



Greenvale
Primary
School

Newsletter

School Newsletter— January 2019

Succeeding together by loving what we do.

Key Dates

January

- 16th** - Robins Maths drop in
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- 21st** - *Courtwood vs Greenvale Football match
- 22nd** - YR3 & YR4 Squash tournament (selected children)
- 23rd** - Swimming Gala 8:30am
- SEND Parent Afternoon 2:15-3:15pm
- 25th** - YR 6 Cake Sale
- 28th** - *Gilbert Scott vs Greenvale Football match
- 31st** - Talent Show Auditions 3:20pm

February

- 6th** - *Purley Oaks vs Greenvale Football Match
- 8th** - YR 1 Cake Sale
- Greenvale's Got Talent Show 7pm
- 14th** - YR 6 Natural History Museum Trip
- 15th** - Break up from school 3:15/3:20pm
- 18th - 22nd** - HALF TERM
- 25th** - Back to school

March

- 1st** - YR 2 Cake Sale
- 5th** - Pancake Races 2:50pm
- 8th** - Parent Gym Follow up meeting 9 - 11:30am
- 11th - 15th** - NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
- 12th** - Parent Consultations 4 - 7:10pm
- 13th** - Parent Consultations 5 - 8:10pm

* Subject to change

Back to school!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families. We hope that you have enjoyed some much needed family time and look forward to another exciting, action-packed term.

All of the staff and I would like to say a big thank you to the parent body for their kindness and generosity in presenting us with a number of gifts for Christmas. We value your support in helping us provide the best for your children and families.

We have lots of exciting things taking place over the next term. One of the big successes last half term were the sessions for parents to visit their child's class and work alongside their children. The feedback from this showed that parents found these sessions very useful. This coming term, we will be focussing on maths. We will be providing parents with dates in the very near future so that you can book yourself in to one of the available sessions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lateness / Absence

It is really important that all children are on time and in school, ready to learn. Please ensure that your children are in the playground no later than 8.45am to ensure that your child is ready to line up and make their way into school. Children who are regularly late can find it unsettling and disruptive to the start of their day; they often need support from an adult to ensure that they are ready to begin their learning. This takes an adult away from supervising other pupils who may well be in greater need of the support.

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, we need to know as soon as possible that they will not be in school. Please either call the school (0208 651 2833) or send an email to absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk. When reporting absence, you must state the specific reason for your child's absence, such as vomiting / migraine as this needs to be recorded on the register.

Just to reiterate that it is normal school policy that should your child be absent for more than 3 days, that a doctor's opinion be sought to ensure that there are no underlying medical conditions.

Finally, staff at school are more than happy to support you should your child be feeling slightly unwell. We are able to administer Calpol to pupils (provided by the parent and medical form completed) should the child require it at any point during the school day. We hope this will assist you in ensuring that a build up of sickness absence does not have a negative impact upon their academic progress.

Welcome to Mr Burgess

A big welcome to Mr Burgess. Mr Burgess joins us from Adelaide and recently arrived in the country during the Christmas break. Mr Burgess takes over the Year 5 class teaching role from Mrs Clark who left the staff team at Christmas. We know that the Greenvale community will make Mr Burgess feel very welcome at the school.

Mr Burgess can be contacted via email (bburgess@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk).



Talent Show Auditions

We are pleased to announce that on Thursday 31st January, we will be inviting pupils to apply for this year's 'Greenvale's Got Talent' show which takes place at 7pm on Friday 8th February.

Whether its singing, playing an instrument, telling jokes or performing a particular skill, we want to hear from your children! Whilst we are unable to guarantee every pupil a place in the Talent Show, we strongly encourage children to put themselves forward.

Auditions take place on Thursday 31st January in the ICT suite. If you would like your child to sign up, please click [here](#). We look forward to what will no doubt be, a very memorable evening.



Catering

As you will be aware, in recent years, the Governing Body had taken the decision to take the catering service 'in house' at Greenvale, meaning that the school was responsible for the day to day running of the kitchen, as opposed to being part of a group of schools who have an outsourced provider.

