



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

May 2018

### **Art day - Tuesday 22 May**

The theme for Art day will be Pablo Picasso and the children will be producing a piece of art in the cubist style. If any parents would like to help then please contact Mrs Newing or let the office know.

### **Science Day - Wednesday 23 May**

This year the theme of our Science Day is 'engineering is everywhere'. The children will be joining in with investigations in the classroom that aim to bring science and engineering to life. We will be showing them where in the modern world their discoveries can be applied and hope to be inspiring the next generation of engineers.

### **Year 4 Pedestrian Skills**

We will be running a series of pedestrian road safety sessions for all children in Year 4 this term, so that they are prepared for the possibility of walking to and from school unaccompanied. The Year 4 teachers need to know which children have their parents' permission to walk unaccompanied, so please do not assume that your child may start walking alone as soon as they have had the training. There will be a letter with more details and a permission slip coming out shortly so please look out for this.

### **Parent/Child Survey**

Many thanks for your responses. These are now being collated and the findings will be sent out shortly, as well as being uploaded onto the school website.

### **Curriculum Evening – E-safety – Tuesday 22 May 7-9pm**

We have had 22 responses for this curriculum evening. I am disappointed in the small response as this was a hugely successful and informative event last time Richard Maskrey came to Greenway, two years ago. His presentation has been updated and will be hugely beneficial to all parents of children at Greenway. Nearly all the incidents that staff deal with around e-safety happen in the home and NOT in school. I cannot stress how important this event is to support you as parents in understanding how to engage and put in inappropriate boundaries for your children when using computers, ipads, mobile phones, gaming and using the internet. Please sign up to this event and let the school office know.

**GDPR** – The General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") comes into force across the European Union on 25th May 2018 and introduces the most significant changes to data protection law in two decades. A letter to parents is being circulated today which sets out the initial steps the school is taking towards compliance.

## Fair/Camping – Saturday 16 June

Many people are working hard behind the scenes in organising these events. I know that many children and parents really enjoy these events and we value your support in this. Please do lend a hand in supporting the GSA.

## Absences

Please ensure any absences are telephoned through to the absence line or emailed to [letters@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:letters@greenway.herts.sch.uk) if you do call this will need to be followed up with either an email or letter.

If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday or other reason then please complete a Leave of Absence Form which is available from the school office. We have had instances where parents have advised us that their child is ill but they may be on holiday and we would be really grateful for Parent's support in promoting our values at home of always being honest. It is unfair to expect children not to talk about their holiday or day trip. Thank you for your support with this and if you would like us to amend our records in retrospect, if you weren't aware of this, then please let the school office know, we will not judge you!

## Parking around Greenway

Please can we remind you about appropriate parking when dropping off and picking up your children. We have had a number of complaints from local residents who are very concerned about inappropriate parking. I also wanted to pass on a thank you on behalf of the local residents who wanted to say that when they have asked parents to turn their engines off when they are waiting to collect their children they have done so politely. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Dates: Summer Term

Mon 21 May	Spruce & Maple Wimbledon Visit
Tues 22 May	Whole School Art Day
Tues 22 May	E-safety curriculum evening 7-9pm
Wed 23 May	Whole School Science Day
Thurs 24 May	Yr 4 Willow sharing assembly 9.00am
Thurs 24 May	Class photos
Thurs 24 May	Child shows parent 3.15-3.45pm
Fri 25 May	Last day of half term
Mon 28 May – Fri 1 June	Half term closure
Mon 4 June	Start of second half of Summer term
Thurs 7 June	Yr 2 Visit to Ashridge
Thurs 7 June	New to Nursery meeting 7pm (Sept 2018 intake)
Thurs 7 June	New to Reception meeting 8pm (Sept 2018 intake)
Fri 8 June	Dress down Day, bring in Jazzy Jars and tombola bottles
Mon 11 June-Fri 15 June	Sports week
Thurs 14 June	Sports Day
Tues 19 June	Yr 5 to Ashmolean Museum
Wed 20 June	Yr 3 Legoland visit
Wed 20 June	Reception Visit to Hudnall Park
Wed 20 June	Letton meeting for parents and children at 7pm
Thurs 21 June	Yr 2 sharing assembly 9.15am
Mon 25-Fri 29 June	Yr 6 residential at Letton
Fri 29 June	Nursery Visit to Mead Open Farm
Mon 2 July	Yr 4 Egyptian Day
Wed 4 July	Greenway Music Gala at Ashlyns at 7pm
Thurs 5 July	Transition Day
Fri 6 July	Reports sent home
Mon 9 – Thurs 12 July	Foundation Stage open mornings

Mon 9 – Fri 13 July -----Yr 6 Cycling Proficiency  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm-----Open evening whole school  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July 7pm-----GSA End of year party  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm-----Year 6 show  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm-----Year 6 show  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-----Leavers' assembly and picnic  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July-----End of summer term school closes at 1.30pm