



Tuesday 31 October 2023

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you all had a restful half term break.

Side Gate

As communicated to you just before half term, the internal gate between Greenway Primary and St Thomas More Primary is no longer in operation. Before half term we made some alterations to our side gate and put on a slow release, so that the gate would also shut after use. The side gate will be locked like our main gates to the school overnight and will be open by 7.40am each morning and locked when the cleaners leave the school site in the early evening.

We have new signage arriving very soon for our side and main gates. Please can I ask that when you use the side gate that it is not propped open. It needs to be kept free of any obstacles so that it can close on its own accord. Thank you.

Harvest celebrations

It was lovely seeing so many parents, grandparents and extended family at our Reception and KS1 Harvest celebrations. The children had worked so hard and I know they were nervous! Thank you for all your Harvest donations – they are so needed. Your generous money donations after each Harvest celebration has raised £185 which will be split between All Saints church and Greenway school.

Fireworks

We are selling tickets for The Rotary Club Firework Display at Berkhamsted Cricket Club on Saturday 4th November. Gates open at 6pm for a 7pm start.

Advanced ticket prices are :-

Adult £9

Under 16 £6

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £23

Schools are selling these tickets at a reduced advanced rate.

If you wish to purchase any firework tickets please come to the school office with the correct change as we have very limited cash on site.

Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms

As part of our long term plans to replace and improve our classrooms, during half term, our Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms had new flooring laid. The classrooms look lovely and the children are now focused on wiping their feet on the mats when they come in from play and lunchtime! A big thank you to staff and some children, who supported the moving of furniture on our last day before half term and during breakfast club this morning.

Poppies

For Remembrance Day this year, Greenway will be participating in a 2 minute silence to reflect on and mark the occasion on Friday 10 November, in conjunction with the below events:

- Poppies will be sold at the end of each day by the school councillors. Please send your child in with a donation **in a named envelope**, if they would like to buy a poppy. Please note, pins will not be given out, but the poppies can be placed in button holes or sellotaped to their clothing.
- Additional Remembrance Day items e.g. rubbers, snap bands, reflective poppies, rubber wristbands, pens and pencils will also be sold at the end of the day on Friday 10 November outside on the playground.

Be safe in the dark – Reflectors

School council will also be selling reflectors that can be attached to your school bag, rucksacks, or coats so that your child can be seen in the dark. We are just asking for a small donation when you purchase, these can be purchased after school this Friday 3 November.

Indoor shoes

As we are entering the winter months and the weather is changing please can we ensure all children have a pair of named indoor shoes so that we can protect our hard flooring and carpets at Greenway. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards

Katharine Ellwood
Head Teacher

