

DECEMBER 2021

Greenway NEWS

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We wish you all a very happy, healthy and restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays on Thursday 6th January 2022.

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The Greenway Christmas Post is now open!

If your child has a card for any child/ren in any other year groups, they will be able to post them within school. At the end of each day, the class teacher will give out the Christmas cards. Please don't forget the child's name and year group on the front of the envelope!



Housing developments on Shootersway

Work has started on two developments on land on Shootersway (just past the BFI and towards Denny's Lane). The ground works are currently being established so there are large lorries entering and leaving the two sites. Governors have met with one of the developers representatives to discuss the site safety and the impact on the routes to school. Please make sure you discuss this with your children especially if they walk to school on their own. We will be monitoring the situation as the works continue.



Christmas decorations day and Elfridges Christmas Shop

On **Thursday 9th December** the children will be involved in a variety of festive activities and decoration making. The Elfridges Christmas shop will be open for gift wrapping - don't forget to book your child's slot!



Christmas Jumper Day

Dig out those sparkly and fun jumpers and wear them to school on the 10th December!



KS2 (Yr 3-6) Christmas Carol Concert

This will take place at Greenway during the afternoon of 16th December. The event will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classrooms. The children have been practising their songs during singing with Mrs O'Brien. The school choir will perform and our Head girl/boy and Deputy head girl/boy will be presenting a selection of readings.



Santa's Grotto & Christmas Sale Friday 10th December

Don't forget to book your child's slot if they would like to visit Santa's Grotto. (You will have been sent a letter with all the details).

Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us so that the Christmas Sale can go ahead outside in the playgrounds between **3.15-4pm**. There will be cakes on sale and the children will be selling their 'Jazzy Jars' and decorations. The hamper raffle will also be drawn.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be served on 15th December in the dining room and hall. Children may bring in their Christmas jumpers to wear for lunch.



Nursery and Reception Nativity

The Early Years Nativity will take place on Tuesday 14th December. The performance will be filmed and uploaded to Google Classroom for you to share at home with your children.



Christmas parties

Every class will have a Christmas party over the next few weeks. Children will stay in their school uniforms but that won't affect the fun!



Teaching Assistant

We have a vacancy, 32.5 hours per week (6.5 hours per day from 8:30am-3:30pm) term time only for a teaching assistant to join us. We have flexibility in the placement of the right candidate, due to the experienced teaching assistants already in post. There is also the opportunity to work extra hours in our after school wrap around care which operates on Monday-Thursday until 6pm.

Salary will be paid at H3 pro-rata. A sense of humour and an ability to be flexible is essential!

For details of this position please visit the Teach in Herts website:



Free school meal - vouchers

Food vouchers are going to be made available for children in receipt of free school meals during the winter school holidays.

Families who do not qualify for free school meals but are worried about their finances or having enough food this winter can contact **HertsHelp**, email info@hertshelp.net, call **0300 123 4044** or visit www.hertshelp.net



We have received our young tree - a Field Maple and it was kindly planted by Mrs Hoffman (an ex- Governor) on the large field last week. It is small at the moment but we will nurture it and look forward to seeing it develop.

The Field maple is the UK's only native Maple it has a compact habit, is tolerant of pollution and has rich autumn colours.

It is attractive to aphids and their predators, including many species of ladybird, hover-fly and bird. Lots of species of moth, such as the mocha, feed on its leaves. The flowers provide nectar and pollen sources for bees and birds, and small mammals eat the fruits.

For lots more information on trees visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

If anyone in school becomes unwell with Covid symptoms they must be sent home. They should stay at home and self-isolate immediately; arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible and if this PCR test result is positive, continue to self-isolate.

If they do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but have a positive PCR test result, they must stay at home and self-isolate.

If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, they must stay at home and self-isolate if they are not fully vaccinated or if the person with Covid has been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 that has not been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, and they are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, they are not required to self-isolate.

Don't forget! Term ends on Tuesday 21st December at 1.30pm and at 12 noon for Nursery. (There will be no WACCY that day)

