



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

World Book Day (5 March) and Book Fair

A gentle reminder that on World Book Day this year- Thursday 5 March, we are going to ask the children to bring in one of their favourite books. Class teachers will be discussing their chosen books during the day and time will be spent exploring the range of texts, genres and reasons for choosing them. It will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate reading during the day. We have also asked children to take part in the 'Extreme reading' photograph competition and we have extended the deadline to Monday 2 March!

There will also be a book fair on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 March 3.15-4pm in the school hall.

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April

We are looking forward to seeing you on either Tuesday 31 March from 6-8.30pm pm or Wednesday 1 April from 3.30-6.30pm pm for Parent Consultations. As always, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child/children's progress and next steps with their class teacher. **Please note that we would like Year 6 children to attend the consultation with their parent/s.**

Ms Dani Roe our INCO (Inclusion Co-ordinator) will be available to meet parents for discussions and Claire Saunders (Specialist Reading teacher) will be making appointments to talk to parents of children she works with. **Parent Consultation letters are going out shortly and need to be returned by Friday 20 March. 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! Confirmation of your appointments will be sent out to you Tuesday 24 March.**

GSA Updates

A separate letter is being sent out today regarding the changes within the GSA from next year as some key members are stepping down! We need some more parents to step up into these roles!

Second hand uniform sale – Friday 6 March

We have a large stock of second-hand uniform and will be holding a sale on Friday 6 March after school in the playground. Come and grab some items at bargain prices.

Year 3 Cake sale – Friday 6 March

Year 3 will be holding a cake sale in the playground on Friday 6 March after school. Please do come along and support the bakers and sellers. All proceeds to go to the child-run School Council.

GSA Meeting Wednesday 12 February

At the recent GSA Meeting on 12 February, Mr Lewis outlined plans to apply for funding for a school minibus from Herts Council. The cost of the minibus would be met in full by Herts Council however

the school requested £3,000 from the GSA to meet maintenance and upkeep costs. GSA Members in attendance voted to earmark £3,000 for this purpose subject to the funding application being successful.

Smarties Challenge – Easter Holidays

Following last Easter's successful Smarties Challenge, the GSA will again be sending home tubes of Smarties for each child who can fill them with 20 pence pieces on completion of tasks set for them by their parents before returning them to school. Children are encouraged to decorate the tubes and there will be winners and runner up prizes for each key stage group.

Snacks – DO NOT SHARE

A quick reminder of our policy on snacks: these are provided by school to children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Key Stage 2 pupils may bring in fresh fruit/vegetables, a small quantity of dried fruit or a plain carbohydrate (such as rice cakes or bread sticks). Cereal bars, crisps and other sugary or salty snacks, particularly those containing traces of nuts, are not permitted. It has come to my attention that some of the older children are swapping snacks. We have children who have severe allergies to certain foods and none of us want a child to become ill through eating the wrong foods.

Uniform – a reminder!

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.

For PE children ideally require a Greenway sports T-shirt or a green T-shirt and black shorts and/or black joggers depending on the weather. They also require a pair of trainers for outdoor PE sessions.

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!

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 20 May from 9.15am please make a note of this date. We are also going to have a panoramic photograph taken of everyone at the school on Tuesday 19 May in the morning. The last time we did this was in May 2012 and the photograph sits in the school entrance.

P4C question: Should we always follow rules? **Discuss.**

Dates: Spring Term

Thursday 5 March.....	World Book Day
Friday 13 March.....	Sport Relief
Wednesday 25 March.....	Yr 4 visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum
Wednesday 25 March.....	Yr 4 Residential presentation for parents only at 7pm
Friday 27 March	Dacorum Dance competition
Mon 30-Fri 3 April.....	World Autism Week
Tuesday 31 March 6-8.30pm.....	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 1 April 3.30-6.30pm.....	Parent Consultations
Friday 3 April.....	End of Spring Term school closes at 1.30pm
Friday 3 April.....	Nursery closes at 12.00
Monday 20 April.....	School returns