



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November 2019

Staffing update

Mrs Mel Chamberlain will be leaving us at the end of this term. She started working at Greenway in November 2015 and has worked full-time in Nursery, as well as working in Wacky and Breakfast club. She will be moving to work in a pre-school as a Deputy Manager. We are very grateful to her for all her contributions to Greenway over the last few years and will be sad to see her go. We wish her all the best in her new role. If you would like to make a contribution to her leaving present then please leave it with the office. Thank you.

Updated Uniform Statement

The Governors and staff have reviewed and updated our uniform statement. We particularly have updated it regarding hair and jewellery. Please do take time to read it. The statement can be found on the school website both within the school policies available from the School Page and on the Parents page under the clothes and uniform tab.

Harvest

Thank you all for the contributions that you donated to DENS for Harvest. It was lovely to see you all at the Reception Harvest and the KS1 Harvest service, which took place at school this year. The children performed brilliantly. We raised £205 which will be equally split between All Saints Church and DENS.

'All behaviour is a form of Communication' evening – Wednesday 20 November

Thank you to all of you who could attend this packed evening. Really positive feedback was received and the powerpoint and leaflet are now on the school website on the home page.

Remembrance

The school Council were busy selling poppies and we returned a full pot of money to the British Legion. We will find out from them later how much we raised.

Cold weather PE kit

Children need to have warm clothes for PE as the winter approaches, so please provide NAMED jogging bottoms and a sweat-shirt or fleece. These do not need to be green.

Snacks – Please read!

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 or – for those who need a bit more energy – a simple carbohydrate such as bread sticks or 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.**

Nursery and Reception coffee morning

It was lovely to see everyone at our coffee morning! Thank you for attending and we now have three lovely volunteers to be Nursery representatives at Parent Forum!

Children in Need

Once again a big thank you for all your support and generosity. We raised £262.

Anti-bullying Week

We loved all the 'odd socks look'. The children wowed us again with their anti-bullying raps, posters and acting.

Christmas Decorations Day – 4 December

Our annual Christmas decorations day will take place next week. This is where children are involved in a range of activities eg, decorations being made, cooking, card making. I am looking forward to seeing the products being sold at our Christmas fair next Saturday.

Christmas Fair/Launch of the Daily Mile – Saturday 7 December

Following our Parent Forum meeting this term a fantastic suggestion was put forward to combine the launch of the Daily Mile and our Christmas Fair. You will remember that our Daily Mile was delayed in its completion and so on Saturday 7 December at 10.45am we will officially open the Daily Mile – please do come and join us in this celebration.

Sporting updates

This term we have again engaged in weekly personal challenges during lunchtimes. The aim is to beat your score each day. Personal challenges also aim to support each child to meet their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

The children have been taking part in many competitions to represent Greenway this term. Football fixtures have started for the Greenway football teams as well as cross country events, table tennis events and plenty of Year 2 sporting events.

The Sports Ambassadors and Year 6 Sports Leaders have been working hard to support many sporting lunch clubs that are now taking place. On Mondays we have KS1 Monday move-it club. On Tuesdays we will be starting a Year 3/4 lunch club once swimming has finished for Year 4. On Wednesdays there is a Year 3/4 lunch club where children have been taking part in some Dodgeball activities as well as a Year 1 running club on our fantastic new running track. On Thursdays there is a Year 5/6 lunch club which is focusing on, the very popular, Dodgeball. Also, there is a running club for Year 2. Finally, on Fridays there will be another Year 5/6 club with the sport yet to be decided. The Sports Council have been tasked with finding out which sports are most popular with their classes so their lunch clubs can be tailored accordingly. If you require any information on these clubs, please contact kai.lewis@greenway.herts.sch.uk

Upcoming fixtures

- Girls A football vs Broadfield Academy – Monday 2nd December
- Table Tennis County finals for the girls table tennis team – Friday 6th December

More fixtures will take place in the new year with opportunities in football, netball, Dodgeball, cross country, indoor athletics, speed stacking, basketball and indoor rapid fire cricket.

The Greenway ambassadors will be regularly updating the school games website. Please head over to <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/greenway-primary-and-nursery-school/> to see these updates! We will be putting the personal challenge on this website via a blog each week so you can be the best you can be at home too! There is also a link on the sports page of the Greenway website.

GSA Updates

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support at this busy time of year!

Quiz & Curry Night

The recent Quiz night was a huge success and raised a massive £1720 which is almost DOUBLE what has previously been raised by the quiz. We'd like to thank everyone who helped out and everyone who came. Well done to the winners @Table 10 and high five to the quiz master, writer and scoring team. Anyone who missed out, we will be running a similar event on March 6th and tickets will be sold via the website.

Volunteer to help out at the Christmas Fair

Get involved either on the day or beforehand to help make the fair a wonderful experience for all the children. Each class has been allocated an stall to run so please do sign up to help out either online at www.pta-events.co.uk/gsa or email the GSA on gsa@greenway.herts.sch.uk.

Silent Auction – Closes online 6 December and final bids to be placed at the Fair

Check out the amazing array of lots secured by the Silent Auction team! The Silent Auction raised an epic £3,500 for the GSA last year and we hope to do even better this year. Place your bids on everything from everyday useful items and vouchers to the sublime money-can't-buy experiences. Visit www.pta-events.co.uk/gsa to discover the amazing prizes on offer.

Christmas Fair – 11.00am – 2.00pm, Saturday 7 December

Please do join us for what promises to be an amazing day at the Christmas Fair. Enjoy the games and competitions, great food, face painting, raffles and silent auctions. Visit the market stalls, sip some festive mulled wine and visit Santa in his grotto. New this year are some great new stalls which will be perfect for Christmas shopping and, in the library, we have an external company coming in to run Lego games! We have 15 remaining slots available to meet Santa between 1.30pm and 2.00pm so visit www.pta-events.co.uk/gsa to book your slot now.

School Christmas Disco – Friday 13 December

Tickets for the Christmas Disco will go on sale on Monday 2 December. The Disco is always a great opportunity for the kids to cut loose and celebrate the festive season. Entrance will include entertainment and a snack.

Timings:

Year 3: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

6: 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Reception –
Year 4 – Year

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from the GSA!

Dates November/December 2019

Wed 4 Dec	-----	Christmas Decorations Day
Sat 7 Dec	-----	Christmas Fair
Mon 9 Dec	-----	Yr5/6 Maths Challenge at Ashlyns
Tues 10 at 10.30am	-----	Nativity
Wed 11 Dec	-----	Early Years Christmas party am
Thurs 12 Dec	-----	KS1 Party am
Thurs 12 Dec	-----	KS 2 Christmas Carols at All Saints Church
Fri 13 Dec	-----	GSA Christmas Disco
Sun 14 Dec	-----	St Albans Cathedral
Tue 17 Dec	-----	Yr3/4 Christmas Party am
Tues 17 dec	-----	yr5/6 Christmas party pm
Wed 18 Dec	-----	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 19 at 1.30pm	-----	School closes