



1 April 2022

Dear Parents/carers

As the end of term has arrived, I thought it would be useful to share a few items and reminders with you all.

COVID

It has been a tricky term with high numbers of COVID and illness amongst children and staff across the school since Christmas. I am hoping that as we come into the summer term these numbers are reduced. Thank you for working with us in being vigilant in keeping your children off school if they are unwell.

The Local Authority have asked us to share the information below with you.

As we step into spring, we're encouraging residents to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with COVID-19, stop the spread and protect others. For up-to-date information go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/covidliving>

The simple steps people are encouraged to follow are:

- *Be kind – respect people wearing masks or keeping their distance from you. They may well be very vulnerable to infection*
- *Be informed – know your level of risk and get good, trusted advice on managing it*
- *Be vaccinated or boosted – ensure you and those around you are vaccinated when invited*
- *Be safe – manage your risk when socially mixing (hands, face, space, fresh air)*
- *Be prepared – if you get Covid, stay at home and get early treatment should you need it*
- *Be supported – as well as your family and friends, HertsHelp can offer support*

Parent Consultations –26 April and 27 April

As you are already aware these have been rescheduled for Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 4 and Yr 5, to take place on Tuesday 26 April 3.30-6.30pm and Wednesday 27 April 4.00 -8.00pm. We will be opening up the booking process again for you to book your new slot via the Arbor App. Bookings will open at 9.00am on Wednesday 20 April and close at 5.00pm on Friday 22 April.

Class photographs – 21 April

These are taking place on Thursday 21 April. I know you are all keen to have your children looking their best!

Whole School photograph – 26 May at 1.30pm

We have planned to have a whole school photograph taking place on Thursday 26 May at 1.30pm. It has been a number of years since the last one was taken – Summer 2012. We had planned for the whole school photograph to take place during the Summer term 2020, but schools were only partially open due to COVID and so it was cancelled.

I will be writing to Nursery parents separately, as I would like the children to be part of this but unfortunately there were no morning slots left! My aim is have all of nursery children bring a packed lunch in and stay for lunch and the afternoon, so that they will be able to access the photo shoot!

Annual Parent/Child Survey

You have been emailed today with all the details for how to complete the annual parent/child survey. The Governing Body, Head and Senior Leadership Team, is keen to hear your feedback on key issues to help assess Greenway's performance and to assist with planning for the future.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and your feedback will be particularly helpful after a two year pause while the school prioritised learning during the lockdowns. The deadline for completion is **Monday 25 April**.

Mrs Crockett

Mrs Crockett has been overwhelmed by all her lovely gifts and presents. We have had some tears! She would like to say a huge thank you. She has been at Greenway for 13 years and she has loved being part of such an amazing team! She is very grateful for all of your kind words, thoughtful gifts and support.

Dates

Occasional Day – Friday 29 April. School will be closed

INSET – Tuesday 19 April. School will be closed and we will re-open after the Easter break on Wednesday 20 April.

I do hope you all have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing on Wednesday 20 April.

Regards
Katharine Ellwood