Whilst we know that on the whole, children enjoy their school dinners, this model is no longer sustainable for the school going forward.

The Governing Body have therefore taken the decision to consider other options / providers in order to ensure that the school are able to meet our teaching and learning priorities.

At this stage, the school will be submitting a tender for companies to quote to provide this service. This is still at a very early stage, however we will keep you posted on the progress of this

In the meantime, the school will continue to be responsible for the day to day running of the kitchen. We hope that we are able to continue to maintain a high level of service to our pupils.



ParentPay

We have recently reviewed our ParentPay balances to find that there are a number of parents who are currently building up considerable debts on their accounts which is impacting upon the school's finances and is then involving a considerable amount of administration time with office staff having to send our texts and emails reminding parents to clear these debts.

If you have received a text from the school in relation to this, please ensure that this matter is rectified as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Values

Our school values for this following term are Sharing and Co-operation. During assemblies and PSHE lessons, we will be teaching the children about the importance of displaying all of our school values, **all** of the time.

This week, during assembly, we spoke about the importance of teamwork. We discussed what it meant to belong to the Greenvale team, what role they had in it, what they needed to be successful whilst at Greenvale and what they could offer other members of the Greenvale team. The children were amazing at coming up with ideas of what they could offer and understood what was meant by 'Together, Everyone, Achieves, More'

Please bear these values in mind as we progress throughout the year. For example, if your child has had a disagreement with another pupil or has an issue, encourage them to bear in mind the school values and how they are one big team and need to work together. This will help to reinforce the messages that we are providing the children in school.

Co-operation

Working
together



to achieve
a common
goal

Sharing



is caring

An interview with Mrs Bell

This month, Sethmi and Lucy took some time to interview Mrs Bell, who has been at the school for just over a year in her role of the school's Business Manager.



What is your job in school?

I am the Business Manager. This involves looking after everything in the school that isn't to do with teaching and learning such as the cleaning, kitchen, managing lettings, looking after the building and making sure that we have enough money.

What is the best thing about the job that you do?

By doing all of those things, I get to see the impact my work has on the children. It means that they benefit because of the work that I do.

Have you always worked in a school?

No, this is the first school. I used to work at Barclays bank in Canary Wharf in London for 14 years.

How is this job different to your last job?

The commute is much easier! It is a much more friendly and relaxed environment. In the bank, you work hard but don't always see the end result of what you do as it is such a big organisation. It is really pleasing to see the work that I do have a positive impact on what we are able to do for the children at our school.

Do you have a big family?

Not that big. I am married and have two children aged 5 and 3. I also have a sister.

Who is your favourite singer?

Bon Jovi – I'm a bit old school.

Do you have a favourite sport?

Netball. I have played netball for 20 years. Sadly I injured my knee; if I hadn't I would still be playing.

NOTICE

Beth from Y5 will be running the stationery shop again on Friday mornings. If you would like to top up your supplies, please feel free to pay her a visit.

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Worried about something?

In recent months, it has been very encouraging to see the number of children who are aware and are making use of the 'Worried about something' button on the school website.

It is often in the evenings before bed time when children can display anxiety about different things that may have happened during the school day.

If your child is worried about something school related, please encourage them to go online and complete the form on the 'Worried about something' page. After submitting the form, I will receive an email notifying me of the concern; I am then able to direct the worry to a member of staff who will be able to assist.

We have already found this system to be very effective and efficient way of solving issues at an early stage before they develop into bigger issues.

By using this approach, it also provides the child with independence in being able to deal with the matter by themselves; something that should be encouraged.

The 'Worried about something' button is mainly for pupils working in KS2. If your child is in Reception or KS1 we would always encourage children to report any concerns directly to their class teacher. If there are any issues, your first port of call should always be your child's class teacher; however, If you feel the matter is more urgent or required at a more senior level, please feel free to email a member of the school leadership team who will be able to assist.

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