



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016

Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to our new families and new Nursery pupils. Apologies again for the somewhat unusual way in which the Autumn term ended and many thanks for your understanding. I hope you all had a restful and healthy Christmas break. The children have made a really positive start to the term.

Cold weather

With the forecasters predicting a drop in temperatures, please make sure your child has a warm coat in school, and that this is clearly named.

Carol Concert

It felt rather strange to be singing Christmas songs on 6th January, but nevertheless our annual Carol Concert went ahead at All Saints Church on Wednesday of this week. We are very grateful to Reverend Rachael for accommodating us, as well as to Mrs O'Brien for all her hard work getting the children ready. It was a wonderful showcase of their talents; many thanks to those of you who were able to attend.

Seasonal collections

Thank you for your generosity over the Christmas and New Year period. The collections after our Foundation Stage Nativity and Carol Concert raised £277.29. This money will be divided equally between All Saints Church and Homestart.

Healthy Snacks

You may remember that following a Parent Forum meeting last year we asked that snacks in KS2 mirror those offered in KS1 i.e. fresh fruit/vegetables or a small quantity of dried fruit. It was later agreed that a plain carbohydrate (such as rice cakes or bread sticks) was also acceptable for those children needing a more substantial snack. We have noticed some less healthy snacks creeping back in, so would like to remind you that Greenway is a 'healthy school' and all children are encouraged to reflect this in their choice of snack.

O2 Young Voices - Thursday 28 January

Following the success of this event last year, we will be returning to the O2 later this month with our Year 5 classes. This unique experience brings together a huge amount of children from all over the United Kingdom to take part in a singing extravaganza! More information for children and parents will be sent out shortly to explain the procedures, organisation of the day, and collection of tickets and T-shirts.

Behaviour Policy

Our new Behaviour Policy was introduced in Autumn 2014, so we conducted a review of it during the course of last term. We gathered feedback from staff, through staff meetings, from parents, through Parent Forum and from children, through the school council and some pupil interviews. As a result, we have made some small changes to the ladder of consequences, which your children may have told you about. Any written amendments to the policy itself will be made and an updated version will be available on our website shortly.

World Book Day Thursday 3 March

We have decided to mark this annual event slightly differently this year. Instead of asking children and staff to come to school dressed as a favourite book character, we are inviting them to wear their pyjamas and bring a favourite bedtime story with them. We hope this change will relieve the feelings of 'costume stress' experienced by some parents at this time of year! Do give any feedback you have to your Parent Forum representative, who will be able to pass it on at this term's meeting.

Ashlyns School admissions arrangements consultation

The governors of Ashlyns School are consulting on a change to their admission arrangements from 2017. More information can be found on the Ashlyns School website: <http://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/school-life/admissions/>

Any comments you have on these arrangements are welcomed via email to governors@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk or by post to Ashlyns School, Chesham Road, Berkhamsted HP4 3AH. Responses should be sent no later than 31st January 2016. The governors will be meeting after this date to determine these arrangements.

Sporting Fixtures this half term

13th January – Boys football at home to Potten End
19th January – Girls football away at Chaulden (tbc)
22nd January – Year 1 Sportspace festival/Netball away at Lime Walk
26th January – Girls football away at Bovingdon
4th February – Netball at home to Lime Walk
11th February – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby festival at Camelot Rugby Club

Dates: Spring Term

Weds 13th Jan-----Year 5 sharing assembly 9.00am
Thurs 21st Jan-----Year 6 sharing assembly 9.00am
Thurs 21st Jan-----Child shows parent 3.15-1.45pm
Thurs 28th Jan-----Year 3 Beech class sharing assembly 9.00am
Thurs 28th Jan-----Year 5 - Young Voices at O2
Fri 12th Feb -----'Love your Homestart' dress down day
Fri 12th Feb-----Last day of half term
Mon 15th-Fri 19th Feb-----Half term closure
Mon 22nd Feb-----Start of second half of Spring term
Thurs 3rd March-----World Book Day
Weds 16th March-----Year 5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum
Tues 22nd March 6.00-8.30pm -----Parent consultations--Whole school
Weds 23rd March 4-8.30pm-----Parent consultations-Whole school
Fri 25th March -----Good Friday – school closed
Mon 28th March-----Easter Monday – school closed
Weds 30th March -----Key Stage 1 show 9.30am
Thurs 31st March -----Key Stage 1 show 2.00pm
Fri 1st April -----End of Spring Term School closes at 1.30pm