dec (am)	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Wed 13 Dec 2pm	Carol Concert (Years 4, 5 and 6) All Saints Church
Thurs 14 Dec (am)	Year 5 & 6 Christmas party
Thurs 14 Dec (pm)	Year 3 & 4 Christmas party
Fri 15 Dec all day	Choir performing carols at the Southbank in London
Mon 18 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Tues 19 Dec	End of autumn term school closes 1.30pm
Thurs 4 January	Return to school for start of Spring Term