



**Greenvale  
Primary  
School  
Newsletter**

# School Newsletter— May 2019

*Succeeding together by loving what we do.*

May 2019

## Key Dates

### May

#### 6th - Bank Holiday Monday

7th - YR 1 The ARC Centre 2-3pm  
10th - FOG Family Quiz 7pm  
13th - KS2 SATS Week begins  
14th - Special Vegetarian Lunch  
17th - YR 6 Kidzania Trip  
YR 4 PGL Meeting 2:50pm  
Robins Cake Sale  
20th - Walk to School Week  
22nd - Well Being Day (Special lunch)

**23rd - Possible Polling Day  
School may close  
We will update you ASAP**

24th - Break up from school normal time

**\*\* MAY HALF TERM \*\*  
\*\* Mon 27th - Fri 31st May \*\***

### June

3rd - YR 4 Bough Beech Trip  
7th - YR 5 Bikeability Check (info to follow shortly)  
11th - Robins British Wildlife Trip  
12th - NSPCC Sponsored Cycle/ Scoot  
**13th - KS2 Summer Music Concert (Choir & recorders - Date change from 24th May)** Class Photos  
**14th - INSET DAY School Closed**  
18th - Hear Me Speak Competition  
19th - New Robins Parent Meeting  
**22nd - Summer Fair 12-3pm**  
24th - 28th YR 5 Bikeability Course  
Info to follow shortly  
26th - New Robins Afternoon  
27th - SoundStart Concert TBC

## Times Table Rockstars @ Greenvale

As you will be aware, we have recently signed up to Times Table Rockstars. This is a very engaging and exciting way for children to practice their tables in a fun environment.

Each of the children (Year 1-Year 6) have been provided with logons and should be able to log into the site to access the different games. We have also purchased access the apps so that it can be accessed by mobile device and tablets.

Should you have any questions about Times Table Rockstars, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We have been really pleased to see the uptake over the past couple of days and look forward to celebrating children's success in assemblies on a weekly basis.



## Active Travel

**Did you know that your child is able to scoot or cycle to and from school?** We have recently conducted a survey at school amongst children which considered how children travel to and from school and not one child cycles to and from school despite many of our families living very close to the school.

Historically we had always said that children could only cycle or scooter on a Friday. We would like to make parents aware that children are able to scoot or cycle to school on any day of the week and use the cycle / scoot parking facilities within the school. These are located by the school kitchen. Please also ensure that your child is wearing a safety helmet.



## New Relationships and Sex Education programme

You may have heard in the news about a new scheme of work that has been brought into schools to support the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education. Please rest assured that we have always covered such topics in a sensitive way that is appropriate for the age of each of the pupils and for that reason the curriculum will be largely unchanged. The main change is that this part of PSHE is now statutory.

Much of this is also covered through our school value of Respect. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to this part of the curriculum, please email Mrs Syradd who will be more than happy to answer any of your queries.  
ssyradd@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk.

## Road Safety & Parking

Please can we remind all parents to drive and park safely around our school site. We received reports last week from visitors who witnessed some dangerous and inconsiderate driving. Please be mindful of children and other pedestrians as well as other road users and cyclists.

Parking on the double yellow lines and zig zags is strictly prohibited and vehicles should not be turning around in front of the school gates.

Please also note that **ONLY** parents who have been given special permission can enter the school car park. Parents should not be entering the car park to drop off children to early morning maths or breakfast club in the mornings.



## Forgotten Items



Just recently, the office has seen an increase in parents dropping off forgotten items for their children. Whilst we understand that in emergency situations some items may need to be dropped off for children, we would ask that parents refrain from regularly bringing in water bottles, PE kits, snacks, packed lunches and coats. The office wastes valuable time having to personally deliver the items and disturb classes during the school day.

Children should come into school each morning with their book bag, water bottle, snack, coat (according to weather) and packed lunch (if they are not having a school lunch).

They should also have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday so there should be no need to drop anything off during the school day.

## Catering Changes

As you will be aware, the Governing Body have recently been reviewing the catering provision at Greenvale.

For around 3 years, we have been managing the catering provision 'in house'. The main reason for doing so was so that we could have more control over the menu options that were provided to children. We also considered as to whether this was something that could be scaled up and could involve other school's locally.

After reviewing the school's finances, the governing body has decided to seek alternative options with regards to catering to ensure that the catering expenditure was not impacting upon the money received for teaching and learning.

After a consultation process, the Governing Body have decided to appoint Riddlesdown Collegiate Trading LTD to oversee the catering from June 2019.

Part of this process involved meeting with the team at Riddlesdown Collegiate to discuss things such as staffing, menus, themed days. We also had a number of children in to sample the food that will be on offer.

All members of the panel, including an independent member, were very impressed with the offering and we are looking forward to working alongside the team at Riddlesdown in the future.

### **What does this mean for my child?**

We hope that your children will enjoy the food on offer and sign up for a school dinner as this is the best way to ensure that children are receiving a balanced diet during the school day.

