



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

I hope you have all enjoyed the great British sunshine 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 Bennett, a trainee teacher who will be working in Year 3 with Mrs Harris. You will know Mrs Bennett better as Janine, who has been delivering amazing dance lessons at Greenway for several years; we are delighted she has chosen to do her graduate teacher training programme here. Finally, Mr Lewis – formerly our sports apprentice – is staying with us as a teaching assistant. He will continue to support teachers in PE lessons and will be offering lunchtime and after-school sporting activities too.

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
- Over half a mile of new plastic pipe was installed in preparation for the replacement of the hot and cold water systems!

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 14th 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.

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

- **GSA – AGM Tuesday 27th 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 – Monday 26th September**

The country may have voted for Brexit, but Greenway will still 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.

- **Parent helpers meetings – Monday 19th September 9am and 2.30pm**

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 - Alice Ray	Deputy - Orla Sherwen
Head Boy - Charlie Wade	Deputy - Jude McKay

House Captains:

Poseidon	Jake Friend
Zeus	Chloe Rolfe
Aphrodite	Isobel Hendry
Apollo	George Irons

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.

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