



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2013

Dear Parents

I do hope that you all managed to have a relaxing break and are feeling ready for the new term. It was so lovely to see the children happy, chatting and eager to share their news this morning. Thank you for all your lovely messages and warm wishes following my wedding this summer. Mr Ellwood and I had a fantastic day.

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 Mr Ferran – Class teacher for Yr 3 Silver Birch, who is looking forward to working with you and your children.

What happened during the holidays?

During this period many improvements took place:

- The hall has now been fitted with electronic black out blinds. A big thanks to the Parents Association for supporting the school in partly funding this.
- A deep clean of all carpets and hard floors
- A deep clean of the classrooms and toilets
- The dining room floor was polished and buffed
- New Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage canopies built and new apparatus in the Foundation Stage outside area.

‘Welcome to your new class meeting’ – Thursday 12 September

As many of you will be aware from previous years, this is an important date for your diary which we highlighted to you last term in the July newsletter. The purpose of this meeting is to inform you of the systems in place to support your child’s progress and clarify effective communication between yourselves and the school. This year I am also giving a presentation which will explain, amongst other things, how all of your children are regularly monitored and tracked by the school staff. Please see below the timings of these meetings, which will be adhered to! I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

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 parents that Greenway promotes 'healthy eating'. It has been noticed that some children bringing packed lunches from home are not having a balanced lunch. Also, can I remind you that peanut butter is not a sandwich filler that is allowed, due to the high number of children with nut allergies in school. We would urge parents to please think about providing a healthy range of food. This also extends to snacks at playtime. Chocolate snacks are not allowed.

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	Matej Osborne
Zeus	Annie Whale
Aphrodite	Thomas Page
Apollo	Rachael Young

Late Arrivals

Can I please remind you that children who arrive late at school in the morning will need to be brought to the front entrance and marked in by the office staff. Nursery 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 you need to inform the staff on the Waccy number: 07708 572459

A Request for Leave of Absence Form needs to be completed if you intend taking 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 nursery need to be wearing a Greenway school jumper or cardigan, grey shorts, trouser, skirt or pinafore and a white or green polo shirt. All children are required to 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. The fancy hair pieces can be worn when not at school!

Parent Volunteers meeting – Monday 23 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 the school we would love to see you on the 23 September. Our parent volunteers were invaluable last year!

Nursery coffee morning – Friday 20 September 9-10am

This is an event for parents of nursery children to attend a coffee morning with the Head and Deputy and have the opportunity to meet other parent and have a chat!

I know that the staff and children are very enthusiastic about the year ahead and I look forward to working with you.

Best wishes

Katharine Ellwood
Head Teacher

