



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

November 2013

Welcome back and hope you all had a restful half-term.

### **Foundation Stage Nativity – Reception and Nursery**

Just to confirm that this will take place on Wednesday 4 December at 10.30am. There was a mistake in the Calendar dates and we would not want anyone to miss this performance!

### **Read Write Inc Curriculum workshop**

There are still places left on this workshop and would urge you to sign up to one of these if you have a child in Nursery , Year 1 or Year 2. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

### **Calling all parents of children with allergies**

Some Greenway parents are setting up an informal group to help each other, offer support and share information about allergies. If you'd like to be put in contact with other parents of children who have allergies at Greenway school or would like to share information about any other special dietary requirements your children may have, please get in touch!

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### **Willow Cake Sale**

Willow class raised £141. Well done!

### **Walk to School Campaign – Tuesday 12 November**

A letter will be going out to you today explaining more about this project. Paul Durr the Walk to School Coordinator led an assembly on Tuesday to introduce the campaign to the children and how they could take part. He also met with some of our Parent Forum members. The launch date for both Greenway and St Thomas More is Tuesday 12 November and the children will have the opportunity to meet some visitors as they arrive at school.

### **Don't miss - out apply now!**

If you receive one of the following benefits, you could be eligible for free school meals worth over £300 per child per year. **If your child is in receipt of free school meals then the school can access other funding to support your child's education.**

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week

## Don't miss out, apply now!

We recommend you **apply online** at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)

Online applications are easier, faster and more convenient. In most cases, you will not need to provide paper proof of benefits or reapply.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you can obtain access and support at any of the following locations:

- Public Libraries
- UK Online Centres
- Your child's school

If you require assistance with your application, please email [howcanwehelp@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:howcanwehelp@hertscc.gov.uk) or call our customer service centre on 0300 123 4048 (8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm Saturday).

### GSA Update

When you're doing your Christmas shopping online, raise funds for your children with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). There are no catches and it's completely free to use.

It's really simple - just shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) with over 2,700 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay (and many more!) and whenever you buy something online, the retailer makes a donation to Greenway School Association!

It doesn't cost you a single penny extra and with Christmas coming our collective spend could easily earn £1000. Think of those iPads and the other ways that GSA fundraising enhances your child's school experience!

Get started now - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/10M1ZK/>

Simply choose Greenway School Association as your good cause and set up your account - it's really quick and easy. Happy fundraising!

**A big thank you to everyone who has supported the school in raising funds for our iPads. These are in the process of being ordered and should be with us next term.**

### Dates for November/December

Foundation Stage Open Week.....	Monday 11 – Friday 15 November
Walk to School Campaign Launch.....	Tuesday 12 November
Phonics work shop 9-10am and 7-8pm.....	Wednesday 13 November
Maple Cake Sale 3.15pm.....	Friday 15 November
Interfaith week.....	Monday 18 – Friday 22 November
New to Nursery (January 2014 intake) at 7pm.....	Thursday 21 November
Yr 4 Visit to Tower of London <b>be at school by 8.15am</b> .....	Monday 2 December
Foundation Stage Nativity at 10.30am.....	Wednesday 4 December
Christmas Decorations Day.....	Thursday 5 December
Yr 3 to Verulamium.....	Friday 6 December
Christmas Fair 11-2pm.....	Saturday 7 December
Christmas Carol Concert KS1 and KS2 2pm at All Saints Church.....	Friday 13 December
Disco.....	Friday 13 December
KS1 Christmas Party .....	Monday 16 December
Foundation Stage Christmas Party.....	Tuesday 17 December
KS2 Christmas Party.....	Wednesday 18 December
Christmas Dinner at school.....	Wednesday 18 December
KS1 Theatre trip.....	Thursday 19 December
School closes at <b>1.30pm</b> .....	Thursday 19 December
Occasional Day – <b>School closed</b> .....	Friday 20 December
INSET Day – <b>School closed</b> .....	Monday 6 January
Return to School.....	Tuesday 7 January