### **Does the school have any say?**

Yes, the Collegiate are very keen to get the views of parents and children to ensure that they are producing food that the children enjoy. You will no doubt see staff at different events throughout the year. We will still have input into the creation of the menus.

### **Will there be new staff?**

No, the school will continue to have the same staff working in the kitchen as per normal. The staff know our children which helps us to ensure that our children are well-catered for.

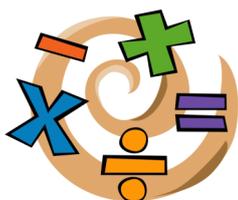
### **Does this mean Greenvale will become part of Riddlesdown Collegiate?**

No, the catering is completely set aside from the Collegiate. There are no plans for Greenvale to become part of an academy.

## Pens for writing

A reminder that in KS2, children are to have a blue handwriting pen. The can be purchased from the Stationery shop, run by Beth in Year 5, every Friday morning in the playground. These are priced at £1.

## Sandpiper Awards



A big thank to Myroslava Goncharova, Daniel & Damir's mum, who has very kindly volunteered to support pupils with their Sandpiper awards on a Tuesday afternoon. The support last year from Mr Mernagh led to a considerable number of children achieving their Sandpiper awards and as a result, being more confident in their day to day maths learning.

## Possible Closure 23rd May 2019

As you will be aware there is intense speculation about whether an election of some sort will take place in the near future. At the time of writing nothing has been confirmed - however events are moving quickly so it is possible that by the time you read this there may have been further developments. If there is an election, our school premises will be used as a polling station. We will contact you as soon as possible after any announcement to confirm the arrangements. Croydon council have **provisionally** booked our school for use as a polling station on **Thursday 23rd May**. Therefore **if** this goes ahead the school will be closed to pupils on this day. We will confirm a closure as soon as possible.

## ParentPay

Lots of valuable time is wasted contacting parents to inform them that their accounts are in arrears. Your child's account should always show a £0.00 balance or credit at all times. Please login to your [ParentPay](#) account to check your balance and pay any arrears.

ParentPay now has a new facility, which enables you to give your permission for your child to attend a school trip at the same time that you are paying for it. There is now no need to print, sign and return a paper permission slip.



## Contributions from parents

Greenvale, we have always prided ourselves in offering an exciting curriculum. Over recent years, and with the generous support of the Friends of Greenvale, we have invested in the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) to bring the spark back into our foundation stage subjects; we employ a music specialist to provide a stimulating music curriculum; we employ specialist PE teachers to ensure sport in school is of a high quality, and we employ a school counsellor to support children's emotional well-being and mental health.

Until now we have done everything possible to avoid asking parents for contributions to support these activities but we need your support to ensure that these activities continue into the future. Thank you to all those parents who have already contributed however if you haven't and would still like to, please login to your child's ParentPay account [here](#) and click on the payment item named '**Extra's**'.

## An interview with Mrs Amon

This month, Ella and Spencer, School Council for Year 6, interview Mrs Amon.

### What is your role within the school?

I am a teaching assistant in the Robins class.

### What do you enjoy about your job?

I love being able to spend lots of time with the children and helping them out with their work.

### What is your favourite subject to support children with?

I really enjoy helping the children with their handwriting. When they begin in Robins, many are only able to make little marks, but by the time they leave Robins, they can use grown up Greenvale handwriting.

### What were you like in school?

Mrs Amon gave a chuckle at this point. She tells us that she was good but that she could have probably worked a bit harder when she was at school.

### Why do you enjoy working at Greenvale?

I enjoy spending my time with the children. In Robins, they like to give you lots of hugs which are always lovely.



## Maven Holiday Club

The holiday club provision is now managed through our sports partner, Maven Football Academy. Maven will be offering a fun-filled programme split into 2 camps – The Fun Zone and The Football Academy. This will be running during May half term and during the summer holidays.



The Fun Zone will include a variety of activities dodgeball, gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts, forest school and games where as The Football Academy will focus on football-related fun challenges, ball mastery, 1v1 exercises, combination play and small sided games. The club is for everyone and the children will be able to move between the 2 different camps at set times throughout the day.

Matthew, Nathaniel, Kofey & Ryan have run sessions for Sandpipers during the October and February half-terms as well as the Easter holidays. They are also known to a wider group of Greenvale children through the new Multi-sports club which runs on a Monday through the fun games and activities which Nathaniel has started running for 'Afters'. The Maven team is being expanded to include female staff members who will be involved in the camps very soon.

For more information, contact details and bookings please see the Maven Booking site [here](#)

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## NOTICE

A reminder that children should not be playing ball games before or after school. Children have been reminded on several occasions in school.

Please ensure that children are closely supervised before and after school.

## Competition Winner

Last month, some of the children who attend Afters, took part in an art competition at Knights Garden Centre. A big well done to Hiumi in Year 6 who won the prize for her age category.



## Afters

In order to secure a place at Afters after school club, please always contact Jeanette in the first instance and not the school office. The Afters phone number is 07745 586 212.