



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break 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.

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
- The Daily Mile nearly completed!

Daily Mile Update

You will have all noticed the changes on the school field and our Daily Mile taking shape. Due to unforeseen circumstances there was a delay in starting the works in the summer holidays and this has therefore changed the completion date. We will keep you updated!

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 11 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 Wednesday 25 September at 7.30pm**

Following our request last year for parents to come forward and support the GSA, we had a fantastic response. Without their commitment the GSA would have not operated last year. Please can I pass on my thanks and gratitude to all of you who ran and supported the GSA and the events last year raising a huge amount of money - £18,367. Have your say in how the money should be spent at Greenway, as this will be the main agenda item at the AGM!

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 and have a say in how the money raised is spent.

- **Parent helpers meetings – Friday 13 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.

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 by the staff to carry out special roles this year:

Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies:

Head Girl – Elana Jay Deputy – Tamsin Hall
Head Boy – Max Cooper Deputy - Alex Demosthenous

House Captains:

Poseidon Emma Blogg
Zeus Arthur Brennan
Aphrodite Riley Murphy
Apollo Ella Wiggs

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 4 children. Congratulations to those children who were chosen. These children will attend a training day with all the other Sports Ambassadors from Dacorum schools.

Oriana Jarvis

Elsie Lindop

Vita Bennett

Matthew Burlingham

Cake Sales

These are popular events, which raised last year £1512. The children's School Council (Yr 1-Yr 6) decide how to spend this money after consulting with their class. Last year the school's outside clock on the main playground was purchased with some of the funds. Ms Roe will be supporting the School Council this year and next Monday during assembly she will be explaining to the children how they can apply. Each child will then present to their class why they should be voted for and the children individually vote for who they want to represent them on the Council. It is stressed that this is about skills rather than popularity!

Cake Sale dates:

Yr 6 Friday 11 October

Yr 5 Friday 29 November

Yr 4 Friday 7 February

Yr 3 Friday 6 March

Yr 2

Yr 1

Reception

Friday 1 May

Friday 5 June

Friday 3 July

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 7pmWednesday 11 September

Parent helper meeting 9am & 2.30pm.....Friday 13 September

Individual photos.....Monday 16 September

GSA AGM at 7.30pm.....Wednesday 25 September

Carrie family photos.....Saturday 5 October

Reception Harvest Festival at school at 10am.....Thursday 10 October

Years 1,2 & Choir Harvest Festival at All Saints Church at 10am.....Friday 11 October

Parent Consultations 6.00-8.30pm – Whole school.....Tuesday 22 October

Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm - Whole school.....Wednesday 23 October

INSET – School closed.....Friday 25 October