



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

Staffing Update

Mrs Sarah Venn will be leaving Greenway at the end of October. She joined Greenway in September 2007 as a teaching assistant and has been a valued member of the school team. Her roles have included being a midday supervisor, a class teaching assistant and supporting the Yr 4 residential. If you would like to make a contribution (cash only please) towards her leaving present, please return to the office by **Friday 19 October** in an envelope marked "Mrs Venn" We wish her well in her new job.

Harvest

Foundation Stage Harvest Festival will take place in the school hall at 10am on Wednesday 10 October. The Harvest Festival for KS1 (Years 1 and 2 and choir) will take place at All Saints Church on Thursday 11 October at 10am. Please send your donations, from the DENS list which has been emailed to you, for our Harvest celebrations into school from Monday 8 October. These can be displayed in the hall for the first event on Wednesday and taken to the church on Thursday and then donated to local homelessness charity, DENS. If you are able to walk to the church with children on Thursday morning, please let your child's class teacher know so we can ensure we have enough adults to meet health and safety requirements.

GSA (Greenway Parents Association)

Thank you to the parents who attended our GSA Annual General Meeting on the 25 September. A big thank you to Helena Parr and Sarah Wiggs our co-chairs as well as Jackie Culley and Amy Cooper who have all contributed to the effective running of our GSA. We have had some interested parties come forward but as of yet these positions have not been replaced. Therefore, I would like to ask parents to consider these roles and contact the GSA or Mrs Ellwood by Friday 5th October. As explained at the "Welcome to Your New Class" meetings if these roles are not fulfilled there will be a very reduced timetable of events over the school year and this will seriously impact our fundraising! The committee works extremely hard throughout the school year to raise lots of money, all of which goes towards enhancing your children's experiences at Greenway.

Parent Consultations - Crèche available for Wednesday 24 Oct only

We are looking forward to seeing you on either Tuesday 23 October from 6.00-8.30pm or Wednesday 24 October from 3.30-6.30pm for Parent Consultations. These are very important meetings where you have the opportunity to discuss your children's progress and next steps with their class teacher. Ms Dani Roe our INCO (Inclusion Co-ordinator) and Claire Saunders (Specialist Reading teacher) will also be available both days to meet parents for discussions. **We will be sending out Parent Consultation letters on Monday 1 October and need to be returned by Monday 8 October.**

Please complete a paper copy by printing at home or collecting a paper copy from outside the school office – do not scan or email appointment times as we receive hundreds of emails & sometimes they get missed!

Home School Agreements

These have been emailed out to you today. The 'Welcome to your new class' presentations are all on the school website. **Please can you read the Home School Agreements with your child/ren and sign and return the coloured paper copies to your children's class teacher by Friday 5 October.**

Sports Council 2018-2019

The children applied and then are voted for by their class. Congratulations to them all!

Year 1	Myla Felix-Davies	Year 2	Jagger Thomas
Year 3	Lucas Gaskill	Year 4	Ashley Mellish
Year 5	Tamsin Hall	Year 6	Sophie Davis
Year 6	Rishka Parker-Bray	Year 6	Eve Pangbourne

Sports Ambassadors

The Sports Ambassadors from last year presented to those children in Year 5 who were interested. These children then completed an application form and then Mr Lewis and Mrs Ellwood made the difficult decision to choose 8 children! Greenway has been granted 4 more places due to the number of children in the current year 6. Congratulations to those children who were chosen. These children will attend a training day with all the other Sports Ambassadors from Dacorum schools.

Milly Costelloe	Ava Brennan	Hazel Miller
Maddie Gresham	Emily Ford	Joe Carrapiett
Lucas Coveney	Joseph D'Cunha	

Walking to school

Many children in Years 5 and 6 are now successfully walking to and from school without supervision. Please can we remind parents of children in Year 4 who are keen to start walking independently that it has always been our policy to prepare the children by delivering Pedestrian Skills training in the Summer of Year 4. If you would like your Year 4 child to walk to and from school unsupervised before then, please ask the office for a permission slip, as your child's teacher needs to know that you have given your written consent for them to leave the classroom alone at the end of the day.

Ashlyns School Open Evening Thursday 4 October

Mr Shapland (Headteacher) and the staff of Ashlyns are hoping that many Greenway pupils and their families will go to their Open Evening next Thursday from 5.30-8.30pm. Mr Shapland's address will take place at 5.45pm, 6.45pm and 7.45pm in the Chapel.

Packed lunches and snacks – PLEASE READ!

Greenway promotes healthy eating and is keen to see this reflected in the packed lunches and snacks brought in from home. A couple of reminders about snacks: firstly, snacks in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are provided free of charge, so there is no need for children in these classes to bring a snack into school. Secondly, children in Key Stage 2 should bring in snacks that match those enjoyed by the younger children i.e. fresh fruit/vegetables, a small quantity of dried fruit or – for those who need a bit more energy – a simple carbohydrate such as bread sticks or plain rice cakes. We have recently noticed some children with cereal bars, which are high in sugar and often contain nuts. **Please do not send these into school as we have several children with severe nut allergies who are at risk if exposed to the slightest trace of nuts.**

Mayor of Dacorum Christmas Card competition!

We are pleased to send out the details to you for the Mayor of Dacorum Christmas card competition. The deadline is Friday 26th October which is an INSET day at Greenway. So it would be advisable to get your entries in on Thursday 25th October! I look forward to seeing your children's entries.

Save the date – Wednesday 14 November 7.30pm

We will be presenting a Maths curriculum evening which will be led by one of the teaching and learning advisors, who we have been working with last year. This evening will prove invaluable to all parents from Nursery to Year 6 in understanding the curriculum and how you can support your child.

P4C Question

If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?

Reminders.....

Please can we remind all parents to supervise their children before and after school. Children should not be riding scooters on the school grounds. Also, please can I remind parents about appropriate parking and to respect our local residents, please turn around in the turning circle and NOT in resident's driveways! Please DO NOT stop in the turning circle to drop your children off and DO NOT drive into the school grounds in the morning for Breakfast Club or after school unless collecting from WACCY after 5pm. Thank you for your cooperation in Safeguarding our children.

Dates for the rest of October and November 2018

Wed 3rd Oct -----Year 6 Visit To Hemel Hempstead Fire Station
Wed 10th Oct 10am-----Nursery & Reception Harvest Festival at school
Thurs 11th Oct 10am-----KS1 + Choir Harvest Festival at All Saints Church
Mon 22nd Oct-----Year 3 Visit to Roman Verulamium Museum
Tues 23rd Oct-----Parent consultations 6.00-8.30 - Whole school
Weds 24th Oct -----Parent consultations 3.30-6.30 – Whole school
Fri 26th Oct -----School closed – INSET DAY
Mon 29th – Friday 2nd Nov-----Half term closure
Mon 5th Nov-----Start of second half of Autumn term
Fri 9th Nov 9am-----Nursery and Reception coffee morning
Friday 9th Nov-----GSA Quiz night
Mon 12th – Fri 16 Nov-----Anti-Bullying week
Fri 16th Nov-----Children in Need Day
Mon 26 Nov- Fri 30 Nov-----‘Take one book’