



GREENWAY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

Children in Need & Poppies

Once again many thanks for supporting these good causes. We have raised £285 for Children in Need. We are still waiting to hear from the British Legion how much we raised.

School Plan 2018-2019

Please see the attached summary of our School Plan for this academic year. This sets out our school's key priorities.

Mayors Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Phoebe Pye who was highly commended in the 8+ category for her Christmas card entry. Congratulations to Westfield Primary and Chambersbury Primary in Hemel who had children who won in the category's age 7 and under and age 8+.

Upcoming events

- **Christmas Fair – 11am-2pm Saturday 8 December**

A reminder that the Greenway Christmas Fair is on **8th December 11am - 2pm**. We are really looking forward to seeing you all at the annual Greenway Christmas Fair. There will be a performance by the school choir, who will be opening the Christmas Fair at 11am. Please do come along and support this critical event in the school's fund-raising calendar.

- The event will be jam packed with Santa's Grotto, Elves Workshop (booking closes 30th November), Hamper Raffle, Christmas craft activities and much more. Thanks for all the hamper donations and jazzy jars last week.
- Don't forget to bring in your **toys, books and DVDs on 3-5th December** and get selling those all important **raffle tickets by 7th December**.
- Brand new this year is the GSA Silent Auction. We have some absolutely fantastic prizes ranging from child swimming lessons to a box at the O2 for Disney on Ice. Items start from just £2 - **bidding opens on 29th November** and will continue at the fair!

- **Nativity and Carol Concert**

Just a reminder that the Reception and Nursery nativity will take place on Tuesday 11 December at 10.30am and we hope to see lots of Foundation Stage parents and family there.

Our Carol Concert for Years 3,4, 5 and 6 will be held at All Saints' Church, on Friday 14 December at 2pm. We look forward to seeing lots of KS2 parents there.

- **Christmas Parties**

Children will be having their Christmas parties towards the end of term. **The Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) can come to school in their party clothes for their big event! Sensible footwear please and uniform in bags.** KS1 and KS2 can wear a Christmas jumper with their school skirt/trousers if they wish.

- **Nursery and Reception**
- **Year 1 & 2**
- **Year 5 & 6**
- **Year 3 & 4**

Wednesday 12 December (am)

Thursday 13 December (am)

Tuesday 18 December (am)

Tuesday 18 December (pm)

- **Christmas Pantomime for years 1 and 2.**

This year the pantomime is coming to Greenway on Wednesday 12 December!

- **Christmas Cards**

If children would like to send their friends Christmas cards the post-box will be opposite Mrs Ellwood's office from Monday 10 December. **Please ensure all envelopes are clearly marked with the receiving child's full name and class.**

- **Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 19 December**

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish.

GSA Quiz Night:

A huge thank you to all who came along to support the first GSA event of the year. Tickets sold out in record time and the evening was deemed a huge success! Not only did everyone have a great time but we also raised a fantastic **£809.20** in the process. For those of you that missed out on a ticket this time, we will be hosting another quiz next year...watch this space!

Safeguarding

Please can we ensure that all parents, particularly Nursery parents when they are collecting their children at midday that they only use the Gilbert Way side gate in Greenway or the main entrance into Greenway. It has been reported that some parents are coming through the main entrance of St Thomas More and this will take you straight onto their school playground which then becomes a safeguarding issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mud and coats

A plea to all parents – please ask your children not to go on the field, or the grassy area in the middle of the adventure trail before school. The recent wet weather has meant that these areas are very muddy and the mud is getting transferred onto the playground, making it slippery. Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 who walk to school unsupervised, please remind your child to stick to the paths when inside the school grounds. And finally, please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes so that they can change their shoes as soon as they come into school. We would also like to remind you that **all** children should have a NAMED coat to wear now the colder weather has arrived.

Lost Property

There continues to be a huge amount of lost property in school, most of which is not named. Please check the lost property regularly as we would like the box to be empty by the end of term. **Please ensure ALL clothing is named including coats, scarves, hats, gloves and all items of PE kit.**

Absences & Lateness

Please ensure absences are either telephoned through to the absence line & followed up with an email or written note or emailed to letters@greenway.herts.sch.uk, we also need to know the reason e.g, sore throat temperature etc not just "ill" or "unwell".

Please endeavour to get your child to school on time; it is disruptive for the child, office, class teacher & the rest of the class when children arrive late. If your child walks to school on their own please ask them to ensure that they are signed in to the late book by the office staff in case we have a fire drill or emergency

End of term

We finish for the Christmas break on **Thursday 20 December at 1.30pm and children can come in on that day wearing their Christmas jumpers if they wish. Nursery finishes at 12 noon**, breakfast club will run but there will be no Waccy after school.

School will re-open as normal on Tuesday 8 January 2018.

Best wishes to all our families for the festive season. See you in 2019!

Dates: December

Thurs 6 Dec----- Creative Christmas Day--whole school
Sat 8 Dec 11am--2pm-----Christmas Fair
Tues 11 Dec 10:30am----- Nursery and Reception Nativity
(Nursery and Reception Parents only)
Wed 12 Dec (am)-----Pantomime at Greenway for Key Stage 1
Wed 12 Dec (am)-----Foundation Stage Christmas party
Thurs 13 Dec (am)-----Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Fri 14 Dec 2pm-----Carol Concert (Years3, 4, 5 and 6) All Saints Church
Tues 18 (am)-----Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Tues 18 (pm)-----Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wed 19 Dec -----Christmas Dinner
Thurs 20 Dec-----End of autumn term school closes 1.30pm
Tues 8 January-----Return to school for start of Spring Term