



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had a relaxing break and are feeling ready for the new term. The children have made a great start this week and it has been lovely to have them back.

Welcome

I would like to welcome all of our new children and families who are starting at Greenway this term. I know that you will support them and make them feel part of the Greenway community. I would also like to welcome Miss Cooper – Class Teacher for Reception, Ms Bado – Class Teacher for Yr 3, Mrs Wardle – Teaching Assistant in Reception, Mr Lewis – our Sports Apprentice and Mr Grexhammer – working 3 days releasing teachers for subject leadership and planning.

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
- Dining room floor was polished and buffed
- KS2 toilet cubicles are now fully enclosed
- ICT suite re-organised into two rooms

'Welcome to your new class' meeting – Wednesday 16 September

As many of you will be aware from previous years, this is an important date for your diary. The purpose of this meeting is for you to meet your child's teacher, find out about their timetable and other practical matters and understand the systems in place to support children's progress. It also helps to establish a process of effective communication between you and the school. Please see below the timings of these meetings. I look forward to seeing you all then.

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

Packed Lunches and Snacks

Please can we remind you that Greenway promotes 'healthy eating' and is keen to see this reflected in the packed lunches and snacks that are brought in from home. We ask that you 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. You will

remember that last year we asked that snacks for children in Key Stage 2 mirror the healthy snacks offered to children in Key Stage 1 (fresh or dried fruit or vegetables or a healthy carbohydrate e.g. plain rice cakes or bread sticks) and are grateful for your continued support in this area.

House Captains

We are pleased to announce our new House Captains for this year. I know that that they will take their responsibilities very seriously!

Poseidon	Sam Friend
Zeus	Amy Edwards
Aphrodite	Alex Farnham
Apollo	Ben Rollinson

Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies

Now that we have our first Year 6 cohort, we have decided to appoint children to these positions. They will be role models for the rest of the school and will play an important part in various events such as the Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol services, as well as supporting me in showing visitors around our school. They have been chosen by the teaching team, after long and careful deliberation:

Head Girl	Lily Pattinson	Deputy	Alice Burlingham
Head Boy	Michael Joyce	Deputy	Matthew Fleming

Congratulations to these children, I am sure they will do an excellent job.

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 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.

Uniform – please label everything

Please can I remind you that all children except those in Nursery need wear a Greenway school jumper or cardigan, grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore and a white or green polo shirt. All children must have indoor shoes which can be black plimsolls/trainers BUT NOT slippers as these do not support your child's feet. Socks and tights need to be black or grey. ALL children need a warm, waterproof coat. Children also need to have their hair tied back with appropriate dark coloured clips and simple bands.

Rucksacks

You may remember that sample Greenway branded rucksacks for KS1 and KS2 were available for you to see at our open evening in July. These are now available to buy from the school office. Prices are: KS1 rucksack - £7.70, KS2 rucksack £10.20. We look forward to seeing the children using these to bring their belongings to school.

Parent Volunteers meeting – Monday 21 September at 9.00am or 2.30pm

If you have any spare time and would like to offer your services in supporting and helping out in school we would love to see you on the 21 September. Our parent volunteers were invaluable last year! (Please note that this is for general volunteering and not Reading Volunteers.)

Foundation Stage coffee morning – Monday 21 September 9-10am

This is an event for parents of Nursery and Reception children to have a coffee with the Headteacher and have the opportunity to meet other parents for a chat!

E-safety information evening 18th November – SAVE THE DATE!

I would like to remind you that Richard Maskrey, our e-safety advisor, will be running an E-safety information session for Greenway parents, staff and governors in November. As I explained in the July Newsletter, the information Richard will be sharing is relevant to parents of children of all ages, from Nursery up to Year 6 and beyond, so please do try to attend. **This is very important and please do not miss!**

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

Best wishes

Katharine Ellwood
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Weds 2nd Sept----- Inset Day – school closed
Thurs 3rd Sept----- Start of Autumn term
Weds 16th Sept 7pm ----- Welcome to your new class Foundation Stage, KS1 & 2
Thurs 17th and Tues 22nd Sept 9.00-9.30am ----- Reading volunteers training
Mon 21st Sept 9-10am ----- Macmillan coffee morning for Foundation Stage
Mon 21st Sept 9am or 2.30pm----- Parent helpers meeting
Fri 26th Sept ----- Day of Languages
Tues 29th Sept 7.30pm ----- GSA AGM
Thurs 1st Oct 10am ----- KS1+Year 3 Harvest Festival at All Saints Church
Fri 2nd Oct 11am ----- Years 4, 5 and 6 Harvest Festival at All Saints Church
Sat 3rd Oct 8.30am ----- Carrie Family Photos
Mon 5th Oct ----- Individual School Photos
Tues 6th Oct 10am ----- Foundation Stage Harvest Festival at school
Wed 7th Oct----- National 'No Pens' day
Thurs 8th Oct ----- Year 3 trip to Verulam
Tues 20th ----- Parent consultations 6.00-8.30 - Whole school
Weds 21st Oct ----- Parent consultations 3.30-6.30 – Whole school
Fri 23rd Oct ----- School closed – INSET
Monday 26th–Friday 30th Oct ----- Half term closure