



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018

I hope you have all enjoyed the great British heatwave this summer and are ready for a new school year! The children have made a great start this week and it has been lovely to have them back.

### Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children and families starting at Greenway this term. I know that you will support them and make them feel part of the Greenway community.

### Staff news

Mrs Abby Cross will be leaving Greenway at the end of September. She joined Greenway in September 2004 as a teaching assistant and has been a valued member of the school team. Her roles have included supporting children in a 1:1 capacity, midday supervisor, a playworker in Waccy's, a member of the breakfast club team and a class teaching assistant! If you would like to make a contribution (cash only please) towards her leaving present, please return to the office by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September** in an envelope marked "Mrs Cross"

### What happened during the holidays?

During the summer various improvements have taken place:

- A deep clean of all carpets and hard floors
- A deep clean of the classrooms and toilets
- Hall and dining room floors were polished and buffed
- Some garden areas were cleared ready for planting

### School Calendar

The calendar for the year is attached. Please look through this carefully as it contains a number of important dates for your diaries. We set the calendar at the end of the summer term, so any additional diary dates that arise during the course of the year will be included at the end of future monthly newsletters, where there will always be a reminder of upcoming events. Can we also remind you that there is a regularly updated calendar on the school website Please note the following events coming up later this month:

- **'Welcome to your new class' meeting – Wednesday 12 September**

At this important meeting you can meet your child's teacher, find out about their timetable and other practical matters and understand the systems in place to support their progress. Please see below the timings of these meetings. **This meeting is important for all parents to attend including Nursery.** If you only have one child at Greenway then you can choose whether to attend the 7pm class meeting & then the Head's presentation or the Head's presentation followed by the 8pm class meeting.

Class meetings	7.00-7.30pm
Head teacher's presentation	7.30 -8.00pm
Class meetings	8.00-8.30pm

- **GSA – AGM Tuesday 25 September at 7.30pm**

The Greenway School Association raises lots of money to enhance the children's experiences at school by putting on a wide range of activities for adults and children throughout the year. The committee is always happy to welcome new members and if you're new to Greenway, getting involved with the GSA is a great way to make friends. Please come to the AGM on 25 September to find out more.

- **European Day of Languages – Thursday 27 September**

Greenway will be celebrating this annual event by asking the children to dress in the colours of a national flag and by offering a range of linguistic and cultural activities throughout the day. The children will be finding out their focus country soon and a letter will be sent out shortly giving more detail.

- **Parent helpers meetings – Monday 17 September 9am and 2.30pm. WE NEED YOU!**

If you can spare any time to help in school please come along to find out more.

### **URGENT: GSA Chairs – COULD THIS BE YOU?**

The GSA is an amazing group of parents who generate an income which support the school in purchasing resources which we would not be able to do by ourselves. The current co-Chairs, Helena Parr and Sarah Wiggs will be stepping down after successfully leading the GSA for the past two years. I informed the school community of their decision in the June Newsletter before the holidays. No-one yet has come forward to take this role on. This is a vital position which can be in a shared capacity and if not filled then we will have to take the difficult decision in not putting on GSA events to support the school in raising money as the school will not have the capacity. Greenway School has never been in this position before.

If you or a group of you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to contact the GSA on :gsa@greenway.herts.sch.uk.

### **School uniform**

It has been lovely to see all your children looking so smart this week. Please can I remind you that all children, except those in Nursery, need to wear a Greenway school jumper or cardigan, grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore, a white or green polo shirt and black school shoes. All children must have indoor shoes which can be black plimsolls/trainers BUT NOT slippers. Long hair should be tied back with appropriate dark coloured clips and simple bands. Please label all items of school uniform with your child's name. This will help us to avoid the mountain of lost property that accumulated during the course of last year!

### **Packed lunches and snacks**

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.**

## Year 6 Special Responsibilities

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have been chosen to carry out special roles this year:

### Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies:

Head Girl – Milly Haezewindt                      Deputy – Ellie Moss  
Head Boy – Adam Hardyman                      Deputy - Oscar Hoar

### House Captains:

Poseidon              Louis Tarpey  
Zeus                      Anna Flemming  
Aphrodite              Poppy Ball  
Apollo                      Audrius Grinevicius

### Late Arrivals

Can I please remind you that children who arrive late at school in the morning must be brought to the front entrance and marked in by the office staff. Nursery children 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 on the absence line this will also have to be **confirmed with an email or letter** and if they attend Waccy inform the staff on the Waccy number: 07708 572459. A 'Request for Leave of Absence' form must be completed if you intend to take 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.

We are all looking forward to working with your children for another successful year at Greenway.

### Dates

Welcome to your new class Nursery –Yr 6 at 7pm .....Wednesday 12 September  
Parent helper meeting 9am & 2.30pm.....Monday 17 September  
Individual photos.....Monday 17 September  
European Day of Languages.....Thursday 27 September  
GSA AGM at 7.30pm.....Tuesday 25 September  
Carrie family photos.....Saturday 29 September  
Reception Harvest Festival at school at 10am.....Wednesday 10 October  
Years 1,2 & Choir Harvest Festival at All Saints Church at 10am.....Thursday 11 October  
Parent Consultations 6.00-8.30pm – Whole school.....Tuesday 23 October  
Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm - Whole school.....Wednesday 24 October  
INSET – School closed.....Friday 26